

February 12, 2015
6:00 p.m.

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

The meeting was called to order by Steve Stanley, Chair.

By motion from Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the following items on the consent agenda. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Approve the meeting minutes from February 10, 2015, at 8:00 a.m.; January 8, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.; December 11, 2014, at 6:00p.m.

Approve the following field trip requests:

Fannin County School System ALPHA Students – Dollywood Theme Park and Titanic Museum in Pigeon Forge, TN, on May 7 – 8, 2015;

Blue Ridge Elementary School – Children’s Discovery Museum Chattanooga, TN, on May 8, 2015;

Blue Ridge Elementary School Fifth Grade – Atlanta Zoo and other, Atlanta, GA, on May 13 – 14, 2015;

East Fannin Elementary School Kindergarten – Tennessee Aquarium in Chattanooga, TN, on March 5, 2015;

West Fannin Elementary School Kindergarten – Children’s Creative Discovery Museum, Chattanooga, TN, on March 18, 2015;

Fannin County High School Band – All State Band Practice, Athens, GA, on February 26 – 28, 2015;

Fannin County High School FCCLA/FCS – Capitol in Atlanta, GA on February 19, 2015;

Fannin County High School Audio Video Technology Students – CNN Center, GPB, Atlanta, GA, on March 4, 2015;

Fannin County High School Senior Class Trip – Dollywood Theme Park in Pigeon Forge, TN, on April 16, 2015;

Fannin County High School Honors Physics, AP Calculus, and Engineering Applications Students – Six Flags over Georgia in Atlanta, GA, on April 24, 2015;

Fannin County 4-H Club – Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Eatonton, GA, on March 6 – 8, 2015.

Approve the following fundraiser requests:

Blue Ridge Elementary School Drama/Art Class – Sale of White Christmas DVDs – February 16 – May 22, 2015;

East Fannin Elementary School Media Center – Sale of book fair items – May 4 – 8, 2015;

West Fannin Elementary School Media Center – Sale of book fair items – March 2 – 6, 2015;

West Fannin Elementary School Fifth Grade – Sale of Krispy Kreme Doughnuts – March 2 – 13, 2015;

Fannin County School System ALPHA Students – Sale of raffle tickets for a chance to win themed baskets – February 16 through May 7, 2015;

Fannin County Middle School PE Department – Miss FCMS Pageant – February 13 – March 6, 2015;

Fannin County Middle School PE Department – Sale Crossfit T-shirts – February 13 – May 22, 2015;

Fannin County Middle School Eighth Grade – Sale of School Logo T-Shirts – February 13 – May 23, 2015;

Fannin County Middle School FFA – 10% of profit from Zaxby's sales – February 23 – March 2, 2015;

Fannin County Middle School Eighth Grade – Penny War and Pie in the Face – February 23 – March 9, 2015;

Fannin County Middle School FFA – Sale of meat sticks and jerky – February 27 through March 20, 2015;

Fannin County Middle School Eighth Grade – Sale of Krispy Kreme Doughnuts – March 2 – 24, 2015;

Fannin County Middle School PE Department – Sale of Roses at Miss FCMS Pageant – March 6, 2015;

Fannin County Middle School – Sale Pizza, Soda, Candy, and Ice Cream "Reward Day" – March 11, 2015;

Fannin County Middle School – Hat day "Reward Day" – March 11, 2015;

Fannin County Middle School Relay For Life Team – Sale of photos taken at Fannin County Middle School Spring Dance – April 10, 2015;

Fannin County Middle School Relay for Life Team – Employee Golf Tournament – April 17, 2015;

Fannin County Middle School Relay for Life Team – Benefit motorcycle ride and Silent Auction – April 25, 2015;

Fannin County High School FBLA – Sale Stuffed Valentine's Day Monkeys – February 13, 2015;

Fannin County High School Football Program – OurFund Internet – February 13 through May 22, 2015;

Fannin County High School HOSA – Sale of chocolate bars – February 19 – 23, 2015; and

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Public comment:

None.

After public comment, a motion was made by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve the financial report for the month of December 31, 2014. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated the SPLOST check received in January for the month of December was \$422,034.85.

Motion made by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve the FY 2016 Budget Calendar for the Fannin County School System. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Susan Holloway, Finance Director, gave Board members an update of the Governor's 2015 supplemental budget and the 2016 proposed budget. Mrs. Holloway also shared with

Board members pieces of legislation that have been presented this legislative session that will have a financial impact on school systems.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve an East Fannin Elementary School camera upgrade project. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve West Fannin Elementary School clocks as salvage. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve School Nutrition Program salvage property. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve the purchase of Blue Ridge Elementary School computer equipment. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve the request to secure bids for serving line equipment at East Fannin Elementary School. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the request to secure bids for freezer/cooler replacement for Fannin County Middle School. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the request for permission for the Nutrition Department to donate equipment to Pickens County BOE and Rabun County BOE. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Karen Walton, Director of School Improvement & Instructional Services, reviewed local Board training Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics policies with the Board.

