The Decatur County Board of Education met for the Work Session Meeting on January 19, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. at the Decatur County Board of Education Support Center, 507 Martin Street. Members present were: Dr. Sydney Cochran, Chairman, Jacky Grubbs, Vice Chairman, Bobby Barber, Jr., Randall Jones, Clarissa Kendrick, and Winston Rollins.

Dr. Cochran called the meeting to order.

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

- Financial Update - information provided by Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Tim Matthews.
- Federal Funds for 2011 – 2012 – information provided by Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Tim Matthews.
- Decatur County Schools Balanced Scorecard Baseline Data – information provided by Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Fred Rayfield.

Superintendent Notes:

REMINDER ACTION ITEMS
- Elect Chair and Vice Chair
- School Board Attorney Appointment for 2012
- Set Board Meeting Dates for 2012

EVENT REMINDERS:
- Board Meeting – February 16, 2012.
- President’s Day Holiday – February 20, 2012

Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a motion to adjourn, with a second by Mr. Randall Jones. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned.
The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on January 19, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at the Decatur County Schools Support Center. Members present were: Dr. Sydney Cochran, Chairman, Jacky Grubbs, Vice Chairman, Bobby Barber, Jr., Randall Jones, Clarissa Kendrick and Winston Rollins.

Dr. Cochran called the meeting to order and Mr. Jacky Grubbs gave the invocation. Mrs. Amy Waddell, Dynamic Dozen member and second grade teacher introduced Mrs. Kaycee Wade and her 4th grade students whom presented a skit entitled: “Knowledge of English - Verbs in Writing.”

Dr. Cochran announced that special recognitions would be added to the agenda.

Mr. Randall Jones made a motion to accept the agenda. Mr. Winston Rollins gave a second to the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Winston Rollins made a motion to accept the minutes of the past meeting. Mr. Randall Jones made the second to the motion. The motion carried.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** NONE

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION:**

Superintendent Rayfield introduced:

- Bainbridge Middle School 7th grade student, Savannah Padgett presented the principals of all eight Decatur County Schools with a poster for the prevention of bullying to be displayed at each school as her Community Service Project.
- Dr. April Aldridge, Federal Programs Director, recognized Title I Distinguished Schools. The schools for 2011-2012 are: Elcan King Elementary, John Johnson Elementary, Jones-Wheat Elementary, Potter Street Elementary and West Bainbridge Elementary. Dr. Aldridge noted that Potter Street Elementary School was recognized on the state level for the highest performance at the bronze level and the greatest gains at the platinum level and received a cash award.
INFORMATION ITEMS:

I. Administrative Services Report:

A. Financial: Tim Matthews, Chief Financial Officer, reported that with 50% of the school year completed we are at 49% of the budget. ESPLOST receipts for December were $357,000 which is down from the prior month. However, the year-to-date ESPLOST receipts are up by 5% and holding steady. Mr. Matthews expressed a concern about the budget for next school year due to a $4.7 million shortfall between revenues and expenses.

B. School Food Service: Mrs. Debbie Purcell, SFS Director – reported that at 50% of the year, SFS had expended 45% of their budget.

C. Maintenance: Jerry Mills, Maintenance Director – No Report.

D. Transportation: Farrell Lawrence, Transportation Director – No Report.

E. Susan Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Curriculum – reported that all Decatur County Schools were preparing for standardized tests. Mrs. Johnson also commented that teachers are being trained through webinars and professional learning on the Common Core Georgia Performance Standards (CCGPS) implementation.

F. Dr. Suzi Bonifay, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Curriculum - reported on the second STEM meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 24, 2012. Dr. Bonifay also commented that the 21st Century grants for the elementary schools end this year and the plan is to re-submit for another five years.

G. Catherine Gossett, Exceptional Education Director – reported on the upcoming Pre-K Registration to be held on February 16, 2012 at all Decatur County Elementary Schools. Mrs. Gossett also commented on the Post Secondary Job Fair to be held at BHS on Tuesday, January 24, 2012.

H. Dr. April Aldridge, Federal Programs Director - reported on the continuation of implementing Federal Programs. Dr. Aldridge also commented on the testing phase of LEP students.

I. Technology: Steve Dunn, Director – No Report.

Dr. Cochran turned the meeting over to Superintendent Rayfield who presided over the meeting during the election of the School Board Chairperson for 2012. Dr. Sydney Cochran was elected as Board Chairman and Mr. Jacky Grubbs was elected as Vice Chairman.
ACTION ITEMS:

1. Elect Board Officers- Superintendent Rayfield opened the floor for nominations for Board Chairman for 2012. Mr. Randall Jones nominated Dr. Sydney Cochran for the office of Board Chairman. Mr. Jacky Grubbs seconded the nomination. Mrs. Clarissa Kendrick made the motion to close nominations. Mr. Bobby Barber seconded the motion. Mrs. Clarissa Kendrick voted no for the motion. The motion carried with a majority vote. Dr. Sydney Cochran will serve as Board Chairman for the 2012 year.

Dr. Cochran opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman. Mr. Bobby Barber nominated Mr. Jacky Grubbs for the office of Vice Chairman. Mr. Randall Jones seconded the nomination. Mrs. Clarissa Kendrick voted no for the motion. The motion carried with a majority vote. Mr. Jacky Grubbs will serve as Vice Chairman for the 2012 year.

Recommended re-appointment of School Board Attorney – Superintendent Rayfield asked the Board to re-appoint Mr. Bruce Kirbo, Jr. as Board Attorney for 2012. Mr. Jacky Grubbs made the motion to re-appoint Mr. Bruce Kirbo, Jr. as Board Attorney. Mrs. Clarissa Kendrick gave the second. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

2. Recommend Approval of Board Meeting Dates for 2012. Superintendent Rayfield presented the Board with a list of Board meeting dates for 2012. The Board will continue to meet at 7:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a motion to set the Board Meeting Dates as listed. Mr. Randall Jones gave the second. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.


4. Final Adoption of Proposed Board Policy IFBGE – Internet Safety. Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to adopt Proposed Board Policy IFBGE – Internet Safety. Mr. Randall Jones gave the second to the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

5. Recommendation of Personnel - Superintendent Rayfield presented the Board with the January 2012 personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Winston Rollins made a motion to accept the personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a second to the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Dr. Cochran made a motion to adjourn the meeting unless Mrs. Clarissa Kendrick would like to go in to Executive Session. Mrs. Clarissa Kendrick said, “no” following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mr. Jacky Grubbs seconded the motion. The motion carried. After the Pledge, the meeting was adjourned.