Decatur County Board of Education
November 8, 2012
Work Session Meeting

The Decatur County Board of Education met for the Work Session Meeting on November 8, 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:

- Budget Update - information provided by Superintendent, Dr. Fred Rayfield and Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Tim Matthews.
- Balanced Scorecard Summary and Accountability Update - information provided by Assistant Superintendents, Mrs. Susan Johnson and Dr. Suzi Bonifay.
- Review General Obligation Bond Timeline - information provided by Superintendent, Dr. Fred Rayfield and Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Tim Matthews.

Superintendent Notes:

REMINDEERS:

1). Retired Teachers Program – November 13, 2102 at 9:00 a.m. – Bainbridge High School.

2). Call Board Meeting – ESPLOST Bonds – November 14, 2012 at 8:30 a.m.


No action was taken.

Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to adjourn, with a second by Mr. Randall Jones. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned.
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November 8, 2012  
Regular Minutes

The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on November 8, 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 West Bainbridge Elementary School Teacher, Mrs. Lynn Watts. Mrs. Watts presented a video on behalf of several classes at WBE highlighting hands on learning entitled “A Bright and Secure Future.”

Dr. Cochran announced that one Action Item would be added to the agenda regarding the Resolution for the Waiver of Minimum Acreage Requirements for the new Jones-Wheat Elementary School.

Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Randall Jones gave a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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 unanimously.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Superintendent Rayfield presented:

- Mr. Tommie Howell, BHS Principal – recognized Jamichael Williams, One Act Play All Region Cast Member.
- Mrs. Allyson Matthews, WBE Principal was recognized for receiving the Georgia Department of Public Health Shape Implementation Grant in the amount of $5,000.00.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

I. Administrative Services Report:

A. Financial: Tim Matthews, Chief Financial Officer, reported that with 33% of the school year completed, we were right on budget. ESPLOST receipts for October were $382,000.00 and are down from the prior month.

B. School Food Service: Debbie Purcell, SFS Director, reported that at 33% of the year, SFS had expended 31% of their budget.
C. Maintenance: Jerry Mills, Maintenance Director - No report.

D. Transportation: Farrell Lawrence, Transportation Director – Absent.

E. Dr. April Aldridge, Federal Programs Director. Dr. Aldridge reported on a successful Title III monitoring visit. Dr. Aldridge stated that the team was very complimentary of the system’s culture that supported the English Language Learner (ELL) program which is indicative of great instruction. The written report will be forwarded to Dr. Aldridge at a later date.

F. Susan Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum – reported on Cooperative Learning in classrooms of Decatur County Schools.

G. Dr. Suzi Bonifay, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Curriculum - reported on the continuous work of the District’s SACS Accreditation preparatory work. The visit will be held in February 2013.

H. Catherine Gossett, Exceptional Education Director – No Report.

I. Technology: Steve Dunn, Director reported on the successful use of the parent portal with over 700 accounts to date. Mr. Dunn also reported that the cabling project at PSE was complete and work at JJE had begun.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Resolution for the Waiver of Minimum Acreage Requirement for the new Jones-Wheat Elementary School. Mr. Randall Jones made a motion to approve the Resolution for the Waiver of Minimum Acreage Requirements. Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Approval of Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trips:
   (a) *BHS Students, November 15, 2012 – Marianna, Florida.
   (b) *BMS and HMS Honor Band, December 6 – 8, 2012 – Troy, Alabama.
      [*No cost to Decatur County Board of Education].

   Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to approve Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trips, with a second by Mr. Kelvin Bouie. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Recommendation of Personnel - Superintendent Rayfield presented the Board with the November 2012 personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Randall Jones made a motion to accept the personnel recommendations and resignations. Dr. Cochran made a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
Mr. Randall Jones made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bobby Barber made a second to the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned.

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