The Decatur County Board of Education met for the Work Session Meeting on March 17, 2011 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 Clarissa Kendrick and Winston Rollins.

Dr. Cochran called the meeting to order.

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

- Financial Report - information provided by Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Tim Matthews and Superintendent, Dr. Fred Rayfield
- Policy Manual Update – information provided by Superintendent, Dr. Fred Rayfield. The updated policy manual under the guidance of Harben, Hartley, and Hawkins, LLP will be placed on the table for review for thirty days.
- Executive Session - Personnel

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

No action was taken.

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

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- State Board of Education Public Hearing
  - March 29, 2011
  - 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM
  - Seminole County High School Cafeteria
    Donalsonville, GA
The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on March 17, 2011, 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. Grubbs gave the invocation. The inspirational message was presented by Jones Wheat Fourth Grade students under the guidance of Jones Wheat teacher, Ms. Heather Willis. Ms. Willis was introduced by Dynamic Dozen member, Mrs. Thea Carter. The students were Kaylee Belk, Joshua Sarpong, and Lauren Howard whom read writings entitled “Our Time at Jones Wheat.”

Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to accept the agenda. Mr. Winston Rollins gave a second to the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Randall Jones made a motion to accept the minutes of the past meeting. Mrs. Clarissa Kendrick made the second to the motion. The motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Superintendent Rayfield presented:

- Mrs. Sylvia Vann, GSBA District #2 Director – whom distributed packages of information outlining GSBA services offered to local School Boards. Mrs. Vann highlighted the “Visioning Project.”
- Mr. Tommie Howell, BHS Principal – whom introduced the following students and teachers:
  BHS STAR Student – David Golladay and BHS STAR Teacher – Margie Nour.
  JROTC Cadet – Adam Anderson, whom was appointed to West Point United States Military Academy as well as JROTC teachers Sgt. Geslak and Lt. Colonel Stewart, and retired Lt. Colonel Breedlove.
  Coach Rickey McCullough BHS Boys Basketball Team Coach and the BHS Boys Basketball Team – AAAA Region Champions.
- Dr. Florence Harrell, HMS Interim Principal – whom introduced the HMS Quiz Bowl Team – 1st Place Tournament Champions along with HMS teacher sponsor, Mrs. Stephanie Darley.
- Mrs. Allyson Matthews, WBE Principal – whom introduced WBE P E teacher Mrs. Debbie Cothren, whom introduced WBE students – Abigail Gardner & Sedrianna Reels whom were the Regional Winners for the PUNT, PASS, and
KICK Competition. The students participated in the regional competition in December at the Jacksonville Jaguars home game.

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 1% over the budget. ESPLOST receipts for February were $362,623 which was down from prior month, but up 3% year to date.

B. School Food Service: Mrs. Debbie Purcell, SFS Director, reported that with 67% of the year complete, SFS had expended 62% of their budget.

C. Maintenance: Jerry Mills, Maintenance Director – reported that the Maintenance Department is busy assessing the summer needs for all Decatur County School Facilities.

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. 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 CRCTM will be administered to a percentage of Decatur County students with a disability. Dr. Bonifay also commented on the administration of the Georgia High School Graduation test.

G. Special Education: Catherine Gossett, Exceptional Education Director – No Report.

H. Title I: Dr. Suzi Bonifay - commented that the Distinguished Schools for Decatur County are busy working on their plans for the expenditure of funds received from the Title I Program. Dr. Bonifay also commented that the system has not received the report regarding the Title I Monitoring visit held in February.

I. Technology: Steve Dunn, Technology Director - commented on the ERATE project at Jones-Wheat Elementary. This project is 95% complete.

J. Janitorial: Mr. Kenneth Flanders, Custodial Director - reported that all is well with custodial services.
ACTION ITEMS:

1. First reading of Decatur County Board of Education policy manual revisions.

2. Recommend to declare three buses as surplus and donate to Georgia Bureau of Investigation. Mr. Winston Rollins made a motion to declare three buses as surplus and donate the buses to Georgia Bureau of Investigation. Mr. Jacky Grubbs gave the second. The motion carried.

3. Recommend to declare 709 Boulevard Avenue vacant house and lot as surplus property. Mr. Randall Jones made a motion to declare 709 Boulevard Avenue vacant house and lot as surplus property. Mr. Winston Rollins gave the second. The motion carried.

4. Recommend Out-of-State Field Trips: [No cost to the board]
   - JJE Explo Class – Panacea, Florida – April 11, 2011
   - Explo 3rd & 4th Grade – Wakulla Springs, Florida – April 26, 2011

   Mrs. Kendrick made a motion to approve Out-of-State Field Trip requests. Mr. Bobby Barber gave the second. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

5. Recommendation of Personnel - Superintendent Rayfield presented the Board with the March 2011 personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a motion to accept the personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Winston Rollins made a second to the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Randall Jones 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.