Decatur County Board of Education  
January 20, 2011  
Work Session Meeting

The Decatur County Board of Education met for the Work Session Meeting on January 20, 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:

- ESPLOST Election Cost Estimate – information provided by Superintendent Rayfield.
- Parent Perception Survey – information provided by Superintendent Rayfield.
- Financial Update – information provided by Superintendent Rayfield and Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Tim Matthews.
- Executive Session/Personnel – information provided by Superintendent Rayfield.

**Superintendent Notes:**

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

**REMEMBER ACTION ITEMS**
- Elect Chair and Vice Chair
- School Board Attorney for 2011
- Board Meeting Dates for 2011

**EVENTS REMINDER:**
- Board Chair/Parliamentary Procedure Webinar on January 27, 2011 at DCSSC (12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.).
- Vision Sharing for Public Education in Georgia on February 1, 2011 at RESA (6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.).
- Veteran School Board Member Training on February 15, 2011 at RESA (8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.).

No action was taken on any items.

Mr. Grubbs made a motion to adjourn, with a second by Mr. Rollins. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned.
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Regular Minutes

The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on January 20, 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. Mrs. Marie Stapleton, Dynamic Dozen member and BHS Teacher of the Year provided the inspirational message with the assistance from one of her students, Blair Williams. Mrs. Stapleton and her students collected 471 cell phones and more than 300 chargers in which they donated to the U.S. Armed Forces soldiers who are stationed overseas. These cell phones allow soldiers to receive one hour of free calling per month.

Mr. Randall Jones 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. Mr. Winston Rollins made the second to the motion. The motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: NONE

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:
Superintendent Rayfield introduced:
- Dr. Ricky Brantley, GSBA Member Advocate.
- GaDOE Award – Reducing Dropout Rate for Students with Disabilities for the 2009 – 2010 school year. Dr. Rayfield presented a Certificate of Recognition to Special Education Director, Catherine Gossett
- District Spelling Bee Winners: 1st Place – Erin Caplan – BMS student, introduced by Dr. Marvin Thomas, BMS Principal. 2nd Place – Corey Sibley – HMS student, introduced by Mr. Steven Dupree, HMS Principal.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

I. Administrative Services Report:
A. Financial: Tim Matthews, Chief Financial Officer, informed the Board that with 51% of the school year completed, we are at 51% of budget and expects us to be right on budget for the year. SPLOST is up by $25,000 from last month and up by $31,000 to date. Mr. Mathews expressed a concern about rising fuel cost, but stated the system should be able to maintain the current allocated budget.
B. School Food Service: Mrs. Debbie Purcell, SFS Director – reported that at 51% of the year, SFS had expended 44% of their budget. Mrs. Purcell noted a concern about rising food costs.

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

D. Transportation: Farrell Lawrence, Transportation Director, reported to the Board that Bus Inspections will occur the 3rd week in February.

II. Curriculum and Instruction:

A. Susan Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum – reported that the system is off to a great 2nd semester and Testing Season will begin.

B. Dr. Suzi Bonifay, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Curriculum noted that the Curriculum Department is busy preparing for 21st Century monitoring and 21st Century Grant applications which are due February 14, 2011 for the High School and Middle School for the amount of $350,000. The system is also preparing for the Title I monitors on February 17, 2011.

C. Special Education: Catherine Gossett, Exceptional Education Director informed the Board of Education that Pre-K registration for the 2011-2012 school year will be held on February 8, 2011 from 8am-2:30 p.m. and 4-6p.m.

D. Title I: -Vacant Position

E. Technology: Steve Dunn, Director – No report.

F. Janitorial: Mr. Kenneth Flanders reported that all is well and that all sites are using the same methods for cleaning.

Dr. Cochran turned the meeting over to Superintendent Rayfield who presided over the meeting during the election of the School Board Chairperson for 2011. Dr. Sydney Cochran was elected as Board Chairman and Mr. Jacky Grubbs was elected as Vice Chairman.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Elect Board Officers- Superintendent Rayfield opened the floor for nominations for Board Chairman for 2011. Mr. Randall Jones nominated Dr. Sydney Cochran for the office of Board Chairman. Mr. Winston Rollins seconded the nomination. Mr. Bobby Barber made the motion to close the nomination. Mr. Jacky Grubbs seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote. Dr. Sydney Cochran will serve as Board Chairman for the 2011 year.

Dr. Sydney Cochran nominated Mr. Jacky Grubbs for the office of Vice Chairman. Mr. Randall Jones seconded the nomination. Mrs. Kendrick offered a motion to close
the nomination. Mr. Rollins seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote. Mr. Jacky Grubbs will serve as Vice Chairman for the 2011 year.

Recommended re-appointment of School Board Attorney – Superintendent Rayfield asked the Board to re-appoint Mr. Bruce Kirbo, Jr. as Board Attorney for 2011. Mr. Grubbs made the motion to re-appoint Mr. Bruce Kirbo, Jr. as Board Attorney. Mr. Rollins gave the second. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

2. Recommend Approval of Board Meeting Dates for 2011. Superintendent Rayfield presented the Board with a list of Board meeting dates for 2011. The Board will continue to meet at 7:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. Mrs. Kendrick made a motion to set the Board Meeting Dates as listed. Mr. Rollins gave the second. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

3. Recommend Final Adoption of Board Policy – BH – Board Code of Ethics and BHA Board Code of Ethics - Conflict of Interest Provisions. Mr. Randall Jones made a motion to approve the Final Adoption of Board Policy – BH – Board Code of Ethics and BHA Board Code of Ethics - Conflict of Interest Provisions. Mr. Rollins gave the second to the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

4. Recommend Approval of GSBA Standards for Local Boards of Education. Mr. Barber made a motion to approve GSBA Standards for Local Boards of Education. Mr. Randall Jones gave the second to the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

5. Recommend Approval of Out-of-State Field Trip Requests:
   (1) BHS Chorus – Gatlinburg,
   (2) BHS 11th and 12th Grade Earth Science Classes – Marianna, Fl,
   (3) BMS 8th Grade Science Class – Tallahassee, FL
   (no cost to Board of Education)
Mr. Rollins made a motion to approve Out-of-State Field Trip requests. Mr. Grubbs gave the second. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

6. Recommend Approval of Resolution to Declare Property as Surplus. Mr. Randall Jones made a motion to approve 1.69 acres located on the corner of Miluli Avenue and Wheat Street as the declared surplus property. Mr. Grubbs gave the second to the motion. Dr. Sydney Cochran excused himself from the vote citing his vote may be a conflict of interest. The motion carried with a yea vote from BOE members Grubbs, Barber, Kendrick, Jones, and Rollins.

7. Recommendation of Personnel - Superintendent Rayfield presented the Board with the January 2011 personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Barber made a motion to accept the personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Randall Jones made a second to the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Winston Rollins 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.