The Decatur County Board of Education met for the Work Session Meeting on December 15, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the Decatur County Schools Support Center, 507 Martin Street. Members present were: Dr. Sydney Cochran, Chairman, Jacky Grubbs, Vice Chairman, Bobby Barber, Jr., Randall Jones, Clarissa Kendrick, and Winston Rollins.

Dr. Cochran called the meeting to order.

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

- Review of two Board Resolutions: (1) Election Results Certification and (2) Voting District Changes – information provided by Dr. Fred H. Rayfield, Superintendent of Schools and Mr. Bruce Kirbo, Jr., School Board Attorney.
- Review Proposed Policy – IFBGE – Internet Safety – information provided by Dr. Fred H. Rayfield, Superintendent of Schools.
- Review of Comprehensive System Safety Plan - information provided by Dr. Fred H. Rayfield, Superintendent of Schools.
- Parent Portal Presentation - information provided by Dr. Fred H. Rayfield, Superintendent of Schools and Mr. Steve Dunn, Director of Technology for Decatur County Schools.

Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to adjourn, with a second by Mr. Winston Rollins. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned.

**REMINDERS:**


2). Furlough Day – January 5, 2012

Decatur County Board of Education
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Regular Minutes

The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on December 15, 2011 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, Clarissa Kendrick, and Winston Rollins.

Dr. Cochran called the meeting to order. Mr. Jacky Grubbs gave the invocation. The inspirational message was provided by Elcan-King Elementary School 4th grade Chorus singing “The Rhythm of the Season” and “Merry Christmas Bells” under the direction of music teacher, Mrs. Sonja Pugh.

Dr. Cochran announced that three special recognitions would be added to the agenda.

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

Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to approve the minutes of the past meeting. Mr. Winston Rollins made the second to the motion. The motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND PRESENTATION:

- School of Excellence – Potter Street Elementary School was recognized as one of 26 schools named 2011 Georgia Schools of Excellence in student Achievement. Dr. Lillie H. Brown is the principal.
- Punt, Pass and Kick – Brandi Thompson, a West Bainbridge Elementary School 4th grader was recognized as the Regional Winner and placed 2nd at the competition held in Jacksonville, Florida during the Jaguars home game.
- Spelling Bee Winners- The top three spelling Bee winners for the District were recognized. They are: Camry Fillingame, Hailee Attaway, and Diana Ambrocio. Diana Ambrocio will represent the District in the Big Bend Regional Spelling Bee in Tallahassee, Florida.
- STEM Initiative Presentation – information provided by Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Suzi Bonifay and BHS Science teachers, Dr. Joe Sweet and Mrs. Amy Worsley.
INFORMATION ITEMS:

I. Administrative Services Report:

   A. Financial: Tim Matthews, Chief Financial Officer, reported that with 42% of the school year completed we are at 42% of the budget. ESPLOST receipts for November were $375,000 which is down from the prior month. However, the year-to-date ESPLOST receipts are up by 7% and holding steady.

   B. School Food Service: Debbie Purcell, SFS Director – reported that at 42% of the year, SFS had expended 38% of their budget. Mrs. Purcell noted that there is a spike in food cost, but manageable for the budget to date.

   C. Maintenance: Jerry Mills, Maintenance Director – Absent.

   D. Farrell Lawrence, Transportation Director – No Report.

   E. Susan Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Curriculum – reported on the regular five-year visit from the Georgia Accreditation Association. All Decatur County Schools were accredited with Quality. The evaluator commented on the new BHS and WBE facilities as well as the older schools being in excellent condition.

   F. Dr. Suzi Bonifay, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Curriculum - reported on the initial STEM kickoff meeting. Dr. Bonifay commented that more information will be shared at a later date. Dr. Bonifay also commented on the Adequate Yearly Progress adjusted report which was released indicating that BHS made AYP in math. Dr. Bonifay applauded BHS for making Math AYP and improving the graduation rate from 77.3% to 78.2%.

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

   H. Dr. April Aldridge, Federal Programs Director - reported on a successful Comprehensive Local Education Planning Team (CLEPT) meeting and the initiative to work with Business Partners.

   I. Technology: Steve Dunn, Director reported on the continuous work of the ERATE Projects.

   J. Custodial Services: Mr. Kenneth Flanders, Custodial Director – absent due to class.
ACTION ITEMS:

1. Recommend Approval of Voting District Resolution. Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a motion to approve the Voting District Resolution. Mr. Randall Jones gave the second. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Recommend Approval of Election Results Resolution. Mr. Randall Jones made a motion to approve the Election Results Resolution. Mr. Winston Rollins gave the second. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trips: 
   Mr. Winston Rollins made a motion to approve Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trips, with a second by Mr. Bobby Barber. The motion carried unanimously. [*No cost to Decatur County Board of Education].

4. Recommendation of Personnel - Superintendent Rayfield presented the Board with the December personnel recommendations. Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a motion to accept the personnel recommendations. Mr. Randall Jones made a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a second to the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned.