The Decatur County Board of Education met for the Work Session Meeting on August 16, 2012, 6:00 p.m. at the Decatur County Board of Education Support Center, 507 Martin Street. Members present were: Dr. Sydney Cochran, Chairman, Mr. Jacky Grubbs, Vice Chairman, Mr. Bobby Barber, Jr., Mr. Kelvin Bouie, Sr., Mr. Randall Jones, and Mr. Winston Rollins.

Dr. Cochran called the meeting to order.

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

- 2012-2013 Enrollment Update - information provided by Superintendent, Dr. Fred Rayfield and Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Linda B. Lumpkin.
- Financial Update - information provided by Superintendent, Dr. Fred Rayfield and Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Tim Matthews.
- Review Proposed Policy Revisions - information provided by Superintendent, Dr. Fred Rayfield and Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Linda B. Lumpkin.
- Local Board Governance Training - information provided by Superintendent, Dr. Fred Rayfield.

Superintendent Notes:

REMINDEERS:


2). Whole Board Training – September 13, 2012 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
   (Training will be held at 507 Martin Street, Bainbridge, GA).


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.
The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on August 16, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at the Decatur County Schools Support Center. Members present were: Dr. Sydney Cochran, Chairman, Mr. Jacky Grubbs, Vice chairman, Mr. Bobby Barber, Jr., Mr. Kelvin Bouie, Sr., Mr. Randall Jones, and Mr. 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. Teresa Lambert who spoke about teamwork.

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

Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Mr. Randall Jones made the second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Superintendent Rayfield presented:

- Mr. Kelvin Bouie – New District I Board Member. Mr. Kelvin Bouie, Sr. was appointed to complete the unexpired term of Mrs. Clarissa Kendrick. Mr. Kelvin Bouie, Sr. was elected on July 31, 2012 as the Board Member for District 1 effective January 1, 2012. Mrs. Clarissa Kendrick resigned as a Board of Education Member effective June 30, 2012.

- Mrs. Clarissa Kendrick – Former District 1 Board Member was recognized for 19 years of service as a Decatur County Board of Education member and 40 years of service in public education.

- Mr. Luther Conyers – Recognized for 63 years of service in public education.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Superintendent Rayfield presented:

- Decatur County STEM Initiative – information presented by Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Suzi Bonifay, and Mr. Marc Siciliano. Mr. Siciliano, a representative of Teaching Institute for Excellence in STEM (TIES), explained to board members the STEM educational agenda as a partnership involving students and the community of Decatur County.
INFORMATION ITEMS:

I. Administrative Services Report:
A. Financial: Mr. Tim Matthews, Chief Financial Officer, reported that the school system ended FY 2012 in better shape than expected, being 2% under budget. Mr. Matthews stated that the ending fund balance for the FY 2012 was $2.6 million.

B. School Nutrition: Mrs. Debbie Purcell, SN Director - absent.

C. Maintenance: Jerry Mills, Maintenance Director – reported a smooth opening for the beginning of the school year.

D. Transportation: Farrell Lawrence, Transportation Director reported that the transportation department is working on adjusting transportation routes for students.

E. Susan Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Curriculum – reported that the Elementary Curriculum Department continues to work on Common Core Georgia Performance Standards (CCGPS) integrating subjects relating to STEM. Mrs. Johnson also reported on the implementation of new Math software.

F. Dr. Suzi Bonifay, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Curriculum - reported that the Secondary Curriculum Department is off to a smooth opening for the 2012 – 2013 school year.

G. Catherine Gossett, Exceptional Education Director – reported that the Exceptional Education Department is off to a great start and working on providing continuous student services for the 2012 – 2013 school year.

H. Dr. April Aldridge, Federal Programs Director reported on engaging activity with stakeholders. Dr. Aldridge further commented on preparing compliance reports for the 2012-2013 school year.

I. Technology: Steve Dunn, Director – absent.

J. 21st Century: Mrs. Estella Bryant, Director - reported on the award of the 21st Century Grants for the 2012-2013 school year. Mrs. Bryant also stated that all 21st Century after school programs will begin on August 27, 2012.

K. CTAE: Mrs. Vonda Hubbard, Director- reported on the CTAE Local Plan for FY13. Mrs. Hubbard commented that there may be a 10% reduction in the budget due to State budget cuts.

ACTION ITEMS:

2. Recommend Approval of CTAE Local Plan for FY13. Mr. Randall Jones made a motion to approve the CTAE Local Plan for FY13. Mr. Winston Rollins gave the second. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Recommend Approval of Title 20 Class Size Waiver Resolution. Mr. Randall Jones made a motion to approve the Title 20 Class Size Waiver Resolution. Mr. Winston Rollins gave the second. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Recommend Adoption of Five Year Facilities Plan Resolution. Mr. Winston Rollins made a motion to recommend Adoption of Five Year Facilities Plan Resolution. Mr. Randall Jones gave the second. The motion carried unanimously.

5. First Reading – Proposed Revisions of Board Policy: BCBI Public Participation in Board Meetings.

6. Recommendation of Personnel - Superintendent Rayfield presented the Board with the August 2012 personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Randall Jones made a motion to accept the personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Bobby Barber made a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a motion to adjourn following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mr. Winston Rollins made a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously. After the Pledge, the meeting was adjourned.

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J. Sydney Cochran                                  Fred H. Rayfield, Jr.
Chair or Presiding Officer                         Secretary