The Decatur County Board of Education met for the Work Session Meeting on September 22, 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, Clarissa Kendrick, and Winston Rollins.

Dr. Cochran called the meeting to order.

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

- Voting District Update – information provided by Dr. Fred H. Rayfield, Superintendent of Schools.
- Review Local Board Training Plan Draft – information provided by Dr. Fred H. Rayfield, Superintendent of Schools.
- Review Proposed Policy Revisions - information provided by Dr. Fred H. Rayfield, Superintendent of Schools and Dr. Linda B. Lumpkin, Assistant Superintendent.
- Proposed change of October meeting date from October 20\textsuperscript{th} to October 27\textsuperscript{th}.

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

**REMINDEERS:**

**Fall Break** – October 6, 7, 10, 2011

**October Board of Education Meeting** – Thursday, October 20, 2011
The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on September 22, 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. Jacky Grubbs gave the invocation. The inspirational message was provided by Hutto Middle School Teacher; Mrs. Vicky Harrell entitled “An Analogy of Education” by John Taylor.

Dr. Cochran announced that one Action Item would be added to the agenda regarding the October Board of Education meeting date.

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

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

Dr. Cochran read Board Policy BCBI regarding Public Participation in Board Meetings.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- Ms. Sandra Gordon read a document to Board of Education members. Copies were distributed.
- Mrs. Doris Cosby read a document to Board of Education members and requested a response in writing.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

- Dr. Cochran introduced Mrs. Pam Isler, Chairperson for the Teacher of the Year selection committee. Mrs. Isler introduced the Decatur County Teachers of the Year along with each school principal. The Teachers of the Year are: Michelle Miller - (BHS), Nicole Glass - (BMS), Amy Thomas - (HMS), Kim Adams - (EKE), Kaycee Wade - (JJIE), Kathy Martin - (JWE), Nancy Kennedy - (PSE), and Debbie Cothren - (WBE).
- Mrs. Michelle Miller, Bainbridge High School English teacher was named the Decatur County System Teacher of the Year for 2012 – 2013.
• Dr. Cochran was presented a plaque by Superintendent Rayfield on behalf of the Decatur County Board of Education for being recognized as a recipient of the Georgia Hospital Associations Hero Award.

• Duke Tip Talent Program Recognition – Mr. Tommie Howell, BHS Principal introduced students participating in the 2011 Duke Tip Talent Summer Program. The students were: Zach Toole, Emily New, Noah Thorn, Jacob Thorn, and Marlee Massengill.

• Mr. Tommie Howell, BHS Principal introduced Mrs. June Faircloth whom spoke about the Duke Tip Talent Program and Scholarship Opportunities. Mrs. June Faircloth presented BOE members with information regarding Scholarship Opportunities for the Summer Duke Program. Mrs. Faircloth also spoke to the Board and attendees about the value of the Duke TIP program, what it meant to her son, Dylan Faircloth and what the program will always mean to her.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

I. Administrative Services Report:

A. Financial: Tim Matthews, Chief Financial Officer, reported that with 17% of the school year completed, we were right on budget. ESPLOST receipts for August were $447,000 and are up by 14% for the year. Mr. Matthews, also, noted that the Bond payment was due October 1, 2011 and would be paid without any reservation.

B. School Food Service: Debbie Purcell, SFS Director, reported that at 17% of the year, SFS had expended 8% of their budget.

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

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

E. Susan Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum – reported on the system concerns regarding the 2010 -2011 Student Achievement Data (CRCT). Mrs. Johnson stated that the IPASS Consultant has met with teachers and administrators and the system is preparing a shared plan to improve math scores in the District.

F. Dr. Suzi Bonifay, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Curriculum - reported on the State-wide faculty meeting regarding the Common Core Standards and 2010 -2011 Student Achievement Data for all secondary schools. Dr. Bonifay applauded system teachers for keeping parents informed with a variety of parental involvement workshops and activities. Dr. Bonifay also complimented BHS on the production of the “Purple Pages.”

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

H. Dr. April Aldridge, Federal Programs Director - reported on numerous Federal Program meetings and the budgeting process for the Federal Programs. Dr. Aldridge also commented on maintaining the integrity of the program for academic growth.
I. Technology: Steve Dunn, Director – No Report.

J. Custodial Services: Mr. Kenneth Flanders, Custodial Director – absent.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Recommend Final Adoption – Proposed Revisions to Board Policy: JBC (1)-R (1) Homeless Students. Mr. Randall Jones made a motion to approve the Proposed Revisions to Board Policy JBC (1)-R (1) Homeless Students. Mr. Jacky Grubbs gave the second. The motion carried unanimously.


4. Approval of Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trips:
   (a) *BHS/BMS – National FFA Convention (Indianapolis, IN) – October 18 – 22, 2011.
   (b) *BHS/BMS – FFA – Gulf World Marine Park (Panama City, FL) – November 9, 2011.
   (c) EXPLO Grades 3 and 4 – Jekyll 4-H Canter, Jekyll Island, GA – October 17-19, 2011.
   (d) *BMS – 7th Grade – Sea Camp (Big Pine Key, FL) – May 6 – 9, 2012.
   (f) *BHS – Science Inclusion Students – Wakulla Springs (Wakulla, FL) – October 20, 2011.

   [*No cost to Decatur County Board of Education].

   Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to approve Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trips, with a second by Mr. Jacky Grubbs. The motion carried unanimously.

5. October Board of Education Meeting Date Change – Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a motion to change the October Board of Education meeting date from October 20, 2011 to October 27, 2011. Mr. Randall Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Recommendation of Personnel - Superintendent Rayfield presented the Board with the September 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. Mrs. Clarissa Kendrick voted no to the motion. The motion carried.

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.