The Decatur County Board of Education met for the Work Session Meeting on August 18, 2011, 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:

- **2011 Enrollment Update** – information provided by Dr. Fred H. Rayfield, Superintendent of Schools.
- **ESPLOST Renewal** – information provided by Dr. Fred H. Rayfield, Superintendent of Schools and Mr. Tim Matthews, Chief Financial Officer.
- **Review Proposed Policy Revisions** - information provided by Dr. Fred H. Rayfield, Superintendent of Schools and Dr. Linda B. Lumpkin, Assistant Superintendent.
- **Local Board Governance Training Needs Assessment** - information provided by Dr. Fred H. Rayfield, Superintendent of Schools.

Board Chairman, Dr. Cochran provided the Board with information on the following items:

- Response to Mrs. Doris Cosby’s document submitted to Board of Education members during the July 21, 2011 BOE meeting.
- Response to Ms. Sandra Gordon’s document submitted to Board of Education members during the July 21, 2011 BOE meeting.

Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to adjourn, with a second by Mr. Randall Jones. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned.

**REMINDERS:**

**Labor Day Holiday** – Monday, September 5, 2011

**September Board of Education Meeting** – Thursday, September 15, 2011
The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on August 18, at 7:00 p.m. at the Decatur County Schools Support Center. Members present were: Dr. Sydney Cochran, Chairman, Jacky Grubbs, and Vice chairman, Bobby Barber, Jr., Randall Jones, and Winston Rollins. Mrs. Clarissa Kendrick was absent.

Dr. Cochran called the meeting to order. Mr. Jacky Grubbs gave the invocation. The inspirational message was provided by Bainbridge High School CTAE Director, Mrs. Vonda Hubbard whom introduced 10th Grade “Laws of Life” Essay Winner Caroline New whom read her award winning essay for the 2010 – 2011 school year. Caroline donated her $1,000.00 savings to the Haiti Relief Fund.

Mr. Randall Jones made a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Jacky Grubbs gave a second to the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Randall Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of the past meeting. Mr. Bobby Barber made the second to the motion. The motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- Mr. Dennis Brinson commented that his wife teaches in another county and yield his remaining comments to Mrs. Doris Cosby whom read a document to Board of Education members. Dr. Cochran, reminded Mrs. Cosby of the BOE Board Policy regarding Public Participation. Copies were provided to BOE Members.
- Ms. Sandra Gordon read a document to Board of Education members. Dr. Cochran, reminded Ms. Gordon of the BOE Board Policy regarding Public Participation.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

INFORMATION ITEMS:

I. Administrative Services Report: I. Administrative Services Report:
A. Financial: Mr. Tim Matthews, Chief Financial Officer, reported that the school system ended FY 2011 in better shape than expected. Mr. Matthews stated that the budget had come in under the predicted amount with a gain of $124,000.00 for the 2010 – 2011 school year. Mr. Matthews also commented on the increase cost of Health Insurance which totals $90,000.00 more than last year. Mr. Matthews further commented on a decrease in Title I funds by $78,000.00 and Title II A funds by $86,000.00 and reminded them of the additional decrease in anticipated property taxes for 2011-2012 of $191,000 due to the change in the tax digest. The SPLOST receipts for the month were $400,000 which is up by $63,000 from this time last year.
B. School Nutrition: Mrs. Debbie Purcell, School Nutrition Director, reported that during the summer feeding program 6,153 breakfasts and 9,253 lunches were served to Decatur County students. Mrs. Purcell also commented that West Bainbridge Elementary School was awarded a $29,178.34 grant to provide fresh samples of fruits and vegetables to WBE students five days a week during lunch times.

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

D. Transportation: Farrell Lawrence, Transportation Director reported that Transportation Department is off to a great start.

E. Catherine Gossett, Exceptional Education Director reported that the Exceptional Education Program is off to a great start.

F. Dr. April Aldridge, Federal Programs Director reported on a reduction of $78,000.00 to the Title I Program. Dr. Aldridge highlighted the new Decatur County Schools Parent Resource Center and distributed a handout to BOE members.

G. Technology: Steve Dunn, Director – Mr. Dunn commented on the ERATE Projects at the various schools.

H. Custodial Services: Mr. Kenneth Flanders, Custodial Director – Absent.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Recommend Approval of 21st Century Grant for FY 12. Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to approve the 21st Century Grant for FY 12. Mr. Randall Jones gave the second. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Recommend Approval of CTAE Local Plan for FY 12. Mr. Randall Jones made a motion to approve the CTAE Local Plan for FY 12. Mr. Jacky Grubbs gave the second. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Recommend Adoption of Title 20/Class Size Waiver Resolution. Mr. Randall Jones made a motion to adopt the Title 20/Class Size Waiver Resolution. Mr. Jacky Grubbs gave the second. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Recommend Final Adoption of Board Policy JCDAF – Use of Electronic Devices by Students. Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a motion to adopt Board Policy JCDAF – Use of Electronic Devices by Students. Mr. Bobby Barber gave the second. The motion carried unanimously.

5. First Reading – Proposed Revisions to Board Policy: JBC (1)-R (1) - Homeless Students.
6. Recommendation of Personnel - Superintendent Rayfield presented the Board with the August 2011 personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to accept the personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Randall Jones made a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Sydney Cochran made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel with a second by Mr. Jacky Grubbs. 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 Randall Jones. The motion carried and the Board adjourned executive session. Dr. Cochran called the Regular meeting back to order.

Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a second to the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned.