The Decatur County Board of Education met for the Work Session Meeting on May 16, 2013, at 5:30 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:

- Budget Presentation – information provided by Superintendent, Dr. Fred Rayfield and Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Tim Matthews.
- Executive Session

Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel with a second by Mr. Randall Jones. The motion carried and the Board entered executive session. No action was taken. Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a motion to adjourn executive session with a second by Mr. Randall Jones. The motion carried and the Board adjourned executive session. Dr. Cochran called the meeting back to order.

No action was taken.

**Superintendent Notes:**

**REMINDERS:**

1) **Special Events Calendar Attached**

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

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J. Sydney Cochran                Fred H. Rayfield, Jr.
Chair or Presiding Officer       Secretary
Decatur County Board of Education  
May 16, 2013  
Regular Minutes

The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on May 16, 2013, 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 presented by Hutto Middle School Honor Society and Student Council students whom had visited New York City. The students, introduced by HMS teacher, Mrs. Victoria Harrell, were Jacob Floyd, Lawson Humphrey, Jeffery Knight, and Zac Wilson. The students read a narrative report and showed a video of various sights visited during the New York trip.

Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to accept the agenda. Mr. Jacky Grubbs gave a second to the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Randall Jones made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Mr. Kelvin Bouie made the second to the motion. The motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- Mr. Brock Washington, NAACP President, asked two questions regarding the System Safety Plan and requested a response.
- Mrs. Erica Jackson read a document to Board of Education members and distributed a document.
- Mrs. Grace Cooper read a document to Board of Education members.
- Ms. Sandra Gordon read a document to Board of Education members and made a request of BOE Member, Mr. Winston Rollins.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Superintendent Rayfield presented:

- System Retiree Recognition - information provided by Superintendent, Dr. Fred Rayfield and Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Linda B. Lumpkin. The system retirees for 2012 – 2013 were: BHS – Lamar Clark, Tony Slaughter and Pat Baxter; BMS – Pam Chambers, Carl Elliott and Hattie Gurley; HMS – Betty Peak; EKE – Leona Hayes; JJE – Deborah Griffin; JWE – Sandra Hayes; PSE – Vivian Burke, Selimah Sanders, and Georgia Jackson; WBE – Deborah Cothren; Transportation – Bobbie Jo Glenn, Oscar Kelly, and Bobby Washington.
• Mr. Tommie Howell, BHS Principal – whom introduced the top three Graduating Seniors – Shelby Gordon, Madison Helms and Cassandra Henry.

• Dr. Marvin Thomas, BMS Principal – whom introduced BMS Duke University Tip 7th Grade Talent Search: Diana Ambrocio, Haleigh Poitevint, and Katelyn Ward.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

I. Administrative Services Report:

A. Financial: Tim Matthews, Chief Financial Officer, informed the Board that with 83% of the school year completed we have expended 81% of the budget. ESPLOST receipts for April were $368,000 and overall down 9% for the year.

B. School Food Service: Mrs. Debbie Purcell, SFS Director, reported that with 83% of the year complete, SFS had expended 85% of their budget. Mrs. Purcell noted that the SFS Department is busy preparing for the Summer Feeding Program. Summer feeding sites will be at Bainbridge High School, Bainbridge Middle School, and the Friendship House.

C. Maintenance: Jerry Mills, Maintenance Director – Mr. Mills reported that a mandatory Pre-Bid meeting will be held on May 21, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. for the new JWE School. Approximately eighteen General Contractors are expected to bid.

D. Transportation: Farrell Lawrence, Transportation Director – Mr. Lawrence reported on the monitoring of school zone illegal passing for bus stop arms which was held on statewide. Only 4 violations occurred in Decatur County.

E. Title I: Dr. April Aldridge, Director reported that federal programs is continuing to work on School Improvement and developing goal and action plans for the 2013 – 2014 school year. The ultimate goal is to increase stakeholder and parental involvement. Dr. Aldridge also commented about the app designed for the new school term. Migrant summer School will begin on June 3, 2013 and run for six weeks with an enrollment of about 200 students.

F. Dr. Suzi Bonifay, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Curriculum also commented that students recently completed the end of the year testing blitz. Dr. Bonifay shared with BOE members CRCT results. Dr. Bonifay applauded students, parents, faculty and staff members for a successful testing administration.

G. Special Education: Catherine Gossett, Exceptional Education Director informed the Board that the Exceptional Education Department is busy planning for the 2013 -2014 school term. Mrs. Gossett also commented on grant funding for a Summer Pre-K Class to be held in conjunction with Migrant Summer School at the Support Center.
H. Technology: Steve Dunn, Director commented on the number of technology work orders completed during the school year.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Recommend approval of Decatur County Board of Education appointee, Mrs. Danna Sue Hadsock to the library board. Mr. Randall Jones made a motion to accept the recommendation. Mr. Jacky Grubbs gave the second. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Recommend to designate and declare surplus property. Mr. Randall Jones made a motion to designate and declare a 25 feet wide x 290 feet long parcel on Evans Street as surplus property. Mr. Kelvin Bouie gave the second. The motion carried unanimously.

3. First Reading – Policy Revision of Board Policy: JBC(4) Awarding Units and Transferring Credits.

4. Recommend approval of Tentative Budget FY13-14 - Superintendent Rayfield presented the Board with a tentative budget for 2013 – 2014. Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a motion to accept the tentative budget. Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Recommendation of Personnel - Superintendent Rayfield presented the Board with the May 2013 personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Winston Rollins made a motion to table personnel recommendations and resignations until the next Board meeting. Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a second to the motion. Mr. Winston Rollins voted yes for the motion. Dr. Cochran, Mr. Grubbs, Mr. Jones, Mr. Bouie and Mr. Barber voted no for the motion. The motion was not carried by majority vote. Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to accept the personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a second to the motion. Mr. Winston Rollins voted no for the motion. The motion carried by majority vote.

Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Randall Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

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