The Decatur County Board of Education met for the Work Session Meeting on February 17, 2011, at the Decatur County Board of Education 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:

- Annual Report – information provided by Dr. Linda B. Lumpkin
- Parent Survey Summary – information provided by Mrs. Susan Johnson and Superintendent Rayfield.
- Opening of bid letters for Surplus Property on Wheat Street. Mr. Tim Matthews opened the two sealed bids received. The bids were from Brad Bellville for $5,000.00 and Jon McRae for $181,934.00. The property is 1.69 acres with an appraised value of $185,724.00.
- Financial/Audit Update – Tim Matthews, Chief Financial Officer, gave the Board an update on the FY10 Financial Audit. He advised them of a new accounting rule (GASB Statement No. 53, Accounting and Reporting for Intangible Assets). He explained that as part of the new rule intangible assets (viz. software) would have to be capitalized and depreciated in the same manner as tangible fixed assets. He informed the Board that in the coming weeks, as part of the policy review with GSBA and Harben & Hartley, that he would present a revision of the capitalization policy to capitalize any intangible assets with a value of $100,000 or more and depreciate over 5 – 10 years.
- Financial Update – information provided by Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Tim Matthews and Superintendent Rayfield.
- Executive Session/Personnel – information provided by Superintendent Rayfield.

**Superintendent Notes:**

Mr. Grubbs made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel with a second by Mr. Rollins. The motion carried and the Board entered executive session to discuss personnel. No action was taken. Mr. Rollins 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 Work Session meeting back to order.

**REMININDER – ACTION ITEM:**

- Surplus Property Bid Procedure

No action was taken on any items.

Mr. Randall Jones made a motion to adjourn, with a second by Mr. Rollins. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned.
The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on February 17, 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 and Mr. Grubbs gave the invocation. HMS Choral Teacher, Mrs. Leah Ritt provided the inspirational message with HMS Choral students singing *When I Close My Eyes*.

Dr. Cochran announced that an Action Item will be added to the agenda regarding the Intergovernmental Agreement for ESPLOST election costs.

Mr. Grubbs made a motion to accept the agenda. Mr. Winston Rollins gave a second to the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Randall Jones made a motion to accept the minutes of the past meeting. Mr. Barber made the second to the motion. The motion carried.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** NONE

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION:**

Superintendent Rayfield introduced:

- Dr. April Aldridge – whom gave a report on the status of Second Language Learners.
- Superintendent Rayfield announced that Erin Caplan placed second in the Regional Spelling Bee held in Tallahassee, Florida. Erin Caplan, an 8th grader at Bainbridge Middle School is the Decatur County School District Spelling Bee Winner.

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

1. **Administrative Services Report:**
   A. Financial: Tim Matthews, Chief Financial Officer, informed the Board that with 59% of the school year completed, we are right on budget for the year. ESPLOST receipts for the month of January were $474,000.00, the highest in the past sixteen months.

   B. School Food Service: Mrs. Debbie Purcell, SFS Director – reported that at 59% of the year, SFS had expended 53% of their budget.

   C. Maintenance: Jerry Mills, Maintenance Director – No Report.
D. Transportation: Farrell Lawrence, Transportation Director, reported to the Board that Bus Inspections occurred this past week. Seventy-nine of the system’s eighty busses passed inspection. The eightieth bus will be inspected next week.

II. Curriculum and Instruction:

A. Susan Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum – reported on Family Science Nights being held at all five elementary schools. The program is designed to enhance the knowledge of the Science curriculum among students, parents, and teachers. This is a partnership with GYSTC being facilitated by Dr. Paula Chambers.

B. Dr. Suzi Bonifay, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Curriculum noted STEM Lab Monitors will be here next week to visit Bainbridge Middle School and Bainbridge High School. Dr. Bonifay, also, commented on the visitation today of the Title I Monitors.

C. Special Education: Jennifer Wilkinson, Assistant Exceptional Education Director informed the Board of Education that Special Olympics will be held on May 5, 2011. Mrs. Wilkinson, also, announced the success of the Pre-K registration for the 2011-2012 school year which was held on February 8, 2011 from 8am-2:30 p.m. and 4-6p.m. Most schools sites were full with a few vacancies. However, Mrs. Wilkinson believes all school will meet their enrollment numbers by August 2011.

D. Title I: -Vacant Position

E. Technology: Steve Dunn, Director commented on the ERATE award for Bainbridge Middle School and the current ERATE project at Jones-Wheat Elementary School. Mr. Dunn noted to date the system has received close to one million dollars in ERATE funding.

F. Janitorial: Mr. Kenneth Flanders reported that all is well and commented on the accolades given to Bainbridge High School during the recent Regional Basketball Tournament from visiting schools.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Recommend Adoption of 2011 – 2012 School Calendar. Mr. Bobby Barber made the motion to adopt of the 2011 – 2012 School Calendar. Mr. Rollins seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

2. Review and Consideration for Bids Received for Surplus Property. Mr. Randall Jones made a motion to accept the highest bid of $181,934.00 for the Surplus Property on Wheat Street. Dr. Cochran abstained from the discussion and the vote to accept the high bid due to a potential conflict of interest. Mrs. Kendrick gave the second. The motion carried.

3. Recommend Approval of Out-of-State Field Trip Requests:

   (1) BMS Chorus to Orlando, Florida (no cost to Board of Education)
Mrs. Kendrick made a motion to approve Out-of-State Field Trip request. Mr. Grubbs gave the second. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

4. Change Date of 2011 Board Meeting Schedule. Mr. Randall Jones made a motion to change the date of the May Board of Education Meeting to May 12, 2011. Mr. Rollins made a second to the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

5. Recommendation of Personnel - Superintendent Rayfield presented the Board with the February 2011 personnel recommendations and resignations. Mrs. Kendrick made a motion to accept the personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Rollins made a second to the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

6. Intergovernmental Agreements for EPLOST Election - Mrs. Randall Jones made a motion to enter the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Decatur County Board of Elections and Registration to conduct the November (ESPLOST) Election for the Board of Education at a cost of $13,844.62. Mr. Grubbs made a second to the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Randall Jones made a motion to adjourn following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mr. Jacky Grubbs seconded the motion. The motion carried. After the Pledge, the meeting was adjourned.

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Chairman                          Secretary