

January 14, 2010

6:00 p.m.

The Fannin County Board of Education met in regular session with the following members present: Terry Bramlett, Chairperson; Emily Dunn, Vice-Chairperson; Lewis DeWeese; Junior Farmer; and Bobby Bearden. All members present.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the agenda.

Terry Bramlett, Chairperson, relinquished the chair to Mark Henson, Superintendent, for reorganization of the Board.

Superintendent, Mark Henson, called for nominations for Chairperson for the calendar year 2010.

Emily Dunn nominated Terry Bramlett. Lewis DeWeese nominated Emily Dunn. Ms. Dunn declined the nomination. Lewis DeWeese then nominated Junior Farmer. Lewis DeWeese and Junior Farmer voted in favor of Junior Farmer being Chairperson. Motion failed. Emily Dunn, Bobby Bearden, and Terry Bramlett voted in favor of Terry Bramlett for Chairperson. Motion carried.

Superintendent, Mark Henson, turned the meeting over to the newly elected 2010 Chairperson, Terry Bramlett.

Mr. Bramlett called for nominations for Vice-Chairperson for the calendar year 2010.

Bobby Bearden nominated Emily Dunn. Lewis DeWeese nominated Junior Farmer. Lewis DeWeese and Junior Farmer voted in favor of Junior Farmer being vice-chairperson. Motion failed. Bobby Bearden, Terry Bramlett, and Emily Dunn voted in favor of Emily Dunn for vice-chairperson. Motion carried.

Mr. Bramlett announced that Emily Dunn would be the Vice-Chairperson for 2010.

Upon the recommendation of Mark Henson, Superintendent, a motion was made by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Emily Dunn, to set the Board of Education meeting date for the calendar year 2010 on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. to be held at the Board of Education office. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes from all previous meetings.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the financial report for the month ending December 2009. Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated the SPLOST check received in December for the month of October was \$304,151.80.

Public Comment:

None

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following facility use request:

Alpha Delta Kappa Honorary Teacher's Organization – use of Fannin County High School – on first Tuesday of each month from February through March 2010 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following field trip requests:

Fannin County High School TSA – State TSA Advisory Council Meeting and State Officer Meeting in Valdosta, GA for January 22 – 23, 2010

Fannin County High School FFA – Junior Industry Certification Exam/Georgia Green Industry Update and Conference/Georgia Green Industry Association Junior Certification in Duluth, GA for January 28, 2010

Fannin County High School FFA – Poultry Evaluation Career Development Event Workshop in Dalton, GA for February 2, 2010

Fannin County Middle School Band – District 9 Honor Band at Toccoa Conference Center in Toccoa, GA for February 5, 2010

Fannin County High School Mock Trial Team – Region Competition in Dalton, GA for February 12 – 13, 2010

Fannin County High School Band – Large Group Performance Evaluation in Jasper, GA for March 18, 2010

Fannin County High School Band – Dollywood Parade in Pigeon Forge, TN on March 26 – 28, 2010

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following fund raiser request:

Blue Ridge Elementary School – Sale of Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, February 1 – 28, 2010

East Fannin Elementary School – Sale of World's Finest Chocolate, January 25 – February 5, 2010

Fannin County High School FFA – Sale of meat sticks, January 15 – February 28, 2010

Fannin County High School CTAE Construction – Sale of picnic tables, benches, quilt racks, and various types of wood products built by the construction class, April 12 – 16, 2010 and April 26 – May 7, 2010

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Lynn Doss as the local school board attorney for the 2010 calendar year.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Donald Simpson as a substitute teacher.

Superintendent's Comments:

Mr. Henson reminded board members of the work session that will be held on Thursday, January 21, 2010. Breakfast will be at 8:00 a.m., and the meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. Mr. Henson stated the goal for the work session is to complete board

standards, impact checklists, review the annual report, and if time permits go on a focus walk.

Mr. Henson also reminded board members of the Teacher of the Year (TOTY) Banquet which will be held on January 28, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Fannin County High School Cafeteria.

Mr. Henson stated Georgia School Board Association District 9 Day at the Capital is March 2, 2010. Mr. Henson asked board members to let him know if they would like to attend.

Mr. Henson shared with the board members some New Year's Resolutions he and his staff made for 2010:

1. To implement fully standards based classrooms in the Fannin County School System.
2. To reaffirm our commitment to collaborative planning for our teachers.
3. Continue implementation of the Georgia Performance Standards.
4. Support the PBS behavior program that each of our five schools has undertaken

Mr. Henson stated the decision had been made to have school on January 18, February 15, and February 16, 2010 to make up for three of the four days missed due to the inclement weather.

Board Members' Comments:

Emily Dunn thanked all of the personnel who worked during the snow days. Ms. Dunn stated she knew a lot of people worked behind the scenes to make sure all of the facilities were okay.

Bobby Bearden thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Mr. Bearden stated it was the beginning of his eighth year on the board.

Junior Farmer thanked everyone for what all they did for the school system. Mr. Farmer stated it was an honor to serve on the school board. Mr. Farmer also stated he would like to see more of the board members attend the sports game.

Lewis DeWeese stated he was impressed with the explanation on how roads are checked and if it was safe to have school that Benny Long, Director of Transportation and Safety, gave on Tuesday. Mr. DeWeese stated he did not realize how involved this process was.

Terry Bramlett thanked Bobby Bearden for being the board vice chairperson for the past year. Mr. Bramlett stated it was an honor to serve as board chairperson this past year, and he appreciated Ms. Dunn's nomination and the board's vote for him to continue as board chairperson for another year.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the meeting adjourned subject to being called into special session by the chairman when deemed necessary.

Terry Bramlett, Chairperson

Mark Henson, Superintendent

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