

June 9, 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; Sandra Mercier; and Steve Stanley. Terry Bramlett was absent. Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated Mr. Bramlett was absent due to damage received on his property earlier in the afternoon from a severe storm that had come through the area.

By motion by Steve Stanley, 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 May 12, May 26, and June 7, 2011.

Approve the following facility use requests:

Fannin County High School Girls Basketball Booster Club – use of Fannin County High School new gymnasium from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on July 18 – 22, 2011;

Fannin County Recreation Department – use of Fannin County High School Stadium from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on August 20, August 27, September 10, and September 17, 2011; and

Fannin County Recreation Department – use of West Fannin Elementary practice field from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from July 18 – November 18, 2011.

Approve the following field trip requests:

Fannin County Middle School FFA – FFA Summer Leadership Camp in Covington, GA, on June 20 – 24, 2011;

Fannin County High School Skills USA – National Leadership and Skills Conference in Kansas City, MO, on June 17 – 25, 2011;

Fannin County High School TSA – TSA National Conference in Dallas, TX, on June 20 – 25, 2011; and

Fannin County High School Boys Basketball – Team Basketball Camp at Union County High School in Blairsville, GA, on June 23 – 25, 2011.

Approve the following fundraiser requests:

Fannin County Middle School Cheerleading – Sale of advertisements on t-shirts, July 1 – August 30, 2011;

Fannin County Middle School Cheerleading – Sale of raffle tickets for a chance to win \$100 cash, July 1 – September 30, 2011;

Fannin County High School Softball – Golf Tournament, July 11 – August 6, 2011;

Fannin County High School Softball – Homerun Derby, July 12, 2011;

Fannin County High School Softball – Sale of discount cards, August 1 – October 30, 2011;

Fannin County High School Chorus – Sale of Warheads candy, August 1, 2011 – May 25, 2012;

Fannin County High School Chorus – Sale of concert DVDs and performance donations, August 1, 2011 – May 25, 2012; and

Fannin County High School Skills USA – Sale of World’s Finest Chocolate candy bars.

Public Comment:

None

After public comment, Steve Phillips, Fannin County School System Energy Manager, provided board members with an update on the cumulative cost savings of the energy conservation program, which the board adopted in 2005.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the financial report for the month ending April 30, 2011. Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated the SPLOST check received in May for the month of March was \$286,778.26. Art Hubbard, Assistant Superintendent, gave board members with a report of SPLOST III projections.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve a spending resolution for the month of July 2011 (see attached).

Moved, seconded, and carried to table until the next regular meeting board policy DCL – Fund Balance.

Art Hubbard, Assistant Superintendent, provided board members an update on the Fannin County High School kitchen/dining room renovation project. Mr. Hubbard stated

the demolition is finished. The dining room slab and the steel columns are complete. The plumbing, electrical, and interior masonry are 75% complete.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve a change order for the Fannin County High School cafeteria/dining room renovation project. The change order is for the purchase of 32-folding dining room tables from Georgia Specialty Equipment, LLC, in the amount of \$30,532.80.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the installation of a canopy from B & M Aluminum Company at Blue Ridge Elementary School for \$20,446.00 from SPLOST funds.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the installation of a canopy from B & M Aluminum Company at Fannin County High School for \$28,220.00 from SPLOST funds.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the purchase of an upgraded communication system, including a new repeater, new radios on the buses, and portable radios from South Comm for \$43,099.57 from SPLOST funds.

Moved, seconded, and carried to extend Mark Henson's Superintendent contract for three years; July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2014. Mr. Henson stated there was no change in the pay on his contract.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the resignation of Dinah Redding at the end of the 2010 – 2011 school year.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Anne Soriero as a teacher for the 2011 – 2012 school year.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Cindy Wood as a teacher for the 2011 – 2012 school year.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Mike Spurling as a maintenance employee.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Rhonda Anderson as a school nutrition manager.

Superintendent's Comments:

Mr. Henson asked Karen Walton, Director of Curriculum & School Improvement, to provide board members with an update on the board member training plan that was adopted by the state in June. Mrs. Walton stated the board had three months to approve a training plan for Fannin County.

Mr. Henson thanked everyone for their effort in making the 2010 – 2011 school year a safe and successful one. Mr. Henson pledged the central office would identify weaknesses and address those so the next school year was an even better one.

Mr. Henson stated he was thankful for being Superintendent for the past four years. He said being a Superintendent has been a great adventure, and he looked forward to continuing to serve the schools.

Mr. Henson thanked the 2011 senior students for the decorum they displayed on graduation night.

Board Members' Comments:

Steve Stanley stated it was a pleasure to work with Mr. Henson. Mr. Stanley said he looked forward to seeing all of the construction projects wrapping up at the end of the school year.

Lewis DeWeese stated he hoped all school employees would find time to relax and recharge over the summer break. Mr. DeWeese added everyone had earned a little rest and relaxation.

Bobby Bearden stated he was impressed with the 1.8 million dollars in energy savings. Mr. Bearden stated the energy savings helped in not having to furlough employees. He also thanked Art Hubbard for all the work he does for the school system. Mr. Bearden stated he is confident under Mr. Hubbard's supervision all of the projects lined up for the summer will be completed in time for school to start. Mr. Bearden stated he really enjoyed the end of year program. He also thanked Mr. Henson for all of the work he has done for the school system and stated it is a pleasure to add a year on to his contract.

Sandra Mercier commended the graduation committee for the hard work they put into the graduation ceremony. Mrs. Mercier stated the ceremony was very structured and flowed very well.

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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