

September 8, 2011
6:00 p.m.

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

By motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Sandra Mercier, a unanimous affirmative vote was given to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

Approve the agenda.

Approve the board minutes from August 11, August 26, and September 6, 2011.

Approve the following facility use requests:

Alpha Delta Kappa (ADK) – use of Fannin County High School cafeteria on September 6, October 4, November 1, 2011, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Approve the following field trip requests:

West Fannin Elementary School – Tennessee Aquarium and Imax Theater in Chattanooga, TN, November 3, 2011;

Fannin County High School – University of Georgia in Athens, GA, September 23, 2011;

Fannin County High School Skills USA – Champions Rally at Georgia National Fairgrounds in Perry, GA, October 7, 2011;

Fannin County High School FFA – National FFA convention in Indianapolis, IN, October 18 – 22, 2011.

Approve the following fundraiser requests:

East Fannin Elementary School Third Grade – Sale of snacks, September 9, 2011 – May 25, 2012;

East Fannin Elementary School PBIS – Sale of snacks, drinks, and baked goods, September 9, 2011 – May 25, 2011;

East Fannin Elementary School Kindergarten – Sale of Krispy Kreme donuts and coffee, September 12 – 23, 2011;

Fannin County Middle School FFA – Sale of citrus fruit, October 1 – November 1, 2011;

Fannin County High School Student Council - Sale of pictures at homecoming dance, September 12 – October 1, 2011;

Fannin County High School Boys & Girls Cross Country Team – Run-a-thon, September 12 – October 7, 2011;

Fannin County High School FBLA – Sale of lollipops, September 12 – December 20, 2011;

Fannin County High School FCCLA and FBLA – Sale of candy, September 15 – December 15, 2011;

Fannin County High School TSA – Sale of clocks, September 30 – November 4, 2011;

Fannin County High School TSA – Paint spirit logos on faces at football games, September 30 – November 4, 2011;

Fannin County High School Thespians – Collect donations of canned goods for Trick-or-Treat So Kids Can Eat Program, October 1 – 31, 2011;

Fannin County High School FFA – Sale of citrus fruit, October 1 – November 1, 2011;

Fannin County High School TSA – Sale of World’s Finest Chocolate, October 1 – December 15, 2011;

Fannin County High School National Honor Society – Recycle ink cartridges and cell phones, October 1, 2011 – May 30, 2012;

Fannin County High School Thespians – Sale of Krispy Kreme donuts, October 3 – 7, 2011;

Fannin County High School HOSA, FFA, FCCLA, TSA, Skills USA, and FBLA – Kiwanis’s charity bingo night, October 4, 2011;

Fannin County High School Fine Arts and Foreign Language Departments – Youth Arts Festival, October 8, 2011; and

Fannin County High School Construction, Skills USA – Sale of picnic tables, benches, carved bears, bird houses, and other small wood crafts, October 15 – 23, 2011.

Mark Henson, Superintendent, also presented the board with the following fundraiser requests for the East Fannin Elementary School PTO. This information was presented as information only. No vote was necessary.

Chocolate Sale
Fall Festival
Santa Pictures
Bingo
Valentine's Day Sale
Easter Sale
T-shirt Sale
Penny War

Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Fannin County Department of Public Health to provide a facility, if needed, should a possible health emergency occur.

Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Fannin County Department of Public Health to provide facilities, if needed, for a special needs population shelter.

Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Fannin County Department of Public Health to provide Scoliosis Screening of public school children in the at risk population, ages 10 – 15 years.

Give members of The Gideons International permission to distribute New Testament Bibles to fifth grade students in October and to high school seniors when they receive their caps and gowns for graduation in May 2012. Acceptance of the Bibles by students would be totally voluntary.

Public Comment:

None

After public comment, the board moved, seconded, and carried to approve the financial report for the month ending July 31, 2011. Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated the SPLOST check received in August for the month of June was \$357,941.72.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the construction manager at risk maximum bid price of \$1,086,767.00 from Buddy Benefield Construction, Inc. for the field house project. Art Hubbard, Assistant Superintendent, stated if there are any change orders, the maximum bid price would change.

Betsy Hyde, Director of Student Services, gave a presentation on the accomplishments of the Special Education Department.

Karen Walton, Director of Curriculum & School Improvement, presented options to the Board regarding upcoming training requirements. Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the Local School Board Training Plan, which will consist of six hours of training through the Georgia School Boards Association, and three hours of training through Pioneer RESA.

