

February 15, 2011
8:00 a.m.

The Fannin County Board of Education met in a called meeting with the following members present: Bobby Bearden, Vice Chairperson acting as Chair; Lewis DeWeese; Steve Stanley; and Terry Bramlett. All members present.

Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated per Board Officers Policy – BBA, that in the event a vacancy of chairperson should occur, a replacement from the board membership shall be made at the next regular meeting for the remainder of that calendar year. The replacement selection shall be made by a majority vote of the board members present. Mr. Henson stated that until the next regularly scheduled meeting, Mr. Bearden would be the acting chairperson.

Mark Henson, Superintendent, read Georgia Code 20-2-54.1 to board members on the process of filling a board vacancy. Mr. Henson stated that based off of this code, rather than holding a special election, the board should nominate a replacement for Ms. Emily Dunn.

Cynthia Panter, Associate Superintendent, read the qualifications to be eligible to serve as a member of the County Board of Education which were provided by the Board of Elections.

Bobby Bearden, acting Chairperson, asked for nominations to replace Emily Dunn. Terry Bramlett nominated Sandra Mercier, and Lewis DeWeese nominated Clarence Junior Farmer. Lewis DeWeese voted in favor of Clarence Junior Farmer. Bobby Bearden, Lewis DeWeese, Steve Stanley, and Terry Bramlett voted in favor of Sandra Mercier. Mr. Bearden announced that Mrs. Mercier would be our new board member.

Mark Henson stated that he would certify to the State of Georgia that Mrs. Sandra Mercier meets all of the qualifications to serve on a school board. The State of Georgia will follow up by sending a commission to Linda Davis, Chief Judge of Fannin County Probate Court, who will then swear Mrs. Mercier into office.

There being no further business to come before the board, upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the meeting adjourned.

Bobby Bearden, Acting Chairperson

Mark Henson, Superintendent