The Decatur County Board of Education met for the Work Session Meeting on September 20, 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. Dr. Cochran announced that an Executive Session would be added to the agenda.

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

- Review and comments for Policy Revision – BCBI Public Participation - information provided by Superintendent, Dr. Fred Rayfield.
- ESPLOST Project and Funding Update - information provided by Superintendent, Dr. Fred Rayfield and Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Tim Matthews. Dr. Rayfield explained to BOE members 3 major projects are on the table in accordance with the voter approved referendum for the use of ESPLOST funds: (1) building of a new Jones – Wheat Elementary School; (2) funding of Technology; and (3) funding of school busses. The BOE members gave consensus to proceed with the three major projects including the selling of bonds for JWE Project.

Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to enter executive session to discuss a student issue. Mr. Randall Jones gave a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously and the Board entered executive session. No action was taken. Mr. Randall Jones made a motion to adjourn executive session. Mr. Bobby Barber gave the second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously and the Board adjourned executive session. Dr. Cochran called the Work Session meeting back to order.

**Superintendent Notes:**

**REMINDERS:**

1). Fall Break – October 8 – 9, 2012.

2). October Board Meeting – October 18, 2012.

No action was taken.

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

The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on September 20, 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 Potter Street Elementary School Teacher, Mrs. Sarah Dollar whom showed a video entitled “Do You Know that I Am Somebody” produced by students from Mrs. Amanda Boyett’s class.

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

Mr. Winston Rollins 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:

- 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.

- Dr. Cochran introduced Mrs. Julie Warr, Chairperson for the Teacher of the Year selection committee. Mrs. Warr introduced the Decatur County Teachers of the Year along with each school principal. The Teachers of the Year are: Denise Bius - (BHS), Heith Maxwell - (BMS), Dee Waddell - (HMS), Chrissy Mueller - (EKE), Amy Waddell - (JJE), Amanda Rentz - (JWE), Sarah Dollar - (PSE), and Karri Parramore - (WBE).

- Mrs. Amanda Rentz, Jones-Wheat Elementary School Pre-K teacher was named the Decatur County System Teacher of the Year for 2013 – 2014.
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 $373,000 and are down from the prior month. Mr. Matthews, also, noted that the Bond payment was due October 1, 2012 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 11% of their budget. Mrs. Purcell noted that the School Food Service Department is busy preparing for the new meal pattern and Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act for Schools. Mrs. Purcell announced that West Bainbridge Elementary School had received the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grant for the 2012 – 2013 school year. Mrs. Purcell further stated that she and all School Food Service managers had received “Serve Safe Training.”

C. Maintenance: Jerry Mills, Maintenance Director reported on the completion of the new coliseum roof which will set for 45 days before adding a seal coat for uv protection.

D. Transportation: Farrell Lawrence, Transportation Director reported on the completion of the School Bus Safety Poster Contest. A detailed report with winners will be presented during the October Board of Education meeting. Mr. Lawrence also announced that the Georgia School Bus Safety Week will now coincide with the National School Bus Safety Week which will be October 22- 26, 2012. October 15 - 19, 2012 will be School Bus Drivers’ Appreciation Week.

E. Susan Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum – commended the Teachers of the Year and stated that the recipients are great representatives of Decatur County Schools. Mrs. Johnson stated that all schools are continuing to work on Common Core Georgia Performance Standards (CCGPS).

F. Dr. Suzi Bonifay, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Curriculum - reported on the continuous work of School Improvement (SI) initiatives at all schools. Dr. Bonifay also noted the work of all stakeholders and system employees as the system moves forward toward District SACS Accreditation.

G. Catherine Gossett, Exceptional Education Director – Absent.

H. Dr. April Aldridge, Federal Programs Director - reported on the increased number of citizens being trained by the Parental Involvement Program, “Get Plugged In.” Dr. Aldridge also commented on the numerous parent involvement articles and resources available on the www.dcboe.com website. Dr. Aldridge noted that the State LEP monitoring will occur in October.
I. Technology: Steve Dunn, Director reported on the school year being off to a great start in the Technology Department. The Technology Department is busy exploring ways to enhance student achievement with the new Bring Your Own Device concept.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Recommend Final Reading and Adoption of Policy Revision BCBI – Public Participation in Board Meetings. Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to approve the Policy Revision BCBI – Public Participation in Board Meetings. Mr. Kelvin Bouie gave the second. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Approval of Out- of State/Overnight Field Trips:
   (b) *BMS – Sea Camp (Big Pine Key, FL) – May 12 – 15, 2013.
      [*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.

3. Recommendation of Personnel - Superintendent Rayfield presented the Board with the September 2012 personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to accept the personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Randall Jones made a second to the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned.