The Decatur County Board of Education met for the Work Session Meeting on September 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, Jr., Mr. Bobby Barber, 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:

- Financial Update - information provided by Superintendent, Dr. Fred Rayfield and Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Tim Matthews.
- REACH Scholarship Program - information provided by Superintendent, Dr. Fred Rayfield and Federal Programs Director, Mrs. Kathy Varner.
- Review Policy and Waiver Requests - information provided by Superintendent, Dr. Fred Rayfield and Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Tim Matthews.
- Executive Session for Personnel.

Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel with a second by Mr. Kelvin Bouie. 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. 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). Community Awareness/Child Safety – September 24, 2015, Kirbo Center, 11:30 – 1:30 p.m.

2). Board Training - September 28, 2015, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m., Support Center

3). REACH Scholarship Ceremony – September 30, 2015, 10:00 a.m.

4). Fall Break – October 12-13, 2015

Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Winston Rollins gave a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously. 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 September 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, Mr. Kelvin Bouie, Sr., 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 Potter Street Elementary School Teacher, Ms. Melissa Benton. Ms. Benton showed a video highlighting students at Potter Street Elementary School engaged in academic learning and enrichment activities.

Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a motion to accept the agenda. Mr. Winston Rollins 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:**

- None.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION and PRESENTATIONS:**

Superintendent Rayfield presented:

- Farm to School - Golden Radish Award – Superintendent Rayfield recognized the School Nutrition Program for winning the Silver Golden Radish Silver Award. The Decatur County School District will be honored on October 7, 2015 in Atlanta, Georgia. The district has six schools growing their own edible gardens, each with a specific focus such as Hutto Middle School’s greens garden. Teachers at both Hutto Middle School and Bainbridge Middle School incorporated farm to school into their curriculum by combining STEM projects with ideas from local agricultural businesses. Locally grown food items were featured and served in the School Nutrition Program.
- Financial Reporting Award of Distinction – Superintendent Rayfield recognized Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Tim Matthews for receiving the Financial Reporting Award of Distinction.
- Dr. Cochran introduced Mrs. Michelle Miller, Chairperson for the Teacher of the Year selection committee. Mrs. Miller introduced the Decatur County Teachers of the Year along with each school principal. The Teachers of the Year are: Jodie Sprenkle - (BHS), Patrick Clark - (BMS), Deanna Cross - (HMS), Rhonda Farmer - (EKE), Tiffany Rambo - (JJE), Leigh Powell - (JWE), Carol Watts - (PSE), and Tiffany Maxwell - (WBE). Ms. Deanna Cross, Hutto Middle School teacher, was named the Decatur County System Teacher of the Year for 2015 – 2016.
INFORMATION ITEMS:

I. Administrative Services Report:

A. Financial: Tim Matthews, Chief Financial Officer, reported that with 17% of the school year completed, we are 1% under budget. ESPLOST receipts for August were $401,631.00 and up for the two months of the year. Mr. Matthews noted that he is cautiously optimistic about the increase in ESPLOST receipts.

B. School Food Service: Mrs. Debbie Purcell, SFS Director, reported that with 17% of the year complete, SFS had expended 9% of their budget. Mrs. Purcell noted that her department was elated to receive The Golden Radish Farm to School Silver Award, which will be awarded in Atlanta on October 7, 2015.

C. Maintenance: Jerry Mills, Maintenance Director - No report.

D. Transportation: Steve Caulder, Transportation Director – No report.

E. Kathy Varner, Federal Programs Director - reported that all schools are working diligently to implement their School Improvement Plan (SIPs). Ms. Varner stated that migrant enrollment is up for the 2015-2016 school year. Mrs. Varner also noted that Visitor’s Day for Migrant Students at Valdosta State University will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2015. Mrs. Erica Mills, Migrant Interpreter will accompany the students.

F. Dr. April Aldridge, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning reported that teachers and leaders are continuing to display great work at their school sites. Today was Constitution Day and various programs were held throughout the schools. Dr. Aldridge extended an invitation to all board members to observe the wonderful works that are taking place in each school.

G. Dr. Suzi Bonifay, Assistant Superintendent for Evaluation reported that the school system is on track with the requirement for TKES and LKES observations.

H. Catherine Gossett, Exceptional Education Director - reported that the Exceptional Education Department is working on our required system Improvement Plans to develop action steps to improve the graduation rate of students with disabilities. Ms. Gossett noted that the Exceptional Education Department will participate in “ASPIRE”, also known as student led IEPs, and the “CAFÉ” program with facilitator support of the Georgia Department of Education.

I. Steve Dunn, Technology Director - reported ERATE wireless projects were 90% complete at Bainbridge Middle School and 100% complete at Bainbridge High School.
ACTION ITEMS:

1. Final Reading and Recommend Adoption of Policy Revisions:
   JGI – Child Abuse or Neglect,
   JGCD – Medication,
   JCDAE – Weapons,
   JCDAG – Bullying.
   Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to adopt the Policy Revisions of JGI – Child Abuse or Neglect, JGCD – Medication, JCDAE – Weapons and JCDAG – Bullying. Mr. Kevin Bouie gave a second. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Final Reading and Recommend on of New/Replacement Policies:
   JGJA – Suicide Prevention
   GAD – Professional Development Opportunities.
   Mr. Winston Rollins made a motion to recommend the New/Replacement Policies of JGJA – Suicide Prevention and GAD – Professional Development Opportunities. Mr. Kevin Bouie gave the second. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Recommend consideration and approval of Waiver Resolutions: Title 50 Waiver – Instructional Extension SBOE Rule 160-4-2-.14. Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a motion to recommend approval of Waiver Resolutions Title 50 Waiver – Instructional Extension SBOE Rule 160-4-2-.14. Mr. Bobby Barber gave the second. The motion carried unanimously.


5. Recommend Approval of out of state/overnight Field Trip Request – (No cost to BOE).
   (1) BMS Sea Camp, Big Pine Key, Florida - May 8 – 11, 2016.
   (2) JJE 4-H Tidelands Nature Center, Jekyll Island, Georgia – October 28-29, 2015.
   Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to approve out of state/overnight Field Trip Request. Mr. Winston Rollins gave the second. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Recommend to declare transportation inventory items as surplus. Mr. Winston Rollins made a motion to declare transportation inventory items as surplus. Mr. Kelvin Bouie gave the second. The motion carried unanimously.
7. Recommendation of Personnel - Superintendent Rayfield presented the Board with the September 2015 personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Bobby Barber made a motion to accept the personnel recommendations and resignations. Mr. Kelvin Bouie made a second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jacky Grubs 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.

J. Sydney Cochran  
Chair or Presiding Officer

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Secretary