The Decatur County Board of Education met for the Work Session Meeting on July 16, 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. Kelvin Bouie, Sr., Mr. Keith Lyle and Mr. Winston Rollins.

Dr. Cochran called the meeting to order.

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

- State and Financial update - information provided by Superintendent, Dr. Fred Rayfield and CFO, Mr. Tim Matthews.
- Board Training Plan FY 16.
- BHS Traffic Management Expenditure
- DCBOE Police Department – Implementation of Taser Technology - information provided by School Police Chief – Maurice Gaines.
- Executive Session for Property Disposal and Personnel

Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to enter executive session to discuss property disposal and personnel with a second by Dr. Cochran. The motion carried unanimously and the Board entered executive session. No action was taken. Mr. Kelvin Bouie 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.

**Superintendent Notes:**

**REMINDERS:**

1. Called Meeting to set FY16 Millage Rate – Monday, July 27, 2016, 6:30 p. m. – Board Room.
2. Decatur County Schools Convocation – Monday, August 3, 2015, 10:00 a.m. – BHS Gymnasium.
3. First Day of School – Friday, August 7, 2015.

Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Jacky Grubbs 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 July 16, 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. Kelvin Bouie, Sr., Mr. Keith Lyle and Mr. Winston Rollins.

Dr. Cochran called the meeting to order. Mr. Jacky Grubbs gave the invocation.

Mr. Jacky Grubbs made a motion to accept the agenda. Mr. Kelvin Bouie 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:

- Mr. Brock Washington, NAACP Chairperson, read a statement opposing School Police Officers carrying tasers.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION and PRESENTATIONS:

- New Telehealth School Clinic/Grant Award – Potter Street Elementary was awarded the Telehealth Grant for 2015 -2016.
- BMS and BMS Principal, Mr. John Wooden, was recognized for the removal of BMS from the State’s Focus School list.

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 2014 – 2015.

B. School Food Service: Mrs. Debbie Purcell, SFS Director - Absent.

C. Maintenance: Jerry Mills, Maintenance Director – reported that the Maintenance Department is working hard to open all schools on schedule and on time for the beginning of the 2015 – 2016 school year.
D. Transportation: Steve Caulder, Transportation Director – reported that the Transportation Department is working on bus routes and bus inspections for the 2015 – 2016 school year. Mr. Caulder noted that he is new to the position, but looking forward to having a wonderful school year.

E. Kathy Varner, Federal Programs Director - reported that the Migrant summer school program will end on Friday, July 17, 2015. Mrs. Varner noted that all schools worked on their School Improvement Plans in June.

F. Dr. April Aldridge, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning reported that the Curriculum Department is busy preparing for teachers to return on August 3, 2015. Dr. Aldridge also noted that educators are being trained for the continuation of online assessment preparation and technology use in the classroom.

G. Dr. Suzi Bonifay, Assistant Superintendent for Evaluation reported on the continuous analysis of data attached with the new evaluation process and SLOs.

H. Catherine Gossett, Exceptional Education Director - reported on the Exceptional Education Department preparing for the use of the new “ASPIRE” Program for the 2015 – 2016 school term. Mrs. Gossett noted that Pre-K summer school ended today.

I. Technology: Steve Dunn, Director - reported on summer projects being almost complete. Mr. Dunn also commented on ERATE projects being awarded to BMS and BHS. Mr. Dunn noted that the Technology Department is busy preparing for the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) implementation for the 2015 – 2016 school term.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Recommend to declare School Nutrition Property as Surplus. Mr. Grubbs made a motion to declare School Nutrition Property as Surplus. Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Recommend Approval of Taser use by Decatur County Schools Police Department. Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to recommend the approval of Taser use in Decatur County Schools by the Decatur County Police Department. Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a second to the motion. Mr. Winston Rollins and Mr. Keith Lyle voted no to the motion. Dr. Cochran, Mr. Barber, Mr. Bouie, and Mr. Grubbs voted yes to the motion. The motion carried by majority vote.

3. Recommendation of Personnel - Superintendent Rayfield presented the Board with the July 2015 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. 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.

J. Sydney Cochran  
Chair or Presiding Officer

Fred H. Rayfield, Jr.  
Secretary