The Decatur County Board of Education met for the Work Session Meeting on April 17, 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, Vice Chairman, 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:

- FY15 Budget Projections and Discussion - information provided by Superintendent, Dr. Fred Rayfield and Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Tim Matthews.
- 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. 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 meeting back to order.

No action was taken.

**REMINDE R S:**

**Superintendent Notes:**

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1. FFA Banquet – April 29, 2014 – Cloud Livestock Facility – 7:00 p.m.

2. DCAE Retirement Banquet – May 5, 2014 – BHS Cafeteria – 7:00 p.m.

3. Honor Graduate Banquet – May 12, 2014 – BHS Cafeteria – 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Randall Jones made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Jacky Grubbs 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

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Fred H. Rayfield, Jr.
Secretary
The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on April 17, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at the Decatur County Schools Support Center. Members present were: Dr. Sydney Cochran, Chairman, Mr. Jacky Grubbs, Vice Chairman, 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 John Johnson Elementary School Student Council President, Pierce Taunton whom was introduced by John Johnson Teacher, Mrs. Tammi Enfinger. Mrs. Enfinger also showed a video representing the students, faculty and staff of John Johnson Elementary School.

Dr. Cochran announced that an action item for entering Executive session would be added to the agenda.

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. Kelvin Bouie made the second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

(Please note that H. Brock Washington distributed a written document to BOE Chairperson, Dr. Sydney Cochran and District 6 BOE Member Jacky Grubbs as the members were entering Executive Session).

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: None.

Superintendent Notes:

Dr. Rayfield shared information regarding the final days of the 2013 – 2014 school year. Dr. Rayfield also commented on the State Funding Increase (Budget) proposal by Georgia Legislators.
INFORMATION ITEMS:

I. Administrative Services Report:

A. Financial: Tim Matthews, Chief Financial Officer, reported that with 75% of the school year completed, we have expended 71% of the budget. ESPLOST receipts for March were $353,000 and are up from the prior month, and down by 4% for the year.

B. School Food Service: Debbie Purcell, SFS Director reported that at 75% of the year, SFS had expended 76% of their budget. Mrs. Purcell also commented that the School Food Service Department is busy preparing for the Summer Feeding Program and upgrading computer software.

C. Maintenance: Jerry Mills, Maintenance Director reported on the new Jones Wheat Elementary School site. Overall, the new Jones Wheat Elementary School Project is progressing well. Eight local masons were added to the work crew staff this seek due to the project being somewhat behind due to inclement weather.

D. Transportation: Farrell Lawrence, Transportation Director – Absent.

E. Kathy Varner, Federal Programs Director reported on the continuous review of Short-Term Action Plans (STAP) for schools scheduled on April 28 and May 2, 2014. Mrs. Varner also reported on the preparation for Migrant Summer School to begin in June for six weeks.

F. Dr. April Aldridge, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Curriculum reported on the recent and upcoming test administrations for Decatur County Schools. Dr. Aldridge reported that this is the season of testing with anticipation. The tests consist of the CRCT, GHST, AP, EOCT and final exams.

G. Dr. Suzi Bonifay, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Curriculum - Absent.

H. Catherine Gossett, Exceptional Education Director reported on preparing for the Special Olympics to be held Thursday, May 1, 2014. Exceptional Education students from Decatur, Seminole, Miller and Early Counties will be participating.

I. Technology: Steve Dunn, Director reported on the process of pulling network cable for the new Jones-Wheat Elementary School. Mr. Dunn also elaborated on plans for the rollout of online re-testing of the CRCT.

Mr. Jacky Grubbs 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. Jacky Grubbs made a motion to adjourn executive session with a second by Mr. Randall Jones. The motion carried and the Board adjourned executive session. Dr. Cochran called the meeting back to order.
ACTION ITEMS:

1. Recommend Approval of Out-of-State and Overnight Field Trips: [No cost to the board]
   - BMS, Georgia Studies Tour, April 21 – 25, 2014.
   Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to approve Out-of-State and Overnight Field Trip requests. Mr. Kelvin Bouie gave the second. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Recommend Reappointment of Lee Bush and Michele Hufstetler to serve on the Decatur County Library Board – July 1, 2014 June 30, 2017. Mr. Randall Jones made a motion to reappoint Lee Bush and Michele Hufstetler to serve on the Decatur County Library Board. Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Recommend Approval of bids for computers and software upgrades for New Jones-Wheat Elementary School. Mr. Winston Rollins made a motion to approve the bids for computers and software upgrades for the New Jones-Wheat Elementary School. Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Recommendation of Personnel - Superintendent Rayfield presented the Board with the April 2014 personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Jacky Grubbs 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. Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a second to the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned.

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