Decatur County Board of Education
December 17, 2015
Work Session Meeting

The Decatur County Board of Education met for the Work Session Meeting on
December 17, 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. Bobby Barber, Jr., Mr. Keith Lyle, and Mr. Winston Rollins.
Mr. Kelvin Bouie, Sr. was absent.

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.
- Radio and Communications Update - information provided by 911
  Director, Ms. Tonya Griffin and Motorola Representative, Mr. Glenn
  Hendry.

**Superintendent Notes:**

**REMINDERS:**

3). Board Training – February 4, 2016, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Mr. Bobby Barber 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
Decatur County Board of Education  
December 17, 2015  
Regular Minutes

The Decatur County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on December 17, 2015, 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. Keith Lyle, and Mr. Winston Rollins. Mr. Kelvin Bouie, Sr. was absent.

Dr. Cochran called the meeting to order. Mr. Jacky Grubbs gave the invocation. The inspirational message with songs was provided by Hutto Middle School Chorus under the direction of HMS Music teacher, Mrs. Laura Bowen.

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

Mr. Bobby Barber 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:

- Holiday Card - Superintendent Rayfield recognized JWE student Hannah Marie Wilcher who designed the 2015 System Christmas card.
- ANS Nuclear Art Contest - Superintendent Rayfield and BMS Principal, Mr. John Wooden recognized BMS student, Daniel Sellers, whom was an Honorable Mention in the Nuclear Art Contest.
- GSBA Quality Board Award 2015 - Superintendent Rayfield recognized the DCBOE members for having completed the GSBA Quality Board Certification.
- Reward Schools Highest Progress - Superintendent Rayfield and Assistant Superintendent, Dr. April Aldridge recognized John Johnson Elementary Principal, Mrs. Tammi Godwin; Potter Street Elementary Street Principal, Dr. Lillie Brown and West Bainbridge Elementary School Principal, Mr. Jamie Ard on their school’s reward for the highest progress over a three-year period on state testing.
Superintendent Rayfield reported:

- Attended two legislative visits with delegates of the General Assembly at RESA.
- Dialogued about the merger with Albany State University and Darton College with College Administrators and School Superintendents. Eight to Nine Hundred decisions will need to be made in the next six months affecting public education and higher education.
- Currently reviewing Strategic Waiver Contracts for school accountability.
- Participation in instructional rounds with TIES Representative marc Siciliano.
- Held facilities meeting regarding to our Five Year Facility Plan.
- Congratulations to Bainbridge High School football team on a 12-1 season.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

I. Administrative Services Report:

A. Financial: Tim Matthews, Chief Financial Officer - reported that with 42% of the school year completed, we are 2% under budget. ESPLOST receipts for November were $350,000.00 which is up from the prior month and down by 12.5% than last year.

B. School Food Service: Mrs. Debbie Purcell, SFS Director - reported that with 42% of the year complete, SFS had expended 39% of their budget. Mrs. Purcell noted that the SFS Department has partnered with the Bainbridge High School Wellness Class to promote healthy living styles. Mrs. Purcell also noted that SFS is encouraging the Farm to School Program by serving local fresh fruits and vegetables in all school cafeterias.

C. Maintenance: Jerry Mills, Maintenance Director – reported that the Maintenance Department has been busy this past month completing 145 maintenance requests to date. Mr. Mills also noted that the annual fire alarm inspection was ongoing. He further noted that all schools will have pest control service and inspections over the holiday break.

D. Transportation: Steve Caulder, Transportation Director - reported that the Transportation Department is busy analyzing bus routes and preparing for state bus inspections.

E. Kathy Varner, Federal Programs Director - reported that it has been a busy December. BHS is administering tests in SLOs, EOCs, and finals. She also noted that last week she
travelled with the Migrant Interpreter to Macon, Georgia to attend a State Comprehensive Needs Assessment Session

F. Dr. April Aldridge, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning - Absent.

G. Dr. Suzi Bonifay, Assistant Superintendent for Evaluation – reported that Standards are continuing to be taught. Training is occurring to determine acceleration and/or remediation by differentiating the curriculum for every student – giving every student what they need. Dr. Bonifay noted that federal monitoring will occur in March.

H. Catherine Gossett, Exceptional Education Director - reported that the Exceptional Education Student Success Plan has been submitted to the State Department of Education. She further noted that the next Circle of Adults Focusing on Education (CAFÉ) meeting will be held on January 28, 2016.

I. Steve Dunn, Technology Director – reported that the Technology Department is busy working on on-line testing at BHS. Brook Paige, Instructional Technology Director – reported that Decatur County Schools will host their first Technology Fair on February 26, 2016.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Recommend Approval of Board Meeting Dates for 2016. Superintendent Rayfield presented the Board with a list of Board meeting dates for 2016. The Board will continue to meet at 7:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. Mr. Winston Rollins made a motion to set the Board Meeting Dates as listed. Mr. Jacky Grubbs gave the second. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

2. Recommendation of Personnel - Superintendent Rayfield presented the Board with the December 2015 personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to accept the personnel recommendations and resignations. Dr. Sydney Cochran made a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

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