

September 10, 2009  
6:00 p.m.

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

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the agenda.

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 July 2009. Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated the SPLOST check received in August for the month of June was \$278,995.71.

Public Comment:

None.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Fannin County School System and Highland Rivers Community Service Board Behavioral Health Services to provide School-Based Behavioral Health services to students (see attached).

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Johnson Paving to pave the lower parking lot next to the bus garage.

Moved, seconded, and carried to modify the total furlough days for administrators who agreed to give up five days in FY10 from a total of eight to five.

The following school year 2009 – 2010 Blue Ridge Elementary P.T.O. fundraisers were presented for information purposes:

- PTO Snack Day – monthly
- School Store
- Box Tops & Soup Labels – twice a year
- Candy Bar Sales – March
- Fall Festival – October or November
- Secret Santa Shop – December
- Santa Pictures – December
- Valentine's Day – balloon or stuffed animal & small treat bags
- Penny War – September
- Dairy Queen Family Night
- Huck's Family Night
- Children's Art Auction
- Family Bingo Nights

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

East Fannin Elementary School Kindergarten Class – Sale of Doughnuts from September 2009 – May 2010

West Fannin Elementary School – Sale of Yearbooks from February 1 – March 31, 2010

Fannin County Middle School – Sale of Coca-Cola Products – dates to be announced

Fannin County Middle School Technology Student Association (TSA) – Sale of World’s Finest Chocolate from September 11, 2009 – March 2010

Fannin County High School Technology Student Association (TSA) – Sale of Clocks manufactured by TSA from September 12 – December 10, 2009

Fannin County High School Skills USA – Sale of Spirit Ribbons on September 12, 2009

Fannin County High School Skills USA – Sale of Candy Bars from September 12 – November 20, 2009

Fannin County High School Skills USA & Future Business Leaders of America – Powder Puff Football Game between September 14 – October 23, 2009

Fannin County High School Skills USA & Future Business Leaders of America – Homecoming Dance between September 14 – October 24, 2009

Fannin County High School Skills USA – Sale of Alzheimer Awareness Bracelets from September 14 – October 30, 2009

Fannin County High School Skills USA & Health Occupation Students of America – Sale of Gourmet Cookie Dough from September 28 – October 30, 2009

Fannin County High School FFA – Sale of Citrus Fruit from October 1 – November 1, 2009

Moved, seconded, and carried to nominate *The News Observer* for the Beacon Award. This award is presented by Georgia School Business Association (GSBA) and it is to recognize print and electronic media representatives/organizations whose coverage over time has created understanding of public education issues by informing the general public about programs, policies and/or issues affecting the public schools, students, and/or communities.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following substitute teachers:

Amy Beth Akins  
Janet Burfield  
Michael Campbell  
Robert Collins  
JoAnn Deal  
Robin Parks  
Alpha Bailey Smith

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following substitute custodians:

Janet Burfield  
Jammie Phillips  
Donald Simpson  
James Winkler

Superintendent’s Comments:

Mr. Henson shared the Quia survey results on how furlough days would be deducted. 144 employees voted to divide the three days' pay over four months (September 2009 through December 2009). 177 employees voted to divide the three days over twelve months (September 2009 through August 2010). Mr. Henson stated the furloughs would be deducted over a twelve month period since this is what the majority of employees stated they wanted.

Mr. Henson thanked everyone who attended the Fannin/Gilmer football game. Mr. Henson stated he was pleased with how well the event went.

Mr. Henson praised *The News Observer* for their support of SPLOST.

Mr. Henson thanked everyone who attended the recent open house for the stadium complex. Mr. Henson thanked Candy Sisson, Denise Messer, and Linda Ezell for the hard work they put into making this event so successful.

Board Members' Comments:

Emily Dunn thanked *The News Observer* for their support and accuracy in covering the school system. Ms. Dunn stated the coverage the newspaper gave the school system was fair and it covered all aspects of the school system from academics to sports. Ms. Dunn also stated she was pleased with the stadium complex open house.

Bobby Bearden stated he appreciated everyone who came out for his brother Jimmy's funeral.

Junior Farmer stated he appreciated the coverage *The News Observer* gave the school system. Mr. Farmer stated he was impressed with how well the events had run at the stadium complex.

Lewis DeWeese stated he would like to give a personal thank you to *The News Observer* for their coverage of Fannin County Schools. Mr. DeWeese stated he found the coverage to be enjoyable and informative. Mr. DeWeese also stated he thought Doug Davenport, former Fannin County High School principal, did an outstanding job speaking at the stadium complex open house.

Terry Bramlett stated *The News Observer* was a critical link between the school system and the citizens of Fannin County. Mr. Bramlett thanked Art Hubbard for his dedication to the stadium complex project and its success. Mr. Bramlett stated this structure has given students a renewed sense of pride.

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.

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Terry Bramlett, Chairperson

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Mark Henson, Superintendent