

December 11, 2008
6:00 p.m.

The Fannin County Board of Education met in regular session with the following members present: Bobby Bearden, Chairperson; Garnett Webb; Junior Farmer; Terry Bramlett, Vice Chairperson, 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 October 2008. Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated the SPLOST check received in November for the month of September was \$332,273.50.

Public Comment:

None

Cynthia Panter, Associate Superintendent, gave the board a presentation on the current status of updating the drug free workplace policy for employees and implementing a student drug testing policy for extracurricular activities and driving to school.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following facility use requests:

ALPHA Classes - use of East Fannin Elementary Gym, January 30 – 31, 2008

Fannin County Traveling Baseball 12 and under - use of Fannin County High School Old Gym Concession Stand, December 2, 2008 – February 28, 2009 on Saturdays

Fannin County Tip-Off Club – use of Fannin County High School Gym Concession Stand, December 2, 2008 – February 28, 2009 during home basketball games

Fannin County Band Booster Club – use of Fannin County High School Stadium Home Concession Stand, 2009-2010 school year for all home football games

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

ALPHA classes from all three elementary schools – Grand Finale – East Fannin Elementary School Gym in Morganton, GA on January 30-31, 2009

Fannin County High School Band – San Diego Holiday Bowl in San Diego, CA on December 27, 2008 – January 1, 2009

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following school requests for purchases made on behalf of students in the aggregate sum of \$100.00 or more:

Blue Ridge Elementary – Memory Book Company (school annuals), QSP (fundraiser), and Strawbridge Studio (student pictures)

East Fannin Elementary – Strawbridge Studio (student pictures) and Remember Me (school annuals)

West Fannin Elementary – Lifetouch Studio (student pictures and school annuals) and QSP (fundraiser)

Fannin County Middle School – Jostens (school annuals) and Lifetouch (student pictures)

Fannin County Comprehensive High School – Lifetouch Studio (student pictures) and Jostens (graduation items and annuals)

Mark Henson, Superintendent, presented board members with a revised Student Code of Conduct. Mr. Henson explained hazing has been added as a behavior which will result in disciplinary procedures and has been clearly defined to apply to all extracurricular groups and organizations.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve an Adoption Agreement for the 403(b) Plan Document. Cynthia Panter, Assistant Superintendent, explained this was necessary to be in compliance with the Internal Revenue Service.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve a Memorandum of Agreement with Highland Rivers Community Service Board to establish school-based behavioral health services in the Fannin County School System.

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept resignations from Tara Williams Garland (contingent on her acceptance into the student teaching program at Grand Canyon University) and Bertha Monte Travis.

Moved, seconded, and carried to employ Anthony Raffaelli as a math teacher at Fannin County High School to complete the third block Math I class for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year contingent upon his meeting all employment requirements.

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

Michelle Born
Dan Brown
Joyce Brown

Karin Tye-Carter
Mary Lou Davis
Brandie Dilbeck
Nancy "Nan" Gregory
Flora Grindstaff
Jennifer Mashburn
Barbara Middlebrooks
Michelle Queen
Suzanne Soave
Deana Stevenson
Laurel Brittany Stinnett
Kelly M. White
Amanda Woody

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

John Patterson

Superintendent's Comments:

Mr. Henson presented certificates the School Nutrition Program has received for achieving high student participation in breakfast and lunch in SY05-06 and SY 06-07 to Candice Sisson, Director of Nutrition. Mr. Henson stated that the School Nutrition Program was to be commended for planning, preparing, and serving healthy meals that our students enjoy.

Mrs. Berrong shared with the Board the platinum award which our high school was presented for greatest gains in students meeting and exceeding standards.

Ms. Hyde shared with the board an award our Special Education Department received for our district educating young children in the least restrictive environment and for meeting the state targets in six of the seven target areas.

Ms. Panter shared with the board that West Fannin Elementary School and Blue Ridge Elementary School are year four Title I Distinguished Schools and will receive \$842 each to spend toward student achievement.

Mr. Henson stated it was an honor to work with Mr. Webb and he wished him well with his new endeavor. Mr. Henson also thanked all board members for their service. He invited all board members to a pot luck dinner on Monday, December 15th @ noon.

Mr. Henson stated he hoped everyone had a restful and Merry Christmas.

Board Member Comments:

Emily Dunn thanked Central Office for their hard work, and she thanked Mr. Henson for his leadership. Ms. Dunn stated she noted and appreciated the hard work Mr. Webb has put in these past four years on the school board and how many school events he made it a point to attend.

Terry Bramlett stated he felt like he had opened a Christmas present early by hearing all of the great accomplishments made by our School Nutrition Program, high school, and Special Education Department. Mr. Bramlett stated the awards exemplify the excellence we are striving for. Mr. Bramlett thanked Mr. Webb for his service and stated he felt comfortable knowing the school system had a friend on the county board of commissioners who understood the needs of the school system.

Junior Farmer thanked the board for what has been accomplished this past year. Mr. Farmer thanked Mr. Webb for his service and thanked Lewis DeWeese for coming on to the board. Mr. Farmer wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Garnett Webb thanked everyone for letting him serve on the board. Mr. Webb stated it was a good thing for Lewis Deweese to come on the board. Mr. Webb stated Mr. Deweese has lots of experience and brings lots to the table. Mr. Webb also stated some progress has been made in chipping away the dropout rate for high school graduates and he hopes progress will continue to be made until the goal of 100% is met.

Bobby Bearden stated he appreciated the hard work of an excellent team, excellent Superintendent, and excellent Board. Mr. Bearden thanked everyone for allowing him to be the board chairperson for the past two years. Mr. Bearden wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

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.

Bobby Bearden, Chairperson

Mark Henson, Superintendent

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