Decatur County Board of Education
July 26, 2012
Hearing for Millage Rate Increase

The Decatur County Board of Education met for the Work Session Meeting on July 26, 2012, 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, and Winston Rollins. Mrs. Clarissa Kendrick was absent. Mrs. Clarissa Kendrick was absent due to her resignation effective June 30, 2012.

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

- Open Public Hearing for Millage Rate Increase - information provided by Superintendent, Dr. Fred Rayfield.
- Close Public Hearing for Millage Rate Increase - information provided by Superintendent, Dr. Fred Rayfield.

No action was taken.

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

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Chairperson                                      Secretary
The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on July 26, 2012, 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, and Winston Rollins. Mrs. Clarissa Kendrick was absent. Mrs. Clarissa Kendrick was absent due to her resignation effective June 30, 2012.

Dr. Cochran called the meeting to order. Mr. Jacky Grubbs gave the invocation.

Mr. Randall Jones made a motion to accept the agenda. Mr. Winston Rollins gave a second to the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Winston Rollins made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Mr. Jacky Grubbs made the second to the motion. The motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Superintendent Rayfield presented:

- Athletic Heat Policy and establishment of Cool Zones – information presented by Mr. Stan Killough, System Athletic Director and Mr. Jerry Mills, Maintenance Director.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

I. Administrative Services Report:

A. Financial: Tim Matthews, Chief Financial Officer - The financial report will be reported in August due to finalizing the financial status of the system for the year 2011 – 2012. Mr. Matthews reported that ESPLOST was up $35,000.00 from the prior month and up $200,000.00 for the year.

B. School Food Service: Mrs. Debbie Purcell, SFS Director, reported that School Food Service financial status will be reported in August. Mrs. Purcell commented that today was the last day of the summer feeding program that provided students with breakfast and lunch. Mrs. Purcell also stated that Potter Street Elementary, Jones Wheat Elementary and Hutto Middle Schools received a $1,000.00 grant from Wal-Mart to be used toward increasing knowledge of the importance of eating healthy foods through activities with students and parents. West Bainbridge Elementary has been awarded for the second year, the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grant in the amount of $27,426.81. Funds are used to serve students a daily snack that increases their exposure to new varieties of fruits and vegetables.
C. Maintenance: Jerry Mills, Maintenance Director – reported on the Cool Zones for the Athletic Heat Policy.

D. Transportation: Farrell Lawrence, Transportation Director - reported that State transportation meetings and trainings were taking place this week. Mr. Lawrence also commented that new bus substitute drivers are being trained.

E. Susan Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Curriculum – reported that the Elementary Curriculum Department has been busy this summer working on Common Core Georgia Performance Standards (CCGPS) which remains a work in progress. Mrs. Johnson also reported on continuous training for the elementary and middle schools on iPAss.

F. Dr. Suzi Bonifay, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Curriculum - reported that the Secondary Curriculum Department has been busy preparing for the 2012-2013 school year. Dr. Bonifay also stated that the system is a finalist for the Monsanto Grant. Dr. Bonifay further reported that 21st Century Grants in the amount of $524,325.00 for five years has been awarded to Potter Street and West Bainbridge Elementary Schools as part of the STEM Explorers Initiative; Elcan-King, John-Johnson, and Jones-Wheat Elementary Schools have been awarded $421,607.00 for five years. All of the schools will receive reductions in years four and five. The middle and high schools have been re-approved for $350,000.00 in 21st Century Grants.

G. Catherine Gossett, Exceptional Education Director - absent.

H. Dr. April Aldridge, Federal Programs Director- reported on a successful summer Migrant School Program. The program identified and served 200 students with a daily attendance range of 40-150 students. Dr. Aldridge also reported that the Parent Involvement Program has been awarded a Homeless Grant and 53 students were identified as homeless for the 2011-2012 school year. The parent involvement program will work as a partner with the Friendship House to develop a homeless shelter named “Still Waters Shelter.”

I. Technology: Steve Dunn, Director – commented on the E-RATE at John-Johnson Elementary School being reviewed for funding, completion of E-Rate project at Potter Street, and the work on a Thin-Client Lab at Bainbridge Middle School.
ACTION ITEMS:

1. Recommend Approval of System Mission and Vision. Mr. Randall Jones made a motion to approve the System Mission and Vision. Mr. Bobby Barber gave the second. The motion carried.

2. Recommend Approval of System Attendance Protocol. Mr. Randall Jones made a motion to approve the System Attendance Protocol. Mr. Jacky Grubbs gave the second. The motion carried.

3. Recommend Approval of Millage Rate Resolution for FY 12-13 from a 12.99 rate to 15.99 rate. Mr. Randall Jones made a motion to approve the Millage Rate Resolution for FY 12 – 13. Mr. Winston Rollins gave the second. Mr. Jacky Grubbs voted “nay” for the motion. The motion carried.

4. Recommendation of Personnel - Superintendent Rayfield presented the Board with the July 2012 personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Winston Rollins made a motion to accept the personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Bobby Barber made a second to the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Randall Jones 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. After the Pledge, the meeting was adjourned.

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