Decatur County Board of Education
May 17, 2012
Work Session Meeting

The Decatur County Board of Education met for the Work Session Meeting on May 17, 2012, 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:

- System Retiree Recognition - information provided by Superintendent, Dr. Fred Rayfield and Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Linda B. Lumpkin.
- Budget Presentation – information provided by Superintendent, Dr. Fred Rayfield and Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Tim Matthews.

Superintendent Notes:

REMINDDERS:

1). Special Events Listing Attached

Dr. Cochran 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 May 17, 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. Mr. Jacky Grubbs gave the invocation. The inspirational message was presented by Hutto Middle School students enrolled in the 21st Century Robotics Club under the instruction of Hutto Middle School teacher, Dr. Joe Miller. The students demonstrated their design of simple robotic machines using spatial reasoning and movement.

Mr. Randall Jones made a motion to accept the agenda. Mr. Jacky Grubbs 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:

- Mrs. Pat Arthur asked a question regarding permission for grandparents to visit their grandchild’s school.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Superintendent Rayfield presented:

- Mr. Tommie Howell, BHS Principal – whom introduced the top three Graduating Seniors – Ann Reynolds, Leigh Spooner, and Emily Ward.
- Mr. Tommie Howell, BHS Principal – whom introduced the DAR Good Citizen Award recipient – Quiana Childs.
- Mr. Tommie Howell, BHS Principal – whom introduced the BHS Girls and Boys Tennis Teams Region Champions – Region 1AAAAA Champions for the fourth consecutive year and Coach Amy Thomas.
- Mr. Tommie Howell, BHS Principal – whom introduced BHS JROTC Instructor Lt. Colonel Stewart and SMSgt. Geslak whom recognized BHS JROTC Cadets – (1) Julian (J. D.) Poole – State Service Scholarship Recipient to Georgia Military College; (2) Riley Cutchin – Air Force Association Award; and (3) Hunter Savage – United States Naval Academy Summer Seminar and Norwich University’s Future Leaders Camp. Retired Colonel Gary Breedlove introduced former BHS JROTC Cadet Stephen Dunn – West Point Scholarship Recipient.
- Dr. Marvin Thomas, BMS Principal – whom introduced BMS Duke University Tip 7th Grade Talent Search: Emily Calhoun, Brittany Thompson, and Sarah Farrington.
Principals – whom introduced and recognized students with a CRCT Perfect Score.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

I. Administrative Services Report:

A. Financial: Tim Matthews, Chief Financial Officer, informed the Board that with 83% of the school year completed we have expended 82% of the budget. ESPLOST receipts for April were $419,000 and overall up 2% for the year. Mr. Matthews noted that overall we are right on budget.

B. School Food Service: Mrs. Debbie Purcell, SFS Director, reported that with 83% of the year complete, SFS had expended 81% 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. Title I: Dr. April Aldridge, Director reported that the Title I Department is busy working on summer school and the 2012 – 2013 budget.

F. Susan Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum distributed a CRCT data spread sheet. Mrs. Johnson, also, commented on the student presentation given during the inspirational message as evidence to what is happening in all Decatur County Schools.

G. Dr. Suzi Bonifay, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Curriculum also commented that students recently completed the end of the year testing blitz.

H. Special Education: Catherine Gossett, Exceptional Education Director informed the Board of the upcoming Stakeholder’s Meeting for July 16th at 10 a.m. in room four here at the Support Center. Board members, administrators, teachers, parents, and students are welcome to attend this meeting. We plan to review our department’s annual report provided by the Georgia Department of Education and discuss goals for the 2012-2013 school year.

I. Technology: Steve Dunn, Director commented on the number of technology work orders completed during the school year. Mr. Dunn, also, commented that an average of 700 parents visited the newly open Parent Portal Information System during the 2011 – 2012 school year.
ACTION ITEMS:

1. Recommend approval of Decatur County Board of Education appointee, Mrs. Alicia Gordon to the library board. Mr. Winston Rollins made a motion to accept the recommendation. Mr. Randall Jones gave the second. The motion carried.

2. Recommend approval of Low Bid for Coliseum Roof Repair. Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to approve and accept the low bid. Mr. Winston Rollins gave the second. The motion carried.

3. Recommend approval of Tentative Budget FY12-13 - Superintendent Rayfield presented the Board with a tentative budget for 2012 – 2013. Mr. Randall Jones made a motion to accept the tentative budget with an increase of 3 mils. Mr. Bobby Barber made a second to the motion. Mr. Jacky Grubbs voted no. The motion carried.

4. Recommendation of Personnel - Superintendent Rayfield presented the Board with the May 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.

5. Recommendation of Executive Session - Mr. Randall Jones made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel with a second by Mr. Bobby Barber. 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. Winston Rollins. 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 the meeting. Mr. Randall Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.