The Decatur County Board of Education met for the Work Session Meeting on April 18, 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:

- Overview of CCRPI Accountability Index – information provided by Federal Programs Director, Dr. April Aldridge and Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Suzi Bonifay.
- Budget - 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). FFA Banquet – April 30, 2013 – BHS Cafeteria – 7:00 p.m.

2). DCAE Retirement Banquet – May 6, 2013 – BHS Cafeteria – 7:00 p.m.

3). Honor Graduate Banquet – May 13, 2013 – BHS Cafeteria – 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Randall Jones 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.
Decatur County Board of Education  
April 18, 2013  
Regular Minutes

The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on April 18, 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 Potter Street Elementary School student, Kasin Taylor, a member in the Bookworm Club sponsored by PSE Media Specialist, Dr. Lisa Conoly. Kasin was introduced by Potter Street Elementary Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Sarah Dollar. Kasin shared “Stinky Skunks of Southwest Georgia” a PowerPoint story he created and presented at the Southwest Georgia RESA Student Media Festival.

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

Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Mr. Winston Rollins made the second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- Mrs. Carroll Bolton - distributed invitations to the Board members for the Annual Student Art Show to be held on May 5, 2013 at the Firehouse Gallery.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Superintendent Rayfield presented:

- Parent Volunteer Recognition - Superintendent Rayfield along with Dr. April Aldridge, Director of Federal Programs and Dr. Cheryl Guy, Parent Involvement Coordinator recognized Mrs. Carla Smith (BHS); Mrs. Grace Moorhead (BMS); Mrs. Jean Horn (PSE); and Mrs. Suzi Loeffler (JJE) as outstanding Parent Volunteers.
- Mrs. Vonda Hubbard, BHS CTAE Director – whom introduced BHS State Champion Quiz Bowl Team and Sponsor, BHS Teacher, Mr. Mitch Alday. The team consisted of BHS students: Amanda Wooten, Quest Brown, Eli Poche, Bryce Williams and Jakob Thorn.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

I. Administrative Services Report:

A. Financial: Tim Matthews, Chief Financial Officer, reported that with 75% of the school year completed, we were at 73% of the budget. ESPLOST receipts for March were up for the month at $385,000. Mr. Matthews noted that year-to-date the ESPLOST receipts are down by 8%.

B. School Food Service: Debbie Purcell, SFS Director, reported that at 75% of the year, SFS had expended 76% of their budget. Mrs. Purcell also commented that the School Food Service Department is busy preparing for the Summer Feeding Program.
C. Maintenance: Jerry Mills, Maintenance Director reported that the system has received approval plans from the state for the New Jones-Wheat Elementary School. Mr. Mills also announced that a Pre-Bid Conference will occur on May 2, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. in the Jones Wheat Elementary School conference room. Vendors must attend to bid.

D. Transportation: Farrell Lawrence, Transportation Director – No Report.

E. Dr. April Aldridge, Federal Programs Director - reported that the Federal Program Department is gearing up for Migrant Summer School and moving through the School Improvement Process.

G. Dr. Suzi Bonifay, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum reported that the system has entered the testing season with CRCT, EOCT, and Benchmarks. Dr. Bonifay also reported that the first Georgia STEM day will be held on May 3, 2013 and the BHS Extravaganza on May 4, 2013.

H. Catherine Gossett, Exceptional Education Director reported on the Special Olympics Field Day to be held at the BHS Track on May 2, 2013. Teams participating this year will be from Decatur, Grady, Seminole and Early Counties.

I. Technology: Steve Dunn, Director reported on the awarding of ERATE Projects for Decatur County Schools and the improved ticket system for technology assistance.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **Recommend Approval of Change for Out-of-State and Overnight Field Trips:**

   *BMS Student Council – May 16 – 19, 2013 – Orlando [*No cost to Decatur County Board of Education].

   Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a motion to approve the change for Out-of-State and Overnight Field Trip requests. Mr. Randall Jones gave the second. The motion carried unanimously.

2. **Recommendation of Personnel** - Superintendent Rayfield presented the Board with the April 2013 personnel recommendations and resignations. 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 to the motion. The motion carried by majority vote.

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

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