

October 11, 2007
6:00 p.m.

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

Moved, seconded, and carried to add a lease agreement on the Fannin Middle School house as an agenda item and 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 August 2007.

Wendy Reynolds, Career, Technology, Agriculture, and Education (CTAE) Director presented a short Power Point explaining our Career Technology programs and CTAE review that the high school recently underwent.

Art Hubbard, Assistant Superintendent, gave the board an update on the various construction projects (see attachment). Mr. Hubbard presented several bid options to board members in regard to the Fannin County High School athletic complex. Board members gave Mr. Hubbard the authority to do the following: Do not get a bid on artificial turf. Do get bids on urethane and rubber coating for the track. Build the extra 300 to 400 seats into the base bid. Do not get a bid for the items needed to cook inside the concession stand.

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

Fannin Tip Off Club – use of new gymnasium concession stand – October 2007 – February 2008 during high school basketball games

Fannin County Recreation Department – use of Blue Ridge Elementary Gymnasium, East Fannin Elementary Gymnasium, West Fannin Elementary Gymnasium, and Fannin County High School Old Gymnasium – November 1 – December 31, 2007 from 3:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on weekdays and all day on Saturdays

Fannin County Recreation Department – use of Blue Ridge Elementary Gymnasium, East Fannin Elementary Gymnasium, West Fannin Elementary Gymnasium, and Fannin County High School Old Gymnasium – January 1 – March 31, 2008 from 3:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on weekdays and all day on Saturdays

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

Fannin County High School FFA – National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN for October 24 – 27, 2007

Fannin County High School One Act Play – One Act Play Competition in Bogart, GA for October 27, 2007

Fannin County High School Mountain Brook Students – Cohutta Springs outing in Cohutta, GA for October 31 – November 2, 2007

Fannin County High School FFA – FFA/EMC electrical wiring career development event training in Adairsville, GA for November 5, 2007

Fannin County High School One Act Play Cast – Region One Act Play Competition – the location is to be announced for November 9 - 10, 2007

Fannin County High School FCCLA – FCCLA cluster meeting (leadership training) in Atlanta, GA for November 9, 2007

Fannin County High School FFA – FFA Creed and Extemporaneous Speaking preliminaries career development event in Ellijay, GA for November 15, 2007

Fannin County Middle School and High School TSA – Middle School and High School TSA Fall Leadership Conference in Jekyll Island, GA for November 16 – 18, 2007

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

Fannin County High School Skills USA – Sale of Home Interior candles, October 15 – November 5, 2007

Fannin County High School FCCLA – Sale of individualized souvenir products, October 22 – November 8, 2007

Fannin County Middle School Chorus/Music – Sale of t-shirts, CDs and DVDs of concerts, and CDs and DVDs of May talent show, November 1, 2007 – May 23, 2008

Fannin County High School Thespians – Thespians and County Fine Arts Idol, Winter 2007 – December 10, 2007

Mark Henson, Superintendent, also presented the board with the following facility use requests and fund raisers. This information was presented as information only. No vote was necessary.

Fannin County High School Quarterback Club – use of Fannin County High School old gym for a Homecoming Dance on October 19, 2007 from 6:00 p.m. to midnight

Fannin County High School Wrestling Booster Club – use of Fannin County High School old gym for a yard sale on November 3, 2007 from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Empty Stocking Fund – use of Fannin County High School old gym for a wrestling event on November 17, 2007 from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Fannin County High School Wrestling Booster Club – yard sale on November 3, 2007 from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

East Fannin Elementary School PTO – Winter Festival, Santa pictures, and Heart-o-Grams

Blue Ridge Elementary School PTO – Raffle of a computer

Public Comment:

Jerry Rice who has been involved with youth sports for the past 25 years in Fannin County spoke to the board about items he would like considered for the Fannin County High School Athletic Complex. Mr. Rice stated the concessions stand should be placed behind the bleachers so workers could watch the games. Mr. Rice also suggested the bottom row of bleachers be above the height of the fence and there be enough bathrooms to accommodate the crowds. Mr. Rice stated he wished the board would reconsider their decision of not including artificial turf and the options of being able to cook in the concession stand. Mr. Rice also praised the board for their foresight of purchasing the thirty acres for future development. Additionally, he requested that the board consider implementing a feeder baseball program at the middle school.

Potential dates were discussed for a fall work session. October 29 was the date agreed upon.

Board Members' Comments:

Terry Bramlett stated he was glad to see the Homecoming Dance was returning since he felt this event fostered school spirit and social skills for our youth.

Junior Farmer stated he was glad some of the construction projects were winding down so our staff and students could get settled in.

Garnett Webb thanked Mrs. Reynolds for her presentation. Mr. Webb also thanked Mr. Rice for his suggestions on the athletic complex.

Bobby Bearden commended the administration on handling the bat situation well. Mr. Bearden thanked Mr. Henson for the fine job he did with this incident. Mr. Bearden also thanked the scouts for attending the meeting.

Superintendent's Comments:

Mr. Henson stated bad situations let you see how good your people are, and the bat scare did just that. Mr. Henson thanked Sandy Acker, Dr. Michael Gwatney, Benny Long, Monica Hodskins and Ray King with the Health Department, Brian Finnicum and Joe DiPietro with *The News Observer*, school principals, school staffs, and central office staff. Mr. Henson also thanked Wendy Reynolds for her presentation. Mr. Henson gave board members a revised school calendar for the 2007-08 school year. Mr. Henson stated the only changes were the dates the high school graduation tests would be given in March 2008 and the addition of third grade writing test dates. Mr. Henson also gave board members a list of Veteran's Day programs that would be presented at each school.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve a two year lease agreement between the four Veteran's groups and the Fannin Board of Education for the use of the house at Fannin County Middle School.

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.

Bobby Bearden, Chairperson

Mark Henson, Superintendent

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Construction Update 10/11/2007

BRES PE Facility

Moisture test approved

Flooring installed

Floor painting to be completed by 10/19/2007

Bleacher installation to begin 10/22/2007

BRES Classroom Addition

Final Fire Marshall approval

Permanent CO in place

WFES PE Facility

Flooring in place and painted

Bleachers installed – additional seating to be added

awaiting final adjustment of motors and roller assembly

WFES Classroom Addition

Contractor to replace all wood doors

Fire Marshall has extended temporary CO 30 days

EFES PE Facility

HVAC ducting complete

Interior painting complete

Fire ceiling complete

Finish ceiling 95% complete

Interior doors finished and installed

Canopy complete

Additional site work on AC pads complete

Concrete sidewalks to be completed by 10/19/2007

BRES Gym/Cafeteria Renovation

Demolition complete

Footers and new slab complete

Removal of existing fans/vents underway

Plumbing rough complete

FCMS HVAC Renovation

All work complete

Final approval from Fire Marshall 10/5/2007