The Decatur County Board of Education met for the Work Session Meeting on October 27, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the Decatur County Schools 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.

Dr. Cochran publicly thanked the Post Searchlight, Mr. Jeff Findley, for the published article regarding ESPLOST.

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

- Financial Update – information provided by Mr. Tim Matthews, Chief Financial Officer and Dr. Fred H. Rayfield, Superintendent of Schools.
- Review Policy Changes – information provided by Dr. Fred H. Rayfield, Superintendent of Schools.
- Review ESPLOST Information - information provided by Dr. Fred H. Rayfield, Superintendent of Schools.
- Review Monthly Administrative Activity - information provided by Dr. Fred H. Rayfield, Superintendent of Schools and Dr. Linda B. Lumpkin, Assistant Superintendent.

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

REMINDERS:

1). Whole Board Training Session (Decatur, Seminole, and Grady Counties)  
   When: November 3, 2011   Time:   5:30 – 8:30 p.m.  
   Where: Board Room 507 Martin Street  

2). Board Meeting – November 10, 2011  

3). Furlough Days – November 21 – 22, 2011  

The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on October 27, 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 Bainbridge Middle School Choral Teacher, Mrs. Maribeth Burke whom presented McKenna Locke. McKenna performed a song entitled “Sunny Side of the Street.”

Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Winston Rollins gave a second to the motion. The motion carried.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- Ms. Sandra Gordon read a document to Board of Education members regarding the number of African American teachers in the Decatur County School System.
- Mrs. Doris Cosby representing Concerned Citizens and Parents requested a forum to be held with Board of Education members. Mrs. Cosby stated that three minutes was not long enough to discuss their concerns (not personnel).

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND PRESENTATION:

- Mr. Farrell Lawrence, Transportation Director recognized the 2011-2012 Bus Safety Poster Contest Winners: Division 1 Winner (Grades K-2) - Mackenzie Vickers – 2nd grade – John Johnson Elementary; Division 2 Winner (Grades 3-5) - Anna Marie Hall – 3rd grade – John Johnson Elementary; Division 3 Winner (Grades 6-8) – Natalie Edmunds – 6th grade – Hutto Middle School; and Division 4 Winner (Exceptional Education) – Shamira Hayes – 4th grade – John Johnson Elementary.
- Dr. April Aldridge, Director of Federal Programs introduced Mr. Juvencio Ventura whom was recognized for his outstanding work with the Migrant Program and recently obtaining his GED.
- Dr. Fred H. Rayfield, Superintendent of Schools introduced Mrs. Cindy Dean – 2012 State Superintendent’s Parent Advisory Council Member.
INFORMATION ITEMS:

I. Administrative Services Report:
A. Financial: Tim Matthews, Chief Financial Officer, reported that with 25% of the school year completed, we were right on budget. ESPLOST receipts for September were $409,000 which is down from the prior year. Mr. Matthews also noted that the Bond payment for October 1, 2011 has been paid and the system is in good shape for the next payment without any reservation.

B. School Food Service: Debbie Purcell, SFS Director – absent due to a professional meeting.

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 nine-week Benchmark Tests results. The results are being discussed and analyzed at all schools by grade levels to ascertain strengths and weaknesses. Overall, the Curriculum Department is pleased with the results. Mrs. Johnson also stated that a new method of instruction is being implemented using mobile SMART Boards.

F. Dr. Suzi Bonifay, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Curriculum - reported on the STEM Grant Training. The training will be taking place for the next nine months to develop a strong PK – 12th grade STEM Program. Dr. Bonifay is very excited about the STEM Consultants and their long-term partnership with Decatur County Schools. Dr. Bonifay applauded BHS for making Math AYP and improving the graduation rate from 77.3% to 78.1%.

G. Catherine Gossett, Exceptional Education Director reported that the Exceptional Education student enrollment is 603 as of the first FTE Count. Mrs. Gossett also stated that a Special Olympics Bowling event will be held on November 29, 2011.

H. Dr. April Aldridge, Federal Programs Director - reported on the Parent Portal availability with resources listed in English and Spanish. Dr. Aldridge highlighted the Parent Involvement Program for Decatur County Schools. The next CLIP meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. at the Decatur County Schools Support Center. Dr. Aldridge also commented on continuing the budget approval process.

I. Technology: Steve Dunn, Director reported that the ERATE Project at Bainbridge Middle School is 98% complete. Mr. Dunn is preparing for the ERATE Projects at Elcan-King Elementary and Hutto Middle Schools.

J. Custodial Services: Mr. Kenneth Flanders, Custodial Director – absent due to class.
**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **Recommend Approval of School-Wide Title I Plans** for Bainbridge Middle School and Bainbridge High School. Mrs. Clarissa Kendrick made a motion to approve the School-Wide Title I Plans for Bainbridge Middle School and Bainbridge High School. Mr. Bobby Barber gave the second. The motion carried unanimously.


3. **Approval of Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trips:**
   (a) *November 1, 2011* Bainbridge High School AP Literature Students (Tallahassee, Fl).
   (b) November 7, 2011 Bainbridge High School Chorus – Choral Festival Competition (Dothan, Al).
   (c) *November 9, 2011* Special Education Students – National Peanut Festival (Dothan, Al).
   (d) *November 14, 2011* Bainbridge High School Science Students – Florida Caverns State Park (Marianna, Fl).
   (e) *April 26 – 29, 2012* Bainbridge High School Chorus – New Orleans Choral Festival (New Orleans, La).
   [*No cost to Decatur County Board of Education].

   Mr. Randall Jones made a motion to approve Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trips, with a second by Mr. Winston Rollins. The motion carried unanimously.

4. **Recommendation of Personnel** - Superintendent Rayfield presented the Board with the October 2011 personnel recommendations. Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to accept the personnel recommendations. Mr. Randall Jones made a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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.