

September 13, 2012
6:00 p.m.

The Fannin County Board of Education met in regular session with the following members present: Sandra Mercier, Chair; Steve Stanley, Vice-Chair; Bobby Bearden; Terry Bramlett; and Lewis DeWeese. All members present.

By motion from Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Steve Stanley, to approve the following items on the consent agenda. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Approve the consent agenda.

Approve the meeting minutes from August 9 and September 11, 2012.

Approve the following facility use request:

Milestones Learning Center – use of Fannin County Middle School gym on Thursday, May 16, from 3:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Friday, May 17, from 3:15 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.;

Alpha Delta Kappa Honorary Teacher Organization – use of Lynn Burch’s classroom at Fannin County High School on November 13, 2012, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and

Area law enforcement personnel – use of Fannin County High School new field house on September 25 - 28, 2012, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Approve the following school field trip requests:

Blue Ridge Elementary School Third Grade – Ruby Falls/Chattahoochee Nature Center in Chattanooga, TN, on December 6, 2012;

ALPHA students – Atlanta Puppetry Art Center and Museum in Atlanta, GA, on October 2, 2012;

Fannin County High School Junior and Senior students – Georgia Tech and Kennesaw State University in Atlanta, GA, and Kennesaw, GA, on September 20, 2012;

Fannin County High School HOSA – Georgia HOSA Fall Rally Prep at Georgia Fairgrounds in Perry, GA, on October 9, 2012;

Fannin County High School Tenth and Twelfth Grades – Dalton College and State University in Dalton, GA, on October 12, 2012;

Fannin County High School Economics Classes – Federal Reserve Bank

in Atlanta, GA, on October 25, 2012;

Fannin County High School HOSA – Fall Leadership Conference and Competition Day in Atlanta, GA, on November 7, 2012;

Fannin County High School HOSA – State Officer Dinner in Athens, GA, on December 2, 2012; and

Fannin County High School Band – Spring Performance Trip to New York and Washington, D.C., on March 25 – 31, 2013.

Approve the following fundraiser requests:

Blue Ridge Elementary School Fifth Grade – Sale of ice pops, popcorn, and juice – September 14, 2012 – May 24, 2013;

Blue Ridge Elementary School Fifth Grade – Sale of Krispie Kreme doughnuts – September 14, 2012 – May 24, 2013;

Blue Ridge Elementary School – Sale of coffee mugs, t-shirts, key chains, and mouse pads with student art work printed on items – September 24 – December 28, 2012;

ALPHA students – Sale of Krispie Kreme doughnuts – September 17 – 24, 2012;

Fannin County Middle School TSA – Sale of candy canes – September 14, 2012 – May 1, 2013;

Fannin County Middle School TSA – Three car washes throughout the school year – September 14, 2012 – May 13, 2013;

Fannin County Middle School PE Department - Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Grades (girls) will collect sponsorship monies and participate in the Miss FCMS pageant;

Fannin County High School HOSA – Sale of candy bars – September 13 – October 4, 2012;

Fannin County High School Band – Ticket sales for fall concert – September 14 – 28, 2012;

Fannin County High School Baseball – Raffle tickets for a leaf blower – September 14 – October 19, 2012;

Fannin County High School Band – 5K to Broadway – September 14 – November 3, 2012;

Fannin County High School Band – Benefit concert – outside local bands to perform as a benefit for the band – September 14 – November 17, 2012;

Fannin County High School Student Council – Sale of last year’s class t-shirts – September 14 – December 20, 2012;

Fannin County High School Wrestling – Corn Hole Toss Tournament outside of home football games – September 14 – December 19, 2012;

Fannin County High School Foreign Language Club – Yard Sale – September 15 – October 15, 2012;

Fannin County High School Wrestling – Sale of advertisement banners – September 15 – December 19, 2012;

Fannin County High School FFA – Ten percent of profit from Zaxby’s sales – September 18, 2012;

Fannin County High School Cross Country – Students will pay 50 cents per vote on a teacher to “get pied” at an assembly – September 20 – November 30, 2012;

Fannin County High School Boys Basketball – Pledges for a free throw-a-thon – September 22, 2012;

Fannin County High School TSA – Sale of chocolate candy bars – September 24, 2012 – May 24, 2012;

Fannin County High School Volleyball – Ten percent of profit from Dairy Queen – Every Monday of each month – September 24, 2012 – May 24, 2013;

Fannin County High School – Powder Puff Football – October 1 – 20, 2012;

Fannin County High School Student Council – 2012 FCHS Homecoming Dance – October 1 – 20, 2012;

Fannin County High School FFA – Sale of Citrus – October 1 – 31, 2012;

Fannin County High School FFA – Sale of annual plants – October 1 – 31, 2012;

Fannin County High School Band Boosters – Cohutta Cove Mini Golf will donate \$3.00 back for games played by band members and family members – October 1 – 31, 2012;

Fannin County High School Student Council – Sale of class t-shirts – October 1, 2012 – May 24, 2013;

Fannin County High School FBLA/FCCLA/FFA/HOSA/SkillsUSA/TSA – Kiwanis’s charity Bingo night – selling bingo cards, concessions, and cake auction – October 9, 2012;

Fannin County High School HOSA – Sale of gourmet cookie dough – October 11 – 13, 2012;

Fannin County High School Student Council – Copper/silver war among classes with proceeds being donated to a charity/cause – October 15 – 19, 2012;

Fannin County High School Band – Christmas concert – November 12 – December 13, 2012;

Fannin County High School Band – Sale of fruit – November 15 – December 15, 2012; and

Fannin County High School Foreign Language Club – Sale of hot chocolate and baked goods – November 24, 2012.