Mr. Henson gave a copy of our Audit Report – Year Ending June 30, 2010 letter to the board. He explained that there were no findings and/or questioned costs. The auditor’s opinion was that our system’s audit was “unqualified,” which is the highest possible rating.

Moved, seconded, and carried to table revised policy DJED – Bids and quotations.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following Fannin County School Nutrition surplus property bids:

- Lot 1 – The Sweet Shoppe, \$620.00
- Lot 2 – Harvest on Main, \$350.00
- Lot 3 – The Sweet Shoppe, \$1,340.00
- Lot 4 – The Sweet Shoppe, \$560.00
- Lot 5 – The Sweet Shoppe, \$560.00
- Lot 7 – Harvest on Main, \$25.00
- Lot 8 – The Sweet Shoppe, \$110.00

The motion was contingent on the highest bidders paying and removing the items within five business days. After five business days, the items can be sold to the next highest bidder. No bids were received for lots 6, 9, 10, or 11, and these items were declared as salvage.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the purchase of 60 iPADS with Apple Care Protection Plans from Apple Inc. in the amount of \$32,280.00 from Title I – ARRA funds.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the purchase of 4 iPADS with Apple Care Protection Plans from Apple Inc. in the amount of \$2,312.00 from SPLOST funds.

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.

Bobby Bearden, Chairman, announced no action was taken while in executive session.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Dixie Fitzgerald as a teacher for two days per week for the 2011 – 2012 school year.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Lisa Payne and Stacey Postell as school nutrition workers.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Jerry Rice as a custodian.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Misty Callihan and Diane Patterson as bus drivers.

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

Elaine Bruce
Laura Davis
Jeri Flint
Rhonda Lamb
Julia Monteith
Jessie Rodgers
Jordan Stanley
John Thompson
Jill Tuttle

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

Joseph Griffin
Harold Taylor

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following substitute bus driver contingent upon completion of training requirements:

Patricia Kennedy

Superintendent's Comments:

Mr. Henson stated Fannin County High School would be included on the Georgia Appalachian Center for Higher Education (GACHE) bus tour on November 14, 2011. Mr. Henson stated other school systems would be coming to visit Fannin schools on this date to review Fannin's program strategies to increase post-secondary enrollment rates.

Mr. Henson stated he was pleased with the participation in the Curriculum Night at Fannin County Middle School on Monday, August 29. Mr. Henson stated one of the goals was to increase stakeholder participation, and the middle school had over 200 to participate.

Mr. Henson welcomed Dub Joiner, staff writer for *The News Observer*, back from his recent absence.

Board Members' Comments:

Sandra Mercier stated she enjoyed the presentation Ms. Hyde gave on the Special Education program. Mrs. Mercier recognized Lincoln Memorial University (LMU) students who were in attendance at the meeting. Mrs. Mercier asked everyone to remember Shirley Stanley who passed away the previous week. Mrs. Mercier stated Ms. Stanley was a legend in Fannin County High School and one of the best math teachers.

Terry Bramlett thanked Karen Walton for finding the opportunity of additional federal grant money. Mr. Bramlett complimented Susan Jackson on the wonderful job she does managing and overseeing the finances of Fannin County Board of Education. Mr. Bramlett stated Ms. Hyde's report of Special Education was impressive. He said he found nothing more rewarding than seeing a child overcome an obstacle. He also commended Crossover Community Church for the wonderful community outreach they provide the schools by picking up the trash at the stadium after football games. Mr. Bramlett welcomed Dub Joiner back.

Steve Stanley stated he appreciated everything Betsy Hyde, Karen Walton, Candy Sisson, and Art Hubbard did for the school system. Mr. Stanley congratulated the football team and coaches for their outstanding performance in the Pickens/Fannin game.

Lewis DeWeese thanked everyone for a very productive meeting. Mr. DeWeese stated he would like to add Benny Long to Mr. Stanley's list of central office staff. Mr. DeWeese stated Mr. Long was in the same elite group as the rest.

Bobby Bearden stated he was privileged to serve on such a great board. He said both Mr. Henson and the central office staff do a wonderful job taking care of the business of the school system. He added that he appreciated Susan Jackson for keeping the school system financially sound, and he commended Art Hubbard for completing so many construction projects.

There being no further business to come before the board, upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the meeting adjourned subject to being called into special session by the chairman when deemed necessary.

Bobby Bearden, Chairperson

Mark Henson, Superintendent

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