The Decatur County Board of Education met for the Work Session Meeting on July 24, 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:

- Financial Update - information provided by Superintendent, Dr. Fred Rayfield and Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Tim Matthews.
- Shared Savings for Health Insurance - information provided by Superintendent, Dr. Fred Rayfield.
- Board Training Plan FY15 - information provided by Superintendent, Dr. Fred Rayfield.
- Executive Session – Personnel.

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

No action was taken.

**Superintendent Notes:**

**REMINDERS:**

1). Decatur County Schools Convocation – Monday, July 28, 2014, 10:00 a.m. BHS Gymnasium.

2). First Day of School – Friday, August 1, 2014.

Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Kelvin Bouie 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 July 24, 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.

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

Mr. Randall Jones 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:
- Mr. Roy Mathews, HMS Principal - whom introduced Mrs. Debbie Purcell, Food Nutrition Director and HMS Lunchroom Manager, Mrs. Danita Ornelas whom recognized HMS as one of ten schools in Georgia selected to participate in the Georgia Grown Test Kitchen Initiative to be implemented during the 2014 – 2015 school year.
- Mr. Jamie Ard, WBE Interim Principal and Mrs. Jennifer Wilkinson, EKE Principal whom introduced Mrs. Kim Barthel grant writer for the Let’s Move Active Schools Award awarded to West Bainbridge Elementary School.
- Dr. Sydney Cochran and Dr. Fred Rayfield recognized CFO Mr. Tim Mathews for receiving an Excellence in Financial Reporting Award.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

I. Administrative Services Report:

A. Financial: Tim Matthews, Chief Financial Officer - The financial report will be reported in August due to finalizing the financial status of the system for the year 2013 – 2014. Mr. Matthews reported that ESPLOST was down year-to-date by 8% but in good shape with debt service requirements.

B. School Food Service: Mrs. Debbie Purcell, SFS Director, reported that with 100% of the year complete, SFS had expended 93% of their budget. Mrs. Purcell noted that the Summer Feeding Program was a success and the School Food Service (SFS) Department was busy preparing for the 2014-2015 school year. Mrs. Purcell also commented that the SFS Department will continue to implement the CEO – Community Eligibility Option - (Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act) for the 2013 – 2014 school year. The CEO Program will
provide free lunch to all students attending Decatur County Schools for the next three years. Overall student participation in the Food Nutrition Program has increased 1% to 2% over previous years.

C. Maintenance: Jerry Mills, Maintenance Director – Mr. Mills reported that the New JWE School is right on track. Floor covering has begun and paving out front will begin this week.

D. Transportation: Farrell Lawrence, Transportation Director – reported that State transportation meetings and trainings were taking place. Additionally, Mr. Lawrence provided an update on the current bus routes and transportation miles per day with a total of 56 buses operating daily.

E. Kathy Varner, Federal Programs Director - reported on the completion of Migrant summer school this past Friday. A total of 217 students were enrolled. The annual CLPT meeting was held on Thursday, July 17, 2014.

F. Dr. April Aldridge, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Curriculum – Absent.

G. Dr. Suzi Bonifay, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Curriculum reported that the Curriculum Department has been busy with Professional Learning meetings and trainings including TKES and LKES. Dr. Rayfield commented that Dr. Bonifay would take the leadership role for the system’s evaluation instrument – TKES.

H. Catherine Gossett, Exceptional Education Director - reported on the Exceptional Education Department being engaged in Professional Learning training this summer in the areas of Behavior Management and Best Practices.

I. Technology: Steve Dunn, Director - reported on all summer projects being 99% complete. Mr. Dunn also commented on exploring a new server and the hard work of the technology technicians to complete the projects.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Recommend Final Adoption of policy change JCDAE – Weapons. Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a motion to adopt the policy change for JCDAE – Weapons. Mr. Randall Jones made a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Recommend to set millage rate for FY 15 at 15.99. The millage rate remains unchanged from FY 14. Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a motion to set the millage rate for FY 15 at 15.99. Mr. Winston Rollins made a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Recommendation of Personnel - Superintendent Rayfield presented the Board with the July 2014 personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a motion to accept the personnel recommendations and resignations.
Mr. Bobby Barber made a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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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