The Decatur County Board of Education met for the Work Session Meeting on April 21, 2016, 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. Kelvin Bouie, Sr., Mr. Jacky Grubbs, Mr. Bobby Barber, Jr., Mr. Keith Lyle, and Mr. Winston Rollins.

Dr. Cochran called the meeting to order.

Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a motion to add an agenda item, enter Executive Session for personnel. Mr. Jacky Grubbs gave a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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.

The Board of Education members passed a preliminary budget with a vote of five to one. Mr. Keith Lyle cast the dissenting vote.

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

**Reminder of Action Item(s):**

**Superintendent Notes:**

**REMINDERS:**

1). FFA Banquet – Monday, April 25, 2016 – Cloud Livestock Facility – 7:00 p.m.
2). DCAE Retirement Banquet – May 2, 2016 – BHS Cafeteria – 6:00 p.m.
3). PAGE Banquet – May 16, 2016 – BHS Cafeteria – 6:00 p.m.
4). May BOE Meeting – Thursday, May 19, 2016, 6:00 p.m. Work Session, 7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting, Decatur County Schools Support Center.
5). Baccalaureate – Sunday, May 22, 2016, 7:00 p.m., BHS Gymnasium
6). Graduation – Thursday, May 26, 2016, 8:00p.m., BHS Gymnasium
7). See attached sheet for other School Activities

Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Kelvin Bouie gave a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.
The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on April 21, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at the Decatur County Schools Support Center. Members present were: Dr. Sydney Cochran, Chairman, Mr. Kelvin Bouie, Sr., Mr. Jacky Grubbs, Mr. Bobby Barber, Jr., Mr. Keith Lyle, and Mr. Winston Rollins.

Dr. Cochran called the meeting to order. Mr. Jacky Grubbs gave the invocation. The inspirational message was provided by Bainbridge High School Teacher, Dr. Heidi Chambers whom presented BHS student Rachel Rentz whom read her “Georgia Laws of Life” Essay.

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. Jacky Grubbs made the second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- Mrs. Grace Cooper read a letter regarding the Head Basketball Coaching Position.
- Mr. Robert A. Grier extended an invitation to COGITO Mental Health Services.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION and PRESENTATIONS:

Superintendent Rayfield presented:

- Recognition of BHS Boys Region Swimming Champions - Superintendent Rayfield with BHS Principal, Mr. Tommie Howell recognized BHS 2016 Boys Region Swimming Champions.
- Recognition of BHS Girls Region Swimming Champions - Superintendent Rayfield with BHS Principal, Mr. Tommie Howell recognized BHS 2016 Girls Region Swimming Champions.
- Recognition of BHS Georgia Laws of Life Essay Winners - Superintendent Rayfield with BHS Principal, Mr. Tommie Howell recognized BHS Georgia Laws of Life Essay Winners. The winners are: Rachel Rentz, Elijah Harris, Rickia Hughes and Brad Mitchell.

- Superintendent Rayfield reported:
  ➢ 2016 Spring Testing
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 75% of the budget. ESPLOST receipts for March were $326,000.00 which is up from the prior month and up by 4.6% year to date.

B. School Food Service: Mrs. Debbie Purcell, SFS Director - reported that with 75% of the year complete, SFS had expended 77% of their budget. Mrs. Purcell noted that a “taste test” was held today with students in the Family and Consumer Classes at BHS. Mrs. Purcell also noted that food cost is high and SFS is re-evaluating items served in the program as well as preparing for the summer feeding program.

C. Maintenance: Jerry Mills, Maintenance Director – reported that the Maintenance Department has been preparing for summer maintenance work. Mr. Mills acknowledged the presence of Mr. Blake Flowers from Georgia Power and stated that the system received a Georgia Power Rebate check for conservation and management.

D. Transportation: Steve Caulder, Transportation Director – reported that the Transportation Department is busy closing out the school year and completing Athletic Field trips.

E. Kathy Varner, Federal Programs Director - reported that the Federal Programs Department is busy planning for the 2016 – 2017 school year. Mrs. Varner noted that the Flexible Learning Program at BHS will be monitored on Monday. Mrs. Varner further noted that Migrant Summer School will convene June 6, 2016 – July 1, 2016.

F. Dr. April Aldridge, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning – reported that Georgia Milestone Testing was completed 100% online with success. Dr. Aldridge also noted that the Curriculum Department is looking ahead to adopting an ELA Program aligned with Georgia Standards of Excellence. She also invited the BOE members to attend the Second Annual STEM Showcase to be held on Thursday, May 12, 2016 at the Kirbo Center beginning at 4:00 p.m. whereby Dr. Suzi Bonifay will also be honored.

G. Dr. Suzi Bonifay, Assistant Superintendent for Evaluation – thanked all Administrators for their diligent work with TKES and LKES. Dr. Bonifay further stated that “maybe we are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel.”

H. Catherine Gossett, Exceptional Education Director - reported that the next second Circle of Adults Focusing on Education (CAFÉ) meeting will be held on April 28, 2016 at Jones Wheat Elementary School.

I. Steve Dunn, Technology Director – reported that Online State Testing had begun without any difficulty.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Recommend Appointment of Shirley Beck to the Decatur County Gilbert H. Gregg Library Board July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2019. Mr. Bobby Barber motioned
to appoint Shirley Beck to the Decatur County Gilbert H. Gregg Library Board. Mr. Kelvin Bouie seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

2. Recommend Final Approval of Board Policies
   (1) Policy DFC – Federal Funds
   (2) Policy DIE – Fraud Prevention

   Mr. Jacky Grubbs motioned to approve Board Policies DCF and DIE. Mr. Kelvin Bouie seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

3. Recommend Approval of Field Trip Requests (At no Cost to BOE).
   BMS – Georgia Studies Tour – May 16 – 20, 2016 – Georgia Locations
   BHS – National Academic Competition – May 27 – 30, 2016 – Dallas, Texas

   Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a motion to approve the Field Trip Requests. Mr. Jacky Grubbs seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

4. Recommendation of Personnel - Superintendent Rayfield presented the Board with the April 2016 personnel recommendations and resignations for all schools with the exceptions of BMS and WBE. Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to accept the personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Superintendent Rayfield presented the Board with the April 2016 personnel recommendations and resignations for BMS. Mr. Winston Rollins made a motion to accept the personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a second to the motion. Mr. Jacky Grubbs abstained due to a relative being employed at BMS. The motion carried. Superintendent Rayfield presented the Board with the April 2016 personnel recommendations and resignations for WBE. Mr. Winston Rollins made a motion to accept the personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a second to the motion. Mr. Keith Lyle abstained due to a relative being employed at WBE. The motion carried.

   Mr. Bobby Barber 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             Fred H. Rayfield, Jr.
Chair or Presiding Officer    Secretary