

March 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.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to amend the agenda to add/modify the following agenda items: The "In Search of Leader's" was taken off the agenda and will be added to the May agenda. The agenda item "Substitute Pay" was added.

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

Approve the meeting minutes from February 12, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.; March 10, 2015, at 8:00 a.m. Work Session; March 10, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. Strategic Planning Session/Local Board Training.

Approve the following field trip requests:

West Fannin Elementary School Third Grade –Zoo Atlanta, Atlanta, GA, on May 6, 2015;

Fannin County Middle School Band – Hard Rock Café, Coca Cola Museum and Aquarium in Atlanta, GA, on April 11, 2015;

Fannin County High School Special Education – Town Center Mall Marietta, GA, on April 23, 2015;

Fannin County 4-H Club Fifth and Sixth Grade 4-H'ers – Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Eatonton, GA, June 15 - June 19, 2015.

Approve the following fundraiser requests:

East Fannin Elementary School PBIS –10% of profit from Zaxby's sales – March 17, 2015, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.;

Fannin County Middle School – Spring Dance – 50% of Profit from Concession Sales – April 10, 2015;

Fannin County Middle School – Pizza, Soda, Candy, and Ice Cream "Reward Day" – May 19, 2015;

Fannin County High School Girls' Basketball Team – Zaxby's Donation Night- TBD by Zaxby's March 16 - June 30, 2015;

Fannin County High School Girls' Basketball Team – McDonald's Donation Night – TBD by McDonalds March 16 - June 30, 2015;

Fannin County High School Girls' Basketball Team – Dairy Queen Donation Night – TBD by Dairy Queen March 16 – June 30, 2015;

Fannin County High School Track and Field – Sale of Discount Cards – March 21 - March 25, 2015;

Fannin County Middle School FFA Chapter – Sale of Bulbs and Plants for Spring gardens – March 23 - April 20, 2015;

Fannin County High School FFA Chapter – Sale of Vidalia Onions – April 10 - May 1, 2015;

Fannin County High School FFA/Horticulture Class/Nursery & Landscape Class – Sale of Spring Flowers and Vegetables – April 13 - May 8, 2015.

Public comment:

None.

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the financial report for January 31, 2015. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated the SPLOST check received in February for the month of January was \$351,911.90.

Motion made by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the FY 2015 Federal Grant Budget Amendments. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to approve the Salary Schedule for Substitutes 2014-2015 as of March 12, 2015. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, for approval of East Fannin Elementary School serving line bids. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to approve the request to secure bids for Fannin County Middle School cafeteria tables. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve the approval request for the CTAE Equipment trade-in. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to set the 2015 Fannin County High School Prom for Saturday, May 2, 2015, at North Georgia Technology College, and to set the graduation date for the 2014 – 2015 school year for Friday, May 23, 2014, at 8:00 p.m. in the football stadium. The rain date will be Saturday, May 23, 2015, 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. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to approve Option 1 recommendation for the School Calendar for the 2015-2016 school year. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Karen Walton, Director of School Improvement & Instructional Services, discussed the two remaining local board training sessions. The Board selected Tuesday April 7, for the third training, and Tuesday May 12, for the fourth training. This will complete the training requirements for the 2014-2015 school year.

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to accept the resignation of Linda Morgan and Wanda Prince effective end of school year. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to accept the resignation of Melanie Satterfield effective March 16, 2015. All members voted yes; motion carries.

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to accept the resignation of Shirley Crawford effective May 29, 2015. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Bobby Bearden to accept the resignation of Brenda Lord effective May 29, 2015. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to accept the resignation of Todd Peugh effective end of school year. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Bobby Bearden to accept the transfer of Justin Foster from Paraprofessional to the Transportation Department. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the recommendation for Katie Falls Seabolt as a Secretary. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve the recommendation of Gregg Hood as a Paraprofessional. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Lewis DeWeese to approve the recommendations of J. Creed Gilliam and David Henson as Substitute Bus Drivers. All members voted yes, motion carried.

### Superintendent's Comments:

Mark Henson announced the REACH Grant application has been accepted for the Fannin County School System. Karen Walton, Director of Improvement and Instructional Services, gave information at this time. Mrs. Walton stated the Fannin County School System has been selected to participate in the Realizing Educational Achievement Can Happen (REACH) Georgia Program beginning in the 2015-2016 school year. REACH is a needs-based mentorship and scholarship program designed to encourage students, starting in middle school, to follow their educational pursuits. Students are provided with academic, social, and financial support needed to graduate from high school, access college, achieve post-secondary success, and be prepared for the workforce. REACH is unique in that 100% of funds raised goes to college scholarships. [University partnerships](#) provide matches to the privately funded college scholarships. It is locally operated, and it offers community members a stake in student success. REACH helps school systems access community resources and foster local partnerships.

Mr. Henson announced this month is Board member appreciation Month. Mr. Henson stated Charter system and school governance teams have both been discussed during the week and said school governance teams do not bother him. The reason being, most people learn by example. Mr. Henson stated the school governance team can look to the Board and find a fine example of how to operate as a school governance team. Mr. Henson stated the Board is a rock solid team. The Board is steady; they stay with us, work together and do what's best for the students. Mr. Henson stated he appreciates the work they do.

### Board Members' Comments:

Steve Stanley thanked Mr. Henson for his kind words; it was much appreciated. Mr. Stanley said the Fannin County High School Band is performing in Orlando at Disney World. He feels they will do a fine job representing Fannin County, and he hopes they have a safe trip.

Sandra Mercier said kudos and accolades to the REACH program that was received. Mrs. Mercier welcomed the Leadership Fannin students to the meeting, and she told them they were appreciated and invited them back.

Lewis DeWeese gave the Leadership Fannin guests a special welcome and said they were a blessing to the community.

Terry Bramlett stated how excited he was about the REACH program and being able to help students achieve their full potential if otherwise not financially able to further their education. Mr. Bramlett thanked all involved with obtaining the program. Mr. Bramlett thanked Susan Holloway, Finance Director, for her dedication and effort for such an accurate budget. Mr. Bramlett stated as a taxpayer in Fannin County he is pleased with SPLOST for what it has done for the School system and the students. SPLOST has helped expand, improve, and maintain our facilities.

Bobby Bearden agreed with Mr. Bramlett regarding Mrs. Holloway's work. Mr. Bearden thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He gave a special thanks to Tracy Summers, Fannin County School Resource Officer, for attending the meeting.

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

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Steve Stanley, Chairperson

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Mark Henson, Superintendent

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