The Decatur County Board of Education met for the Work Session Meeting on September 19, 2013, 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:

- Financial Update - information provided by Superintendent, Dr. Fred Rayfield and Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Tim Matthews.
- Bid Opening Update – Dr. Fred Rayfield and Maintenance Director, Mr. Jerry Mills.
- GSBA Governance Team Self-Assessment – Strategic Plan update and information provided by Superintendent, Dr. Fred Rayfield.
- Executive Session to discuss disposal of real estate.

Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to enter executive session to discuss real estate disposal with a second by Mr. Randall Jones. The motion carried and the Board entered executive session. No action was taken. Mr. Bobby Barber 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.

**Superintendent Notes:**

**REMINDERS:**


2). Fall Break – October 7-8, 2013.

3). Board Meeting – October 17, 2013.

No action was taken.

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

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J. Sydney Cochran                                Fred H. Rayfield, Jr.
Chair or Presiding Officer                        Secretary
The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on September 19, 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 provided by BMS Teacher Maribeth Burke – Poem written at the conclusion of a first year by a beginning teacher entitled “I Didn’t Know.”

Dr. Cochran announced that an action item for approval of the low bid for a new roof on the maintenance department building would be added to the agenda.

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

Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Mr. Bobby Barber made the second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Superintendent Rayfield presented:

- Dr. Cochran introduced Mrs. Maribeth Burke, Chairperson for the Teacher of the Year selection committee. Mrs. Burke introduced the Decatur County Teachers of the Year along with each school principal. The Teachers of the Year are: James Robinson - (BHS), Cindy Harrell - (BMS), Marilyn Melton - (HMS), Lynn Myler - (EKE), Jamie Ard - (JJE), Otha Backey - (JWE), Jenny Livingston - (PSE), and Dana Martin - (WBE).

Dr. James Robinson, Bainbridge High School Social Studies teacher, was named the Decatur County System Teacher of the Year for 2014 – 2015.

Superintendent Notes:

Superintendent Rayfield gave an update on the Common Core and Tab Pilot deployment. Superintendent Rayfield announced that two BHS students - Savannah Locke and Charley Rayfield will serve on the State School Superintendent Student Advisory Committee.

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.

B. School Food Service: Mrs. Debbie Purcell, SFS Director, reported that with 17% of the year complete, SFS had expended 10% of their budget.

C. Maintenance: Jerry Mills, Maintenance Director – reported that the Jones Wheat project is coming along well and is on track.

D. Transportation: Farrell Lawrence, Transportation Director reported that judging has been finished for the Transportation Poster Contest. Winners were as follows: Division I - Eli Garcia; Division II - Manny Bell; Division III - Shelby Reynolds; and Division IV - Dallas Thigpen. Regular routes are up 5% with 4347 students overall and the 21st CCLC ridership is up 18%.

E. Kathy Varner, Federal Programs Director reported on integration of technology, professional development and parent involvement activities. Migrant is running well, District PAC meetings are being held, and DCBOE has approximately 30 Homeless students.

F. Dr. April Aldridge, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Curriculum – absent.

G. Dr. Suzi Bonifay, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Curriculum reported an update on Pilot testing, GHSGT and upcoming GHSWT, as well as local benchmark assessments.

H. Catherine Gossett, Exceptional Education Director reported that we completed co-teaching training.

I. Technology: Steve Dunn, Director – no report

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Recommend Final Reading and Adoption of Board Policy JGFGB Concussion Management. Mr. Winston Rollins made a motion to recommend adoption of Board Policy JGFGB Concussion Management. Mr. Randall Jones gave the second. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Recommend Approval of Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trip Request: HMS Student Council and Honor Society, Charleston, South Carolina and Savannah, Georgia, May 4 – 9, 2014 – (No cost to BOE). Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to approve the Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trip Request, with a second by Mr. Winston Rollins. The motion carried unanimously.
3. **Recommend Approval of Intent to Apply for 21st CCLC Grant.** Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a motion to approve the Intent to Apply for 21st CCLC Grant. Mr. Randall Jones made a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. **Recommendation of Personnel - Superintendent Rayfield presented the Board with the September 2013 personnel recommendations and resignations.** Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to accept the personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Winston Rollins made a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. **Recommend Approval of the low bid for a new roof on the maintenance department building.** Mr. Bobby Barber made the motion to approve the low bid for a new roof on the maintenance department building. Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jacky Grubbs 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 unanimously. After the Pledge, the meeting was adjourned.

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