Mark Henson, Superintendent, shared the letter of concern regarding insurance for employees who work less than 30 hours.

Mark Henson, Superintendent, shared the Fannin AP Pass Rate of 70.9 percent. Fannin County High School is 6th in the state for AP pass rate.

Shannon Miller, Principal of Blue Ridge Elementary School, shared with the Board that her school attained a CCRPI score of 20.2 in the area of Progress Points for SY2014. With this score Blue Ridge Elementary School is ranked second among elementary schools in the state, with a percentile ranking of 99.9%.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to go into executive session to discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee or to

interview applicants for the position of superintendent (O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(b)(2)). All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to resume the regular meeting. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Steve Stanley, Chair, announced while in executive session no action was taken.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the executive session minutes for January 8, 2015. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to accept the resignation of Debra D. Cochran effective 5-28-15; Joy Turner effective 5-25-15; Amy R. Garton effective 2/12/15; Betty Jo Corn effective 5-29-15; Marcia K. Huffman effective 5-29-15; Kiley Brown effective 1-16-15; Kimberly Cheves effective 1-14-15. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to approve Todd Geren and Mike Weaver as Teachers for SY 2015/2016. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to approve Charles Lee and Jeremiah Weeks for the transportation department. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve Kiley Brown as substitute bus driver. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Superintendent's Comments:

Mark Henson stated he values transparency in the Fannin County Schools and likes for the public and media to know what the system is doing. Mr. Henson stated that builds trust. He states one of the ways to do that is through eBOARD, a program Mrs. Mercier purchased when she served as superintendent. The program is great. Mr. Henson stated agendas can be seen on line as they are created along with DSIT meetings, administrator meetings and academic coach meetings. During this time Karen Walton, Director of School Improvement, shared with the Board how eBOARD was used during their AdvancED visit, and they were well pleased with the presentation. Mr. Henson stated policies are listed on eBoard and easily accessible to the public. Mr. Henson asked Dr. Michael Gwatney, Director of Technology and Media Services, to share some topics discussed when he and District Technology Specialist Mary Ann Walker were ask to do a presentation on eBOARD in Forsyth County at the regional eBOARD user conference. Dr. Gwatney stated he presented on the importance of communication and keeping the public informed, while Mrs. Walker spoke on the realization of eBOARD and its use as a part of the accreditation process. Mr. Henson stated he wanted to brag on his staff and their use of eBOARD. The central office, Karen Walton, and Cynthia Panter do a great job with making sure the meetings are posted and up to date. Mr. Henson thanked Michael Gwatney and Mary Ann Walker on the excellent way they represented Fannin County at the conference.

Board Members' Comments:

Steve Stanley thanked everyone for their support during the recent loss of his mother.

Sandra Mercier stated she was proud of Alex Chastain and Zach Wheat for being selected by Georgia State Superintendent Richard Woods for his Student Advisory Council. Mrs. Mercier congratulated the students who did the health magazine for Mrs. Burch's class. Mrs. Mercier welcomed Tracy Summers to his new role as a resource officer. Mrs. Mercier congratulated Mrs. Ginny Bramlett for being selected TOTY. Mrs. Mercier stated she was truly blessed to be a part of the Charter Application Interview she attended in Atlanta, GA. Mrs. Mercier commended Susan Holloway, Finance Director, on her presentation on the Governor's 2015 supplemental budget and the 2016 proposed budget. She said Susan's work is phenomenal.

Lewis DeWeese stated he supports what has been said from Mr. Henson and his fellow board members.

Terry Bramlett stated it was an honor to be at the board meeting. Mr. Bramlett congratulated the high school for being #6 in the state on their AP Pass Rate. Mr. Bramlett stated he was proud of Blue Ridge Elementary School on a CCRPI score of 20.2 in the area of Progress Points for SY2014 with this score Blue Ridge Elementary School is ranked second among elementary schools in the state, with a percentile ranking of 99.9%.

Bobby Bearden thanked everybody for being at the meeting. He congratulated Tracy Summers for being a new resource officer in the system. Mr. Bearden stated he was excited to be able to go to the Charter Application Interview in Atlanta and was proud to see how Fannin County came together as a community. Mr. Bearden stated the bus driver, Gary Bailey, was as professional as a Trailways bus driver. Mr. Bearden stated he was glad to be at the meeting.

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

Steve Stanley, Chairperson

Mark Henson, Superintendent