Decatur County Board of Education  
March 15, 2012  
Work Session Meeting

The Decatur County Board of Education met for the Work Session Meeting on March 15, 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, and Winston Rollins. Mrs. Clarissa Kendrick was absent.

Dr. Cochran 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.
- Distribute information on GSBA eBOARD Solutions – information provided by Superintendent, Dr. Fred Rayfield.
- Executive Session - Personnel – Superintendent Evaluation

Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel with a second by Mr. Randall Jones. The motion carried and the Board entered executive session. No action was taken. Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to adjourn executive session with a second by Mr. Jacky Grubbs. The motion carried and the Board adjourned executive session. Dr. Cochran called the Work Session meeting back to order.

No action was taken.

**Superintendent Notes:**

**REMINDEERS:**


Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to adjourn, with a second by Mr. Winston Rollins. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned.
The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on March 15, 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 and Winston Rollins. Mrs. Clarissa Kendrick was absent.

Dr. Cochran called the meeting to order and Mr. Grubbs gave the invocation. The inspirational message was presented by Jones Wheat fourth grade students under the guidance of Jones Wheat fourth grade teachers, Mrs. Pam Oliver and Mrs. Rebecca Miller. Mrs. April Helms, Jones-Wheat Dynamic Dozen member and media specialist introduced, the teachers and the fourth grade students whom performed a musical song on “Moon Phases.” The teachers also showed a Powerpoint of their classes using the smart board and manipulatives forming the various phases of the moon.

Dr. Cochran announced that an action item for the Superintendent’s evaluation would be added to the agenda.

Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a motion to accept the agenda. Mr. Winston Rollins gave a second to the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to accept the minutes of the past meeting. Mr. Jacky Grubbs made the second to the motion. The motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- Ms. Sandra Gordon read several statements of concern to the BOE members.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

SPECIAL RECOGNITION and PRESENTATIONS:

Superintendent Rayfield presented:

- Board Member Recognition – “School Board Appreciation Week” – March 12 – 16, 2012. Board members were recognized by Superintendent of School, Dr. Fred Rayfield with a certificate of appreciation.
- Mr. Tommie Howell, BHS Principal – whom introduced BHS Student Council students Quiana Childs and Austin Sapp whom along with other BHS Student Council members designed signs for all Decatur County Schools promoting a Tobacco Free Campus Initiative. Principals were presented a sign to display at their school site. Mr. Howell also introduced BHS STAR Student – Anne Reynolds. BHS STAR Teacher – Cindy Williams was recognized but unable to attend the meeting.
- Superintendent Rayfield commented on the past 33 days of the 2012 Legislative Session. To date there are no significant changes.
Superintendent Rayfield also commented on an Audit Exit Conference that was held this morning with the Superintendent and Board Chairman. There were no findings.

Superintendent Rayfield announced that 10 parents/guardians completed the Parent Academy Training through the Parent Involvement Program under the leadership of Dr. Cheryl Guy and Mrs. Janie Kelley on Saturday, March 10, 2012.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

I. Administrative Services Report:

A. Financial: Tim Matthews, Chief Financial Officer, informed the Board that with 67% of the school year completed, we are right on budget. ESPLOST receipts for February were $360,000 which was down from the prior month and year-to-date ESPLOST receipts are up by 5% and holding steady. Mr. Matthews noted that $415,000 is the average for ESPLOST receipts. Mr. Matthews expressed a concern about the increase in fuel cost.

B. School Food Service: Debbie Purcell, SFS Director, reported that with 67% of the year complete, SFS had expended 63% of their budget. Mrs. Purcell also commented that the School Food Service Department is partnering with the system’s Parent Involvement Program and she will talk to customers at Winn Dixie who visit the produce and vegetable section on Friday, March 16, 2012 promoting healthy eating habits for students and adults.

C. Maintenance: Jerry Mills, Maintenance Director – reported on the final drawing, specs and bids for the Coliseum roof. The bids will be opened on April 24, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

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

E. Elementary Curriculum and Instruction: Susan Johnson, Assistant Superintendent – commented that the students participating with the inspirational message were indicative of all Decatur County students learning through song next year as the Common Core Georgia Performance Standards (CCGPS) will be implemented. Mrs. Johnson also reported on the upcoming CRCT test administration for students in grades one through eight; although a supplemental test will be administered to students in first and second grades.

F. Secondary Curriculum and Instruction: Dr. Suzi Bonifay, Assistant Superintendent - noted that the Principals and a school designee along with District Leaders will attend a training conference on March 21, 2012 in Valdosta for District SACS. Dr. Bonifay also commented on the recent 21st Century Monitoring visit held on Wednesday, March 14, 2012. There were no findings, but several recommendations. Dr. Bonifay also commented on the third meeting on the STEM Collaborative Team which was held on Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at the Kirbo Center. About 30 individuals consisting of community leaders and parents were in attendance for this collaborative meeting.

G. Special Education: Catherine Gossett, Exceptional Education Director – reported that 288 Pre-K students have registered for the 2012 – 2013 school year. Acceptance letters will be sent to parents in May.
H. Title I: Dr. April Aldridge – Absent.

I. Technology: Steve Dunn, Technology Director - commented on the opening of the Parent Portal.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Superintendent’s evaluation and contract- Dr. Cochran stated that Superintendent Rayfield was evaluated by Board members and received an exceptional evaluation from the Board of Education members. Dr. Cochran made a motion to extend Dr. Rayfield’s contract for one more year (June 30, 2015). Mr. Randall Jones made a second to the motion. The motion carried.

2. Recommend Approval of Out-of-State and Overnight Field Trips: [No cost to the board]
   - Bainbridge Middle School Chorus, Atlanta, Georgia – March 20 – 21, 2012.
   Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to approve Out-of-State and Overnight Field Trip requests. Mr. Jacky Grubbs gave the second. The motion carried.

3. Recommendation of Personnel - Superintendent Rayfield presented the Board with the March 2012 personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Winston Rollins made a motion to accept the personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Randall Jones made a second to the motion. The motion carried.

Dr. Cochran made a motion to adjourn following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mr. Jacky Grubbs seconded the motion. The motion carried. After the Pledge, the meeting was adjourned.