Decatur County Board of Education  
October 18, 2012  
Work Session Meeting

The Decatur County Board of Education met for the Work Session Meeting on October 18, 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.
- State Health Insurance Update - information provided by Superintendent, Dr. Fred Rayfield and Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Tim Matthews.
- Legislative Issues - information provided by Superintendent, Dr. Fred Rayfield.
- Executive Session – Personnel.

Mr. Randall Jones made a motion to issue a public statement opposing Amendment One (the charter school amendment) to be published in The Post Searchlight on Saturday October 20, 2012. Mr. Bobby Barber gave a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel. Mr. Kelvin Bouie gave a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously and the Board entered executive session. No action was taken. Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to adjourn executive session. Mr. Kelvin Bouie 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). Reception for 1982 State Championship Football Team – Friday October 19, 2012, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Elcan King Cafeteria.


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


No action was taken.

Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to adjourn, with a second by Mr. Jacky Grubbs. 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 October 18, 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 Bainbridge Middle School Teacher, Mrs. Christina Logue. Mrs. Logue presented a video entitled “A Window to Bainbridge Middle School Classrooms.”

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Superintendent Rayfield presented:

- Mr. Farrell Lawrence, Transportation Director recognized the 2012-2013 Bus Safety Poster Contest Winners: Division 1 Winner (Grades K-2) - Gage Sellars – 2nd grade – John Johnson Elementary; Division 2 Winner (Grades 3-5) - Anna Marie Hall – 4th grade – John Johnson Elementary; Division 3 Winner (Grades 6-8) – Shantya Erving – 6th grade – Hutto Middle School; and Division 4 Winner (Exceptional Education) – Eliel Lopez – 4th grade – West Bainbridge Elementary. Eliel Lopez also finished second place in the state competition. The theme for this year is “Stand Back from the Yellow and Black.”

INFORMATION ITEMS:

I. Administrative Services Report:  
A. Financial: Tim Matthews, Chief Financial Officer, reported that with 25% of the school year completed, we were right on budget. ESPLOST receipts for September were $397,000.00 and are up from the prior month.

B. School Food Service: Debbie Purcell, SFS Director, reported that at 25% of the year, SFS had expended 21% of their budget.

C. Maintenance: Jerry Mills, Maintenance Director reported that the new coliseum roof is scheduled for the final seal coat of uv protection next week.
D. Transportation: Farrell Lawrence, Transportation Director reported on the Georgia School Bus Safety Week Poster winners.

E. Dr. April Aldridge, Federal Programs Director. Dr. Aldridge was meeting with the Title III A Monitoring Team.

F. Susan Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum – reported on a busy first nine weeks of school for the 2012 – 2013 school term with the administration of Benchmark Assessments. The Curriculum Department remains a work in progress and making plans to move forward.

G. Dr. Suzi Bonifay, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Curriculum - reported on the continuous work of the Flexible Learning Plans (FLP) which will be implemented in the area of Math at BHS and BMS. The FLP will have ties to STEM. A more detailed report will be forthcoming. Dr. Bonifay also noted the work of all stakeholders including students, parents and system employees as the system moves forward toward District SACS Accreditation.

H. Catherine Gossett, Exceptional Education Director – reported on Pre-K celebrating 20 years of service in Georgia. Mrs. Gossett noted that the Special Olympics Bowling event will be held on November 27, 2012.

I. Technology: Steve Dunn, Director reported on the success to date of the parent portal and response time for completing work order tickets.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Approval of Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trips:
   (b) *BMS Student Council – May 16 – 19, 2013 – New York. [*No cost to Decatur County Board of Education].

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

2. Recommendation of Personnel - Superintendent Rayfield presented the Board with the October 2012 personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a motion to accept the personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Jacky Grubbs 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.