

March 8, 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 Steve Stanley, seconded by Terry Bramlett, a unanimous affirmative vote was given to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

Approve the consent agenda.

Approve the meeting minutes from February 9, March 2, and March 6, 2012.

Approve the following facility use requests:

7 – 8 Year Old Baseball – use of East Fannin Elementary School baseball field on March 9 – June 30, 2012, from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.;

Alpha Delta Kappa (ADK) – use of Fannin County High School cafeteria on April 3 and May 1, 2012, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and

Fannin County Travel Baseball (14 and under) – use of Fannin County High School baseball field on March 14, 17, 21 – 24, 29 – 31, and April 3, 5, and 9 – 17, 2012, in the afternoons.

Approve the following field trip requests:

Elementary ALPHA Students – Burton 4-H Center in Tybee Island, GA, on May 14 – 17, 2013;

East Fannin Elementary School Kindergarten – Zoo Atlanta in Atlanta, GA, on April 23, 2012;

Fannin County High School Special Education Students – Town Center Mall in Kennesaw, GA, on April 20, 2012;

Fannin County High School Art Students – Georgia Renaissance Festival in Fairburn, GA, on April 26, 2012; and

Fannin County High School Honors Physics and Calculus Students – Math and Science Day at Six Flags in Atlanta, GA, on May 4, 2012.

Approve the following fundraiser requests:

Blue Ridge Elementary School Fifth Grade – Sale of popcorn, juice, and ice pops, March 9 – 25, 2012;

Elementary ALPHA Students – Sale of sweets, March 9 – April 30, 2012;

Fannin County High School FCCLA – Student sponsorships, March 10 – 31, 2012;

Fannin County High School Dugout Booster Club – Raffle tickets from the Georgia Dugout Club, March 10 – April 10, 2012;

Fannin County High School FCCLA – Sale of BBQ dinner plates, March 12, 2012;

Fannin County High School FCCLA – Sale of coffee before school to faculty and staff, March 12 – May 25, 2012;

Fannin County High School Softball – Youth softball camp, March 26, 2012; and

Fannin County High School FFA – Sale of Vidalia Onions, April 1 – 30, 2012.

Public Comment:

None.

After public comment, Art Hubbard, Assistant Superintendent, gave Board members an update on the ongoing construction projects. Mr. Hubbard stated the following items were completed on the field house project: 1) the Fire Marshal's 80% inspection has been completed; 2) the interior plumbing trim is underway; 3) the exterior brickwork is complete; 4) the brick cleaning is complete; 5) the interior masonry work is complete; 6) the HVAC ductwork installation is complete; 7) the weatherproofing is complete; 8) the window installation is complete; 9) the interior electrical rough is complete; 10) the interior walls are primed and painted (one coat); 11) the locked pads are complete; 12) the suspended ceiling installation is 50% complete; 13) the firewall installation is complete; 14) the interior and exterior doors are onsite; and 15) the lockers are fabricated and awaiting delivery.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the financial report for the month ending January 31, 2012. Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated the SPLOST check received in February for the month of December was \$264,670.10.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve revised policy IFBG – Internet Acceptable Use (see attached).

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the purchase of four 72 – passenger Thomas school buses from Peach State Truck Sales. The total cost will be \$346,736.00 and SPLOST funds will be used to pay for the buses (see attached).

Moved, seconded, and carried to set the 2012 Fannin County High School Prom for Saturday, May 5, 2012, at North Georgia Technology College, and to set the graduation date for the 2011 – 2012 school year for Friday, May 25, 2012, at 8:00 p.m. in the football stadium. The rain date will be Saturday, May 26, 2012, in the Fannin High Football Stadium at 10:00 a.m. If necessary due to weather, the graduation ceremony will be moved to the new high school gym.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Option 1 of the 2012 – 2013 school calendar (see attached).

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the resignation of Pamela Huff effective March 8, 2012, and Jane V. Moore effective May 31, 2012.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Mark Watson as a substitute bus driver.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Edward “Eddy” Ratcliff as a substitute custodian.

Superintendent's Comments:

Mr. Henson congratulated the following HOSA members who placed in state competition this weekend: Holly Davis, Blair Stuart, Emily Morgason, Kelley Watkins, Ashley Watkins, and Mary Allen. Mr. Henson stated these students have all qualified for the National HOSA Competition at Disney World. Mr. Henson also congratulated Mary Allen for being elected as a Georgia HOSA state officer for 2012 – 2013.

Mr. Henson stated the week of March 12 – 16, 2012 was Georgia School Board Appreciation Week. He presented each member with a certificate for his/her continuing dedication and service to the community and the Fannin County Schools as a member of the Board.

Board Members' Comments:

Lewis DeWeese welcomed all of the visitors to the meeting. He gave a special welcome to the two Boy Scouts present, and stated he anticipated they would be future leaders.

Steve Stanley stated he was proud and honored to be a part of Fannin County School System and hoped his small part was a contribution.

Sandra Mercier welcomed the Fannin Leadership students, central office staff, and Boy Scouts.

Bobby Bearden stated he was also appreciative of everyone who attended the meeting.

Terry Bramlett stated he looked forward to each meeting. Mr. Bramlett said he was excited to be a part of a successful team. He stated he commended the hard work and dedication of the two Boy Scouts present, who were affiliated with Troup 460, with which Mr. Bramlett was affiliated. He also commended the Boy Scout parents for their commitment.

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 Chair when deemed necessary.

Sandra Mercier, Chairperson

Mark Henson, Superintendent