The Decatur County Board of Education met for the Work Session Meeting on April 19, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. 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, and Winston Rollins. Mrs. Clarissa Kendrick was absent.

Dr. Cochran called the meeting to order.

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

- Budget and Legislative Update - information provided by Superintendent, Dr. Fred Rayfield and Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Tim Matthews.
- Board Training Update – information provided by Superintendent, Dr. Fred Rayfield.

**Superintendent Notes:**

**REMINDERS:**

1). Board Training – April 30, 2012
   Decatur County Schools Support Center
   5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

2). DCAE Retirement Banquet – May 1, 2012
   Bainbridge High School Cafeteria
   7:00 p.m.

3). Honor Graduate Banquet – May 7, 2012
   Bainbridge High School Cafeteria
   6:30 p.m.

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 April 19, 2012, 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 and Winston Rollins. Mrs. Clarissa Kendrick was absent.

Dr. Cochran called the meeting to order and Mr. Grubbs gave the invocation. The inspirational message was presented by Potter Street Elementary teacher and Dynamic Dozen member, Mrs. Jenny Livingston. Mrs. Livingston presented a Powerpoint featuring the various clubs at Potter Street Elementary highlighting Georgia Performance Standards.

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

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Superintendent Rayfield reported:
- State School Superintendent Visit to Potter Street Elementary School on Thursday, April 26, 2012.
- BHS Boys and Girls are Region Champs
- 2012 Legislative Session

SPECIAL RECOGNITION and PRESENTATIONS:

Superintendent Rayfield presented:
- School Nutrition Program Participation Awards – School Food Service Managers were recognized by Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Fred Rayfield and School Food Service Director, Mrs. Debbie Purcell with a certificate of participation and recognition for having a high level of student participation in the School Nutrition Program. The schools recognized were: BMS – 69% breakfast participation and 95% lunch participation; HMS – 83% lunch participation; EKE – 83% breakfast participation and 93% lunch participation; JJE – 86% breakfast participation
and 90% lunch participation; JWE – 79% breakfast participation and 96% lunch participation PSE – 75% breakfast participation and 95% lunch participation; and WBE – 86% breakfast participation and 89% lunch participation.

- Student Art Presentations - Mr. Tommie Howell, BHS Principal – whom introduced BHS Art teacher - Ms. Pam Cross; BHS Art student – Jay Jones; BMS Art teacher – Chip Ariail, and JJE Art Volunteer – Carroll Bolton whom explained several art pieces on display at the Board of Education meeting. The Board of Education members were given an invitation and invited to the Annual Student Art Show on May 6, 2012 at the Firehouse Gallery.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

I. Administrative Services Report:

A. Financial: Tim Matthews, Chief Financial Officer, informed the Board that with 75% of the school year completed, we are right on budget. ESPLOST receipts for March were $396,000 which was up from the prior month and year-to-date ESPLOST receipts are up by 4% and holding steady. Mr. Matthews expressed a concern about the increase in fuel cost.

B. School Food Service: Debbie Purcell, SFS Director, reported that with 75% of the year complete, SFS had expended 73% 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 on the specs and bids for the Coliseum roof. The bids will be opened on April 24, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

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

E. Elementary Curriculum and Instruction: Susan Johnson, Assistant Superintendent – commented that CRCT testing began on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 for all elementary and middle schools. Mrs. Johnson extended a “special thanks” to all educators for a great job. Mrs. Johnson commented that the students and teachers have worked very hard and are now preparing for acceleration and remediation.

F. Secondary Curriculum and Instruction: Dr. Suzi Bonifay, Assistant Superintendent - noted that the Curriculum Department is operating down to the bare bones and she is working on several grant applications. The grant applications include AT & T for $300,000.00 and the Monsanto Farmers Grow World Grant for $10,000 - $25,000.00 which both aligns with the STEM initiative for Decatur County Schools.
G. Special Education: Catherine Gossett, Exceptional Education Director – reported that Special Olympics will be held on Thursday, May 3, 2012 and Pre-K acceptance letters will be mailed to parents on May 7, 2012. The Exceptional Education teachers are busy working on GAA portfolios.

H. Title I: Dr. April Aldridge, Director presented a Powerpoint on Title III. Dr. Aldridge commented on Migrant Summer School preparation.

I. Technology: Steve Dunn, Technology Director - commented on the early phase of beginning an ERATE Project at Potter Street Elementary School.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Recommend Adoption of Resolution Requesting Waiver Expenditure Rule - Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to recommend the Adoption of the Resolution Requesting Waiver. Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a second to the motion. The motion carried.

2. Recommendation of Personnel - Superintendent Rayfield presented the Board with the April 2012 personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Randall Jones made a motion to accept the personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a second to the motion. The motion carried.

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