The Decatur County Board of Education met for the Work Session Meeting on May 12, 2011, 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, Clarissa Kendrick and Winston Rollins.

Dr. Cochran called the meeting to order.

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

- Facility Use request to host a gymnastics event - information provided by Stephanie Findley. Mr. Winston Rollins made a motion to grant permission to use the new BHS Gym to host a gymnastics event if the bid is successful. Mrs. Kendrick seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.
- Budget Update – information provided by Dr. Fred H. Rayfield, Superintendent of Schools and Mr. Tim Matthews, Chief Financial Officer.
- Status of Board Policy Revision – information provided by Dr. Fred H. Rayfield, Superintendent of Schools and Dr. Sydney Cochran, Chairman of School Board.
- Executive Session - Personnel

Mr. Randall Jones made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel with a second by Mr. Bobby Barber. The motion carried and the Board entered executive session. No action was taken. Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to adjourn executive session with a second by Mr. Jacky Grubbs. The motion carried and the Board adjourned executive session. Dr. Cochran called the Work Session meeting back to order.

Mrs. Clarissa Kendrick made a motion to adjourn, with a second by Mr. Bobby Barber. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned.
The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on May 12, 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. Grubbs gave the invocation. The inspirational message was provided by West Bainbridge Elementary School Chorus under the direction of Dynamic Dozen member and West Bainbridge Elementary music teacher Mr. Bill Dixon.

Dr. Cochran announced that two Action Items will be added to the agenda regarding the tentative 2011 – 2012 budget and adoption of Decatur County Board of Education policy manual revisions.

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

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Superintendent Rayfield presented:

- Principals – whom introduced students with Perfect CRCT and Writing Scores.
- Dr. Marvin Thomas, BMS Principal – whom introduced BMS Duke Scholars Program Recognition students: Jones Gossett, Sawyer Hall, Nicolette McIntosh, Raluca Popa, Mallie Rollins and Bryce Williams.
- Mr. Tommie Howell, BHS Principal – whom introduced the top three Graduating Seniors – Whitney Poppell, Sam Slaughter and Ellie Thomas.
- Mr. Tommie Howell, BHS Principal – whom introduced the BHS Girls Tennis Team – Region 1AAAA Champions for the fourth consecutive year and Coach Amy Thomas.
- Mr. Tommie Howell, BHS Principal – whom introduced the BHS Boys Track and Field Team – Region 1AAAA Champions for the thirteenth consecutive year and Coaches Larry Cosby, Larry Clark, Harold Smith, and Patrick Clark.
- Mr. Tommie Howell, BHS Principal – whom introduced retired BHS JROTC Instructor Colonel Gary Breedlove whom introduced BHS JROTC Cadet Stephen Dunn – Jean Weil Scholarship Recipient.
INFORMATION ITEMS:

I. Administrative Services Report:

A. Financial: Tim Matthews, Chief Financial Officer, informed the Board that with 84% of the school year completed we have expended 85% of the budget. ESPLOST receipts for April were $400,000 up 2% for the year. Mr. Matthews noted that the bidding for Auto Casualty and Liability Insurance would begin for the next thirty days.

B. School Food Service: Mrs. Debbie Purcell, SFS Director, reported that with 84% of the year complete, SFS had expended 79% of their budget.

C. Maintenance: Jerry Mills, Maintenance Director – No Report.

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

E. Susan Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum – No Report.

F. Dr. Suzi Bonifay, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Curriculum reported that students recently completed the end of the year testing bliss. Dr. Bonifay also commented that the CRCT – M results have not been received by the system.

G. Special Education: Catherine Gossett, Exceptional Education Director informed the Board that the Pre- K classes for the system was cut by one teacher. However, the student enrollment per Pre- K Class for the 2011 – 2012 school year will be 22 increasing the total student population to 306 students which would be eight more than the current enrollment level of 298 students. Mrs. Gossett also commented on the Special Olympics that were held on May 5, 2011 with 59 students from Decatur County Schools participating.

H. Title I: Dr. Suzi Bonifay - commented that the Distinguished School Plans for were approved by the Georgia Department of Education.

I. Technology: Steve Dunn, Director – No Report.

J. Janitorial: Mr. Kenneth Flanders, Custodial Director – Absent.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Recommend approval of Decatur County Board of Education appointee, Mrs. Michelle Hufstetler to the library board. Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a motion to accept the recommendation. Mr. Bobby Barber gave the second. The motion carried unanimously.
2. Recommend approval of Resolution in support of the Vision for Public Education Project. Mr. Randall Jones made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Jacky Grubbs gave the second. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

3. Recommend Out-of-State Field Trips: [No cost to the board]
   - Bainbridge High School Quiz Bowl Team – Evanston, Illinois.
   - Bainbridge High School Baseball Team – Troy, Alabama.

   Mrs. Clarissa Kendrick made a motion to approve Out-of-State Field Trip requests. Mr. Jacky Grubbs gave the second. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

4. Recommend approval of surplus technology equipment list. Mrs. Clarissa Kendrick made a motion to approve the recommendation. Dr. Sydney Cochran gave the second. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

5. Recommendation of Personnel - Superintendent Rayfield presented the Board with the May 2011 personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Randall Jones made a motion to accept the personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Bobby Barber made a second to the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

6. Tentative Budget - Superintendent Rayfield presented the Board with a tentative budget for 2011 – 2012. Mrs. Clarissa Kendrick made a motion to accept the tentative budget. Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a second to the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

7. Final reading and adoption of Decatur County Board of Education policy manual revisions. Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to adopt the Decatur County Board of Education policy manual revisions. Mr. Jacky Grubbs gave the second to the motion. Mr. Winston Rollins opposed the motion. The motion carried with a majority vote.

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 with a unanimous vote. After the Pledge, the meeting was adjourned.