## Statement by the Board Chairman Sydney Cochran:

As Chairman of the Decatur County Board of Education, I stand by my comments that Dr. Rayfield has done an excellent job as Superintendent. There have been no requests made, tasks assigned, or concerns presented by this Board over the past year that Dr. Rayfield has not addressed. From conversations with many individuals over the past year, I have heard positive comments about the Superintendent, his plans and the direction of this school system. The board in a 5 to 1 vote extended Dr. Rayfield's contract as a show of our support for him and his direction without reservation. Dr. Rayfield and his staff have diligently worked to manage our school system through very challenging economic times without any increase in taxes or revenue. This has required much time, effort and planning and I feel that the people of this community appreciate all of their efforts.