The Decatur County Board of Education met for the Work Session Meeting on August 21, 2014, at 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, 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:

- 2014 – 2015 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 and Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Tim Matthews.
- D C Extension Service Presentation - information provided by Lindsey Hayes and Melinda Miller. Additional information was provided by HMS Principal, Mr. Roy Mathews and HMS teacher, Mrs. Tonya Reynolds.
- School Safety and Security – information provided by Chief Maurice Gaines and SRO Team.

No action was taken.

**Superintendent Notes:**

**REMINDERS:**


2). Dedication Ceremony for New Jones Wheat Elementary School – Sunday, September 28, 2014, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

3). Board Meeting September 18, 2014.

4). Board Training – September 22, 2014, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m., Support Center.

Mr. Randall Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Jacky Grubbs seconded 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
The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on August 21, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at the Decatur County Schools Support Center. Members present were: Dr. Sydney Cochran, Chairman, Mr. Jacky Grubbs, 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 Elcan King Elementary School Principal, Mrs. Jennifer Wilkinson and teacher, Mrs. Sarah Giddens. A Power–Up video highlighting students and staff members of Elcan King Elementary School was presented. Mrs. Wilkinson also engaged the audience in a Power-Up Activity.

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

Mr. Kelvin Bouie 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: None.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION and PRESENTATIONS: None.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

I. Administrative Services Report:

A. Financial: Tim Matthews, Chief Financial Officer reported on the FY14 year end results as of June 30, 2014 which was 4% under budget.

B. School Food Service: Mrs. Debbie Purcell, SFS Director, reported that with 8% of the year complete, SFS had expended 1% of their budget.

C. Maintenance: Jerry Mills, Maintenance Director – Mr. Mills reported that the New JWE School is moving along nicely with significant progress.

D. Transportation: Farrell Lawrence, Transportation Director – reported that the transportation routes for the 2014 – 2015 school year are going well. The transportation department is busy preparing for the after-school program which will begin on August 25, 2014.

E. Kathy Varner, Federal Programs Director will have a report next month.
F. Dr. April Aldridge, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Curriculum reported that Teaching and Learning is occurring with increased rigor as expected. Dr. Aldridge also commented that the Teaching Institute for Excellence in STEM (TIES) Consultant Marc Siciliano will visit on August 26 – 27, 2014 and the system participants will engage in additional Instructional Rounds and STEM Training.

G. Dr. Suzi Bonifay, Assistant Superintendent for Teacher Evaluations and Secondary Curriculum reported on the administering of the self-assessment Teacher Keys Evaluation System (TKES). Dr. Bonifay also stated that Student Learning Objectives (SLOs) were administered last week and the system is right on target preparing for the new initiatives.

H. Catherine Gossett, Exceptional Education Director - reported that the Exceptional Education Department is off to a great start. Mrs. Gossett also reported that all fourteen Pre-K classes are at full enrollment capacity.

I. Technology: Steve Dunn, Director - reported all summer projects are complete. Mr. Dunn also commented on the number of technology tickets completed to get the school year off to a great start.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **Recommend Approval of 21st Century Grant Continuation FY15.** Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a motion to recommend approval of the 21st Century Grants Continuation for FY15. Mr. Bobby Barber gave the second. The motion carried unanimously.

2. **Recommend Approval of CTAE Local Plan for FY15.** Mr. Randall Jones made a motion to approve the CTAE Local Plan for FY15. Mr. Jacky Grubbs gave the second. The motion carried unanimously.

3. **Recommend Approval of Title 20 Class Size Waiver Resolution.** Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a motion to approve the Title 20 Class Size Waiver Resolution. Mr. Bobby Barber gave the second. The motion carried unanimously.

4. **Recommend Approval of Field Trip Request – (No cost to BOE).**
   (1) BMS Student Council, State Capitol, Atlanta, Georgia, November 9 -10, 2014.
   (2) BMS Student Council, New York City, New York, March 29 – April 4, 2015.

   Mr. Winston Rollins made a motion to approve Field Trip Request, with a second by Mr. Jacky Grubbs. The motion carried unanimously.

5. **First Reading – Revision of Board Policy: EEE - Wellness Program.**

6. **Recommendation of Personnel -** Superintendent Rayfield presented the Board with the August 2014 personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Kelvin
Bouie 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. Randall Jones made a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously. After the Pledge, the meeting was adjourned.

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