Decatur County Board of Education  
September 18, 2014  
Work Session Meeting  

The Decatur County Board of Education met for the Work Session Meeting on September 18, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. at the Decatur County Board of Education Support Center, 507 Martin Street. Members present were: Dr. Sydney Cochran, Chairman, Mr. Jacky Grubbs, Mr. Bobby Barber, Jr., Mr. Kelvin Bouie, Sr., Mr. Randall Jones and Mr. Winston Rollins. 

Mr. Jacky Grubbs called the meeting to order. 

Superintendent Rayfield provided the Board with information on the following items: 

- Financial Update - information provided by Superintendent, Dr. Fred Rayfield and Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Tim Matthews. 
- Update DOT & Hwy 84 BHS School Zone - information provided by Superintendent, Dr. Fred Rayfield. 
- Update JWE project completion – information provided by Superintendent, Dr. Fred Rayfield and Maintenance Director, Mr. Jerry Mills. 

No action was taken. 

**Superintendent Notes:** 

**REMINDERS:** 

1. Board Training – September 22, 2014, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m., Support Center.  
2. JWE Dedication Ceremony – 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., September 28, 2014. 
3. Fall Break – October 6 -7, 2014  

Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Winston Rollins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned. 

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J. Sydney Cochran  
Chair or Presiding Officer  

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Fred H. Rayfield, Jr.  
Secretary
The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on September 18, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at the Decatur County Schools Support Center. Members present were: Dr. Sydney Cochran, Chairman, Mr. Jacky Grubbs, Mr. Bobby Barber, Jr., Mr. Kelvin Bouie, Sr., Mr. Randall Jones and Mr. Winston Rollins.

Dr. Cochran called the meeting to order. Mr. Jacky Grubbs gave the invocation. The inspirational message was provided by BHS student Emily Calhoun who was introduced by BHS teacher, Mrs. Michelle Miller. Emily read her Laws of Life Essay entitled: “It Will Be Okay.”

Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a motion to accept the agenda. Mr. Kelvin Bouie gave a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Mr. Randall Jones made the second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION and PRESENTATIONS:

Superintendent Rayfield presented:

- BHS Principal, Mr. Tommie Howell – recognized the 2014 BHS Governor’s Honors Program participants. The participants were Jordan Harris in the academic subject of Math and Ty Jones in the academic subject of Social Studies.
- Dr. Cochran introduced Mrs. Christina Logue, Chairperson for the Teacher of the Year selection committee. Mrs. Logue introduced the Decatur County Teachers of the Year along with each school principal. The Teachers of the Year are: Joan Beers - (BHS), Libby Wheeler - (BMS), JaMichael Perry - (HMS), Patricia Harrison - (EKE), Sandra Dawson - (JJE), Ilesha Hughes - (JWE), Cindy Clement - (PSE), and Amy Andrews - (WBE). Mrs. Ilesha Hughes, Jones – Wheat Elementary School teacher, was named the Decatur County System Teacher of the Year for 2015 – 2016.
- Dr. Rayfield introduced Dr. Winston Price of Memorial Pediatrics – whom announced that Jones Wheat and West Bainbridge Elementary Schools are the recipients of a $60,000 grant to establish school-based telehealth centers for the 2014-2015 school year. Memorial Hospital and Manor along with Memorial
Pediatrics received the grant through The Georgia Partnership for TeleHealth which will provide additional collaborative health care to students.

- Industry Certification in Welding – BHS CTAE Director, Mrs. Vonda Hubbard and Mr. Kevin Ward recognized BHS welding teacher, Mr. Steve Caulder for achieving quality industry and program certification.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

I. Administrative Services Report:

A. Financial: Tim Matthews, Chief Financial Officer, reported that with 17% of the school year completed, we were right on budget. ESPLOST receipts for August were $366,920 and are up from the prior month.

B. School Food Service: Mrs. Debbie Purcell, SFS Director, reported that with 17% of the year complete, SFS had expended 11% of their budget.

C. Maintenance: Jerry Mills, Maintenance Director – Mr. Mills reported that the new Jones Wheat-Elementary School progress is going well. The Fire Marshall visited today and there were three minor concerns. Classroom set up will begin on Friday afternoon. The Dedication Ceremony will be held on Sunday, September 28, 2014. The students will have their first day of classes at the new Jones-Wheat Elementary School on Thursday, October 9, 2014.

D. Transportation: Farrell Lawrence, Transportation Director – reported that the regular routes are beginning to settle. Mr. Lawrence also reported that the Georgia and National School Bus Safety Week will be held the week of October 20 – 24, 2014. Monday, October 20, 2014 will be Georgia School Bus Driver Appreciation Day.

E. Kathy Varner, Federal Programs Director reported on the completion of grants due September 30, 2014. Mrs. Varner also reported that enrollment in the Migrant Program has increased and that the system is expecting an influx of migrant students. Mrs. Varner also stated that currently the system is serving 36 Homeless students.

F. Dr. April Aldridge, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Curriculum reported that the Curriculum Department is continuing to work on STEM implementation, clear learning targets and instructional rounds. Dr. Aldridge also commented on preparing for the new testing system which is Georgia Milestones. Dr. Aldridge noted that orientation sessions to the new testing program will be held for parents and students.

G. Dr. Suzi Bonifay, Assistant Superintendent for Teacher Evaluation and Secondary Curriculum reported that over 365 teacher observations have been completed and the
process is going well. Dr. Bonifay also stated that the system is on track with following the TKES and LKES timeline.

H. Catherine Gossett, Exceptional Education Director - reported that the Exceptional Education Department is reviewing budgets and preparing FTE data for the first FTE Count. Mrs. Gossett also reported that RTI Training was on going for staff members.

I. Technology: Steve Dunn, Director - reported on the technology progress of the new Jones-Wheat Elementary School.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Recommend Final Approval of Board Policy Revision - EEE Wellness Program. Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a motion to approve Board Policy Revision – EEE Wellness. Mr. Randall Jones gave the second. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Recommend approval of agreement with Georgia Cooperative Extension Service. Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a motion to approve the agreement with Georgia Cooperative Extension Service. Mr. Jacky Grubbs gave the second. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Recommend Approval of Out of State/In-State Field Trip Requests – (No cost to BOE).
   (1) JJE Explo, Jekyll Island, Georgia – October 15 – 17, 2014.
   (2) JJE Explo, Panacea, Florida – October 28, 2014.
   (3) HMS Student Council/Honor Society, New York NY – April 26 – May 1, 2015.

   Mr. Winston Rollins made a motion to approve field trip requests, with a second by Mr. Kelvin Bouie. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Recommendation of Personnel - Superintendent Rayfield presented the Board with the September 2014 personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a motion to accept the personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Bobby Barber made a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Randall Jones made a motion to adjourn following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously. After the Pledge, the meeting was adjourned.

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