

November 12, 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 September 30, 2009. Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated the SPLOST check received in October for the month of August was \$238,383.16.

Public Comment:

Kevin Dilbeck, husband of Brandie Dilbeck - a substitute teacher for Fannin County Schools, stated he thought it was unfair that his wife was asked to either cover up her tattoo or leave the school on November 12. Mr. Dilbeck stated his wife had substituted for one and one-half years and the tattoo had not been an issue before November 12. Mr. Dilbeck stated the substitute handbook needed to state tattoos could not be displayed or Mrs. Dilbeck should be allowed to continue substituting.

Benny Long, Director of Transportation and Safety, shared with the board a presentation his department had delivered to the elementary schools and the middle school on bus safety. Mr. Long had the fabricated mini school bus on display and explained to board members how it was incorporated into the presentation given to schools. Mr. Long thanked bus mechanics Denver Foster and Tom Cook for constructing the fabricated bus.

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

East Fannin Elementary First Grade – Tennessee Aquarium & IMAX in Chattanooga, TN on December 8, 2009

East Fannin Elementary Second Grade – Tennessee Aquarium & IMAX in Chattanooga, TN on December 8, 2009

East Fannin Elementary Fourth Grade – Tennessee Aquarium & IMAX in Chattanooga, TN on December 10, 2009

Fannin County Middle School Band – District Honor Band Auditions in Gainesville, GA on December 5, 2009

Fannin County High School Chorus – District Honor Choir Performance at Brenau University in Rome, GA on November 20 – 21, 2009

Fannin County High School Chorus – Light Up Blue Ridge in Blue Ridge, GA on November 28, 2009

Fannin County High School Band – McCaysville Christmas Parade in McCaysville, GA on December 5, 2009

Fannin County High School Band - District Honor Band Auditions in Gainesville, GA on December 12, 2009

Fannin County High School FBLA – FBLA State Competition in Athens, GA  
from March 26 – 27, 2010

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

Fannin County Middle School MOID – Hat Day to raise money for the  
Special Olympics on November 13, 2009

Fannin County High School Construction Department – Sell Adirondack  
Chairs, porch swings, and bird houses from November 2 – 20, 2009

Fannin County High School FCCLA – Sell Turkey Feathers and Turkey  
Grams from November 13 – 20, 2009

Fannin County High School Student Council – Sell baked goods to raise  
money for the Empty Stocking Fund from November 14 – 29, 2009

Fannin County Career Tech Construction Department – Sell picnic tables,  
Benches, quilt racks, and various types of wood products built by all the  
Construction Classes from November 16 – December 11, 2009

Fannin County High School Band – Sell apples from November 16 –  
December 16, 2009

Fannin County Middle/High School TSA – Sell Subway & Domino's  
Discount Cards from November 18 – December 19, 2009

Fannin County High School Band – Basketball Game (Booster Club vs.  
Seniors), cake auction, and concessions on November 21, 2009

Fannin County High School FCCLA – Sell Candy Grams from December 7 –  
11, 2009

Fannin County High School HOSA – blood pressure checks for donations in  
front of Wal-Mart in Blairsville, GA on December 12, 2009

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

Snack Day  
Santa's Secret Shop  
Spring Festival  
Daddy & Daughter(s) Dance – Community Event  
Family Bowling Night  
Flower Sale – Valentine's Day

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the revised Bids and Quotations Policy,  
Descriptor Code: DJED which exempts receiving bids and quotations on the Student  
Information System applications and equipment. Mr. Henson stated the revised policy had  
been on the table for more than thirty days.

Moved, seconded, and carried to authorize the Superintendent to start the process of  
selling the property located at 8731 Lakewood Highway in Mineral Bluff, GA to Ninth  
District Opportunity, Inc. for \$10.00 (see attached).

Moved, seconded, and carried to acquire the Standards for Local Boards of Education  
as recommended by the Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA). It was agreed the

board would meet on December 18 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. to collaborate on their responses and come to consensus on the eight areas of the standards.

Moved, seconded, and carried 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; (O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(6)).

Moved, seconded, and carried to resume regular session.

Terry Bramlett, Chairman, announced no action was taken while in executive session.

Mr. Bramlett stated the Superintendent's evaluation was performed while in executive session, and he was pleased to announce that Mr. Henson received a satisfactory evaluation.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Justin Foster as a paraprofessional.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Wendy Weigle as a bus driver.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Misty Callihan as a substitute bus driver.

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

Moss Fountain  
Allan Geldean  
Edna Dee Jones  
Jason Morgan  
Adrian Owenby  
Andrea Patterson  
Reathea "Beth" Ramsey  
Robin Reeves  
Rachel Rhodes  
Chuck Soriero  
Zach Talley  
Wendy Weigle  
Tonya White  
Elizabeth Williams

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

Sir John Davis  
Moss Fountain  
Greg Herendon  
Barbara Isaac

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Barbara Isaac as a substitute school nutrition worker.

Superintendent's Comments:

Mr. Henson asked Anthony Walden, resource officer, to give board members details of an upcoming meeting to be held on Thursday, November 19, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the cafeteria at Fannin County High School. Officer Walden stated the meeting was to inform parents and the community of issues that teens are dealing with currently. These

include sexting, computer safety, family matters, juvenile law (confidentiality), drugs, alcohol, prescription drug problems, and sexually transmitted diseases. Officer Walden stated child care would be available for the meeting, and he hoped to see everyone there.

Mr. Henson stated he was proud of the work every school put into the Veterans' Day programs this year. Mr. Henson commended students for being respectful of the veterans.

Mr. Henson thanked the board for allowing him to serve as Superintendent of Fannin County Schools.

Board Members' Comments:

Emily Dunn thanked Benny Long and the transportation department for the effort that went into developing the bus safety program. Ms. Dunn also stated she thought it was an effective way to teach students about bus safety.

Bobby Bearden stated he appreciated all three resource officers – Lt. Darvin Couch, Officer Anthony Walden, and Officer Cindy George for their efforts in making sure the children of Fannin County Schools are protected and safe.

Junior Farmer stated he attended all five Veterans' Day programs and they all were very good. Mr. Farmer stated he thought the Veterans' Day programs held in the schools were an important learning opportunity for students. Mr. Farmer stated he was pleased to hear Mrs. Walton and the administrators had overseen over 140 Focus Walks this school year.

Lewis DeWeese stated it was a very good meeting.

Terry Bramlett stated he was very pleased with the emphasis the school system puts on Veterans' Day. Mr. Bramlett stated he is also impressed with the presentation Benny Long gave on bus safety and the initiative Mr. Long and his department had in creating the fabricated mini bus. Mr. Bramlett stated he was excited with the number of Focus Walks Karen Walton and the administrators had performed so far this year. Mr. Bramlett thanked Officer Anthony Walden for educating the community on issues that pertain to teenagers, especially the rules of confidentiality.

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