The Decatur County Board of Education met for the Work Session Meeting on January 15, 2015, 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. Kelvin Bouie, Sr., Mr. Keith Lyle and Mr. Winston Rollins. Absent: Mr. Bobby Barber, Jr.

Dr. Cochran called the meeting to order.

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

- Budget Update - information provided by Superintendent, Dr. Fred Rayfield and Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Tim Matthews.
- Project ERATE Program Changes - information presented by Technology Director, Mr. Steve Dunn.

No action was taken.

**Superintendent Notes:**

(1) Board Chair and Vice Chair – Selection Process.

**REMINDERS:**


2). Board Training – Decatur County Schools Support Center – 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. on February 5, 2015. Topic: Curriculum & Instructional Leadership for Board of Education.

Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Kelvin Bouie seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.
The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on January 15, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at the Decatur County Schools Support Center. Members present were: Dr. Sydney Cochran, Chairman, Mr. Jacky Grubbs, Mr. Kelvin Bouie, Sr., Mr. Keith Lyle and Mr. Winston Rollins. Absent: Mr. Bobby Barber, Jr.

Dr. Cochran called the meeting to order. Mr. Jacky Grubbs gave the invocation. The inspirational message was provided by BMS teacher and Dynamic Dozen member Mr. Heith Maxwell.

Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a motion to accept the agenda. Mr. Jacky Grubbs 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. Jacky Grubbs made the second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION and PRESENTATIONS:

Superintendent Rayfield presented:

- Introduction of New Board Member - Superintendent Rayfield introduced new board member, Mr. Keith Lyle whom will represent District 2.
- Recognition of Community Partners for STEM - Dr. April Aldridge, Assistant Superintendent, along with Mrs. Donna McGlincy, Academic Science Coach, introduced the 2014-2015 STEM Community Partners.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

I. Administrative Services Report:

A. Financial: Tim Matthews, Chief Financial Officer, reported that with 50% of the school year completed, we have expended 49% of the budget. Mr. Matthews noted that ESPLOST receipts for December were $364,000.00 which is up from the prior month and up year-to-date.

B. School Food Service: Mrs. Debbie Purcell, SFS Director, reported that with 50% of the year complete, SFS had expended 51% of their budget.
C. Maintenance: Jerry Mills, Maintenance Director – reported that the retention pond at Jones Wheat Elementary is working properly.

D. Transportation: Farrell Lawrence, Transportation Director – reported that fuel prices have decreased during the past few weeks and we are topping the tanks at the Bus Shop.

E. Kathy Varner, Federal Programs Director reported that the Federal Programs Department is reviewing yearly goals (strengths and weaknesses) to adequately plan for the 2015-2016 school year. Ms. Varner also noted that the migrant parent meeting was held this week.

F. Dr. April Aldridge, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Curriculum reported on the feedback regarding curriculum standards driving academic instruction. Dr. Aldridge also noted that all schools are working to equip students for the 21st century. Dr. Aldridge further noted that schools participated in the statewide on-line testing system this past Tuesday. Dr. Aldridge commented on the installation of TeleHealth equipment on next Friday at Jones-Wheat and West Bainbridge Elementary Schools.

G. Dr. Suzi Bonifay, Assistant Superintendent for Teacher Evaluation and Secondary Curriculum commented that TKES and LKES observations were completed and entered in the TLE Platform.

H. Catherine Gossett, Exceptional Education Director – absent.

I. Technology: Steve Dunn, Director - reported that the Technology Department is busy preparing computers for on-line testing.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Elect Board Officers- Superintendent Rayfield opened the floor for nominations for Board Chairman for 2015. Mr. Winston Rollins nominated Dr. Sydney Cochran for the office of Board Chairman. Mr. Kelvin Bouie seconded the nomination. Mr. Jacky Grubbs made the motion to close nominations. Mr. Kelvin Bouie seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote. Dr. Sydney Cochran will serve as Board Chairman for the 2015 year.

Dr. Cochran, on behalf of the Board of Education, expressed the pleasure and appreciation of the Board to work with all employees as a unified team.

Dr. Cochran opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman. Mr. Kelvin Bouie nominated Mr. Jacky Grubbs for the office of Vice Chairman. Mr. Winston Rollins seconded the nomination. The motion carried with a unanimous vote. Mr. Jacky Grubbs will serve as Vice Chairman for the 2015 year.
2. Recommended re-appointment of School Board Attorney – Superintendent Rayfield asked the Board to re-appoint Mr. Bruce Kirbo, Jr. as Board Attorney for 2015. Mr. Jacky Grubbs made the motion to re-appoint Mr. Bruce Kirbo, Jr. as Board Attorney. Mr. Winston Rollins gave the second. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

3. Recommendation of Personnel - Superintendent Rayfield presented the Board with the January 2015 personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a motion to accept the personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Winston Rollins made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a second to the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned.

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J. Sydney Cochran
Chair or Presiding Officer

Fred H. Rayfield, Jr.
Secretary