The Decatur County Board of Education met for the Work Session Meeting on August 15, 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:

- 2013-2014 Enrollment Update - information provided by Superintendent, Dr. Fred Rayfield and Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Linda B. Lumpkin.
- Financial Update - information provided by Superintendent, Dr. Fred Rayfield.
- Review Proposed Policy Revisions - information provided by Superintendent, Dr. Fred Rayfield and Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Linda B. Lumpkin.
- Local Board Governance Training - information provided by Superintendent, Dr. Fred Rayfield.

Superintendent Notes:

REMINDERS:


2). Groundbreaking Ceremony for new Jones-Wheat Elementary – Wednesday, September 4, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.


No action was taken.

Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to adjourn, with a second by Mr. Randall Jones. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned.
The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on August 15, 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 Hutto Middle School Teacher, Mrs. Randi New whom showed a STEM Project of Love video entitled: “Together We Can Change the World.”

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- Mrs. Doris Cosby asked several questions regarding “Grow your Own Teachers” job fairs, and personnel hiring.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Superintendent Rayfield presented:

- District SACS Accreditation Recognition - information provided by Superintendent, Dr. Fred Rayfield. All eight Decatur County Schools (including the Board of Education) received a framed plaque of certification from (Advanced ED).
- School Nutrition Program Recognition - information provided by School Nutrition Director, Mrs. Debbie Purcell.
- JJE School of Excellence - information provided by Superintendent, Dr. Fred Rayfield. John Johnson Elementary School was recognized as a 2012 Georgia School of Excellence. JJE is rated number one for making the greatest gains on the College and Career Ready Performance Index in the Second Congressional District.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

I. Administrative Services Report:

A. Financial: Mr. Tim Matthews, Chief Financial Officer – absent.
B. School Food Service: Mrs. Debbie Purcell, SFS Director, reported that with 8% of the year complete, SFS had expended 1% of their budget. Mrs. Purcell noted that the Employee Wellness Program was off to a great beginning with 74 participants and 101 lbs. weight loss to date.

C. Maintenance: Jerry Mills, Maintenance Director – reported on restricted access to our schools except Jones-Wheat Elementary which is forthcoming. Mr. Mills further commented that all elementary schools were inspected by the State Fire Marshall are in 100% compliance. Mr. Mills announced the Ground Breaking Ceremony for the new Jones-Wheat Elementary School to be held on Wednesday, September 4, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

D. Transportation: Farrell Lawrence, Transportation Director reported that the transportation routes for the 2013 – 2014 school year are going well. The transportation department is busy preparing for the after-school program which will begin on August 26, 2013.

E. Kathy Varner, Federal Programs Director reported on Title I Annual Meeting and Open House being held at all schools. Migrant SSP’s received training and are working to re-sign Migrant students and identify new Migrant students. Mrs. Varner announced that the department had received the Homeless Grant for the second consecutive year and that we are working to identify all homeless students in the school system.

F. Dr. April Aldridge, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Curriculum - reported on the various trainings taking place at all schools regarding teaching and learning. Dr. Aldridge noted that the system is moving toward accountability with rigor and depth with the College and Career Readiness Performance Index (CCRPI).

G. Dr. Suzi Bonifay, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Curriculum – absent.

H. Catherine Gossett, Exceptional Education Director – reported that eight of the fourteen Pre-K classes are full and the Exceptional Education Department is off to a great start currently serving 554 students.

I. Technology: Steve Dunn, Director – reported on the success of having a student apprentice for the summer.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Recommend Approval of 21st Century Grant Continuation FY14. Mr. Randall Jones made a motion to recommend approval of the 21st Century Grant Continuation for FY14. Mr. Kelvin Bouie gave the second. The motion carried unanimously.
2. Recommend Approval of CTAE Local Plan for FY14. Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to approve the CTAE Local Plan for FY14. Mr. Winston Rollins gave the second. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Recommend Approval of Title 20 Class Size Waiver Resolution. Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a motion to approve the Title 20 Class Size Waiver Resolution. Mr. Randall Jones gave the second. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Recommend Approval of Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trip Request: BMS and BHS FFA, National FFA Convention, Louisville, Kentucky, October 29 – November 2, 2013 – (No cost to BOE). Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to approve Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trip Request, with a second by Mr. Kelvin Bouie. The motion carried unanimously.


6. Recommendation of Personnel - Superintendent Rayfield presented the Board with the August 2013 personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to accept the personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Randall Jones 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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J. Sydney Cochran                     Fred H. Rayfield, Jr.
Chair or Presiding Officer             Secretary