The Decatur County Board of Education met for the Work Session Meeting on April 21, 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, Clarissa Kendrick and Winston Rollins.

Dr. Cochran called the meeting to order.

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

- **Budget Update** - information provided by Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Tim Matthews and Superintendent, Dr. Fred Rayfield. Mr. Matthews asked the Board to consider scheduling a Budget meeting on Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
- **Open and Review Bids – 709 Boulevard Avenue Property.** Mr. Tim Matthews opened the two sealed bids received. The bids were from Joseph Bright for $8,500.00 and Gary Braswell for $27,699.00. The property has an appraisal value of $68,000. Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a motion to reject the bids and table the bids for the 709 Boulevard Avenue Property. Mr. Rollins seconded the motion. The motion was carried with a unanimous vote.
- **Executive Session - Personnel**

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. Randall Jones 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.

Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to adjourn, with a second by Mr. Winston Rollins. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned.
Decatur County Board of Education  
April 21, 2011  
Regular Minutes

The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on April 21, 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. Mr. Grubbs gave the invocation. The inspirational message was provided by Potter Street School Elementary Chorus under the direction of Potter Street music teacher Mrs. Shylene Crump.

Dr. Cochran announced that an Action Item will be added to the agenda regarding the bids for school property located at 709 Boulevard Avenue. Dr. Cochran also added to Action Item Out-of-State Field Trips the JROTC Drill Team trip to Daytona Beach, Florida.

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

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- Mrs. Carroll Bolton - distributed invitations to the Board members for the Annual Student Art Show on May 1, 2011 at the Firehouse Gallery.
- Mr. Justin Johnson – thanked the Board of Education for allowing college internships and support. Mr. Johnson was an intern from Albany State University in the Human Resource Department for Decatur County Schools.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Superintendent Rayfield presented:

- Mr. Tommie Howell, BHS Principal – whom introduced the BHS “Laws of Life” teacher coordinator Ms. Jeanne Halada and student winners: 9th grader - Kay Bush, 10th grader - Caroline New, 11th grader - Kelly Brooks, and 12th grader - Holly Barber. Caroline New is the 3rd runner up for the State of Georgia out of 40,000 students.

  BHS Quiz Bowl Team – Region 1AAAAA Champions and teacher sponsor, Mr. Mitch Alday. The student team members are: Marilyn Clark, Anne Reynolds, Eli Poche, Jakob Thorn, and Amanda Wooten.
• Mrs. Lauren Turner, JWE Assistant Principal – whom introduced JWE student Julian Martin – State Winner – Bonnie Plants 3rd Grade Cabbage Program.

PRESENTATION:

Superintendent Rayfield presented:

• Mr. Tommie Howell, BHS Principal introduced BHS math teacher, Mrs. Cindy Williams and BHS math Coach, Mrs. Alice Strickland – whom presented information regarding Math Decisions for 2011 – 2012.

• Dr. Marvin Thomas, BMS Principal introduced BMS teacher, Mrs. Tabitha Spooner – whom along with her students presented information regarding Service Learning Project. The student participating in the Service Learning Project and speaking before the BOE members were: Jordyn Taylor, James Hollis, Melanie Green, Kadisha Grimsley, and Jessica Cook

INFORMATION ITEMS:

I. Administrative Services Report:

A. Financial: Tim Matthews, Chief Financial Officer, informed the Board that with 75% of the school year completed we have expended 76% of the budget. ESPLOST receipts for March were up by $35,000 to $398,000. A Bond payment was made on April 1, 2011. Mr. Matthews commented that further details will be provided regarding the budget during the May 10, 2011 Budget Workshop meeting.

B. School Food Service: Mrs. Debbie Purcell, SFS Director, reported that with 75% of the year complete, SFS had expended 72% of their budget. Mrs. Purcell noted that the SFS Department is busy preparing for the Summer Feeding Program.

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

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

E. Susan Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum reported that CRCT testing began on Monday, April 18, 2011 for all elementary and middle schools. Mrs. Johnson extended a “special thanks” to all educators for a great job. Mrs. Johnson commented that the students and teachers have worked very hard. The CRCT-M is being administered to 2% of the Special Education students.

F. Dr. Suzi Bonifay, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Curriculum reported that BHS students recently completed the Georgia High School Graduation Test and were preparing to take End of Course Tests (EOCT) and Advanced Placement Tests (AP). Dr. Bonifay also commented on the positive attitudes and testing environment of students, faculty and staff.
G. Special Education: Catherine Gossett, Exceptional Education Director informed the Board that the Exceptional Education Department is busy preparing for the administration of the CRCT, EOCT and IEP Reviews. Mrs. Gossett stated Special Olympics will be held May 5, 2011.

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 received the report regarding the Title I Monitoring visit held in February and we are preparing a summary report for the findings.

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

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

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Final reading and adoption of Decatur County Board of Education policy manual revisions. Mr. Winston Rollins made a motion to table the final reading and adoption of the Decatur County Board of Education policy manual revisions for further review. Mr. Jacky Grubbs gave the second. The motion carried.

2. Recommend Out-of-State Field Trips: [No cost to the board]
   - JJE Kindergarten Classes to Tallahassee Museum, April 29, 2011.
   - BHS JROTC Drill Team to Daytona Beach, Florida,

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

3. Consideration of Bids Received for 709 Boulevard Avenue Property. Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a motion to reject all bids for the 709 Boulevard Avenue Property. Mr. Winston Rollins gave the second. The motion carried. The bids were from Joseph Bright for $8,500.00 and Gary Braswell for $27,699.00. The property has an appraisal value of $68,000. Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a motion to reject the bids and table the bids for the 709 Boulevard Avenue Property. Mr. Rollins seconded the motion. The motion was carried with a unanimous vote.

4. Recommendation of Personnel - Superintendent Rayfield presented the Board with the April 2011 personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Randall Jones 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.

Mrs. Clarissa Kendrick made a motion to adjourn following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mr. Winston Rollins seconded the motion. The motion carried. After the Pledge, the meeting was adjourned.