Mark Henson, Superintendent, presented the Board with the following fundraiser requests for the Blue Ridge Elementary School PTO. This information was shared as information only with no specific date(s) referenced; no vote was necessary.

- School store
- Fall festival
- Holiday ornament shop
- Valentine lollipops
- Stuffed animals
- Monthly snack sales

Mark Henson, Superintendent, presented the board with the following fundraiser requests for the West Fannin Elementary School PTO. This information was presented as information only. No vote was necessary.

- School wide snack days
- Fall carnival
- Santa shop

Santa pictures
Papa's Pizza
West Fannin t-shirts
Candle sales (FBO playground)
Penny war (FBO playground)
School store

Provided members of the Gideons International permission to distribute New Testament Bibles to fifth grade students in October and to high school seniors when they receive their caps and gowns for graduation in May 2013. Acceptance of the Bibles by students would be totally voluntary.

Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Fannin County Department of Public Health to provide a facility, if needed, should a possible health emergency occur.

Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Fannin County Department of Public Health to provide facilities, if needed, for a special needs population shelter.

Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Fannin County Department of Public Health to provide Scoliosis Screening of public school children in the at-risk population, ages 10 – 15 years.

Public Comment:

None.

After public comment, motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve the financial report for the month ending July 31, 2012. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Mr. Henson stated the SPLOST check received in August for the month of June was \$354,826.17.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Steve Stanley, to approve a two-year bid from Georgia Mountain Health to administer influenza vaccines for \$15.00 and pneumonia vaccines for \$60.00 at all five schools, transportation department, and central office.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve a maximum class size resolution for the 2012 – 2013 school year authorizing an increase in class size from 1 to 4 students in grades K-12 in Regular Education, 1 to 4 students in English Language Learners (ELL), 1 to 8 students in Gifted, 1 to 4 students in Early Intervention Program (EIP), 1 to 4 students in Remedial Education Program (REP), 1 to 4 students in Vocational (CTAE), 1 to 4

students in Alternative Education Program (AEP), and 1 to 4 students in Special Education. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve the purchase of one 72-passenger school bus from Peach State Trucks – Thomas for \$87,777.00. The Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) will reimburse Fannin County Schools \$76,219.50 with state bond funds. The difference of \$11,557.50 will be paid out of local funds. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Lewis DeWeese to purchase two 20-ton rooftop gas packs and one 10-ton gas pack from Mundy's Heating & Air Inc. for \$42,290.00 out of SPLOST funds to be installed at the Performing Arts Center. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Lewis DeWeese to approve the Local Board Training Plan and to have a speaker come in and do a three-hour presentation for the Board on communicating the school system message. Members were in agreement to do this on Thursday, November 8, before the regularly scheduled meeting. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to accept the resignations of Sarah Kaylor effective August 24, 2012; Misty Callihan effective July 1, 2012; and Ulas Thomas effective August 1, 2012. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve Amanda Sisson as a technology specialist. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve Danica Ball as a teacher for the 2012 – 2013 school year. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Steve Stanley, to approve Don Thomas as a bus driver. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve the following substitute teachers contingent on completion of a satisfactory background check:

Alicia Baugh
Jes Beard
Kylee Carroll
Brittany Chastain
Erin Colbert
Tamuel Fowler
Vickie Fontaine
Margaret Ferguson
Chase Green
Melissa Greene

Robin Hilton
Brittany Johnson
Erica Jones
Judy Lackey
Patrick Lindstrom
Donna Luce
Diane Parker
Candy Rilling
Holly Ross
Kelly Rowland
April Shields
Judith Solberg
Alesha Stiles
Scott Wibel

All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Steve Stanley, to approve the following substitute custodians contingent on completion of a satisfactory background check:

Vance Allen
Jes Beard
Janice Long
Steve May
Steven C. Woody
Timothy Wooten

All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Steve Stanley, to approve the following substitute school nutrition workers contingent on completion of a satisfactory background check:

Cindy Crowder
JoLynn DeLaurelle
Vicki Fontaine
Kimberly Lopez
Lauren McMann
Holly Ross
Jojetta Watkins

All members voted yes; motion carried.

Superintendent's Comments:

Mr. Henson expressed his disappointment about the maximum class size waiver that was approved earlier during the meeting. Mr. Henson stated the waiver had to be passed because of continued state funding cuts for the Fannin County Board of Education. Mr. Henson also expressed concerns about future funding developments.

Board Members' Comments:

Bobby Bearden expressed regret in having to increase class sizes. He stated any Board member who is not here for the children should not be on the Board.

Terry Bramlett stated it is an honor to be a part of this school system. He stated that he views local control as the best choice for local school systems.

Lewis DeWeese stated he is in total agreement with Mr. Henson and other Board members.

Steve Stanley stated he thinks local control is great, and it seems to work well for this system.

Sandra Mercier stated that sometimes you need to stand up for what you believe.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, a motion was made by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to adjourn subject to being called into special session by the Chair when deemed necessary. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Sandra Mercier, Chairperson

Mark Henson, Superintendent