

November 13, 2014
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 present.

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

Approve the meeting minutes from November 11, 2014, at 8:00 a.m.; October 23, 2014, at 8:00 a.m.; and October 9, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.

Approve the following Facility Use request:

Fannin County High School Old Gymnasium for Youth USA Wrestling Practice on Mondays and Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in November 2014 (except 11/27/2014).

Approve the following field trip requests:

Mountain Education Charter Fannin County Middle School-
Tour Dalton State College and attend Basketball game at NW Georgia Trade and Convention Center on December 6, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.;

Fannin County High School Band- Walt Disney World- March 11, 2015, through March 15, 2015.

Approve the following fundraiser requests:

Blue Ridge Elementary School SPED – 20% of sales from the Chick-fil-A vouchers from - November 14, 2014, through January 31, 2015;

Blue Ridge Elementary School SPED – Sell Christmas Ornaments from November 17 – December 18, 2014

East Fannin Elementary School Fourth Grade – Sale of Luxury Sheet Collection items – November 14 – December 31, 2014

East Fannin Elementary School Music Class – Sale of White Christmas DVDs – December 19, 2014 – May 22, 2015;

Fannin Middle School Relay for Life – Sale of raffle tickets for a chance to win Christmas Wreath, Ceramic Christmas Tree, other Christmas items – November 17 – December 1, 2014;

Fannin Middle School Relay for Life – Sale of Team T-shirts – November 17, 2014 – May 14, 2015;

Fannin County Middle School Relay for Life – Hat day – November 21, 2014;

Fannin County Middle School FFA – 10% of profit from Zaxby’s sales – December 2nd or 9th, 2014;

Fannin County High School Band – Sale of fruit – November 14, 2014 – December 1, 2014;

Fannin County High School Cheer – 10% of profit from Zaxby’s sales – November 17, 2014;

Fannin County High School Girls and Boys Basketball – 20% profit from McDonald’s sales – November 20, 2014;

Fannin County High School Cheer – Sale of Cotton Candy at Light up Blue Ridge – November 29, 2014;

Fannin County High School FCCLA, FBLA, FEA Council – Sale of tickets to winter formal dance, December 1 – December 13, 2014;

Fannin County High School Boys and Girls Soccer – Sale of T-shirt sponsorship for \$20.00 each – December 1, 2014 – January 15, 2015;

Fannin County High School Soccer – Sale of sponsorship for the 2015 soccer season – December 1, 2014 – February 15, 2015.

Public comment:

None.

After public comment, a motion was made by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve the financial report for the month ending September 30, 2014. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated the SPLOST check received in October for the month of August was \$342,194.16.

Susan Holloway reviewed the Audit report for FY2013 for information purposes.

Motion made by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve Board Policy EEE Wellness Program. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion made by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the repeal of Board Policy EED Vending Machines. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion made by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to lay Board Policy IDDF-Special Education Programs on the table until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting pending approval. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion made by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve renovation of the new clinic at Fannin County High School. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to accept the resignation of Phyllis Davis effective November 13, 2014. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve Amanda McBride as an Academic Coach. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion made by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to approve Carrie Minear as a teacher. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion made by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Sandra Mercier to approve Monique Barton, Ashley McClure, and Holly Ross as paraprofessionals. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion made by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve the following as Substitute Teachers; All members voted yes; motion carried.

Constance Connie Bergstrom	Tiffany Roath
Nicole Born	Cynthia Rhodes
Ashley Champion	Daniel Lee Sanders
Marianella Crispin	Patsy Shedd
Hannah Godfrey	Sandy Sisk
Kimberly Huffman	Heidi Smallwood
Debbie Jones	Tammy Standrige
Mary Kyle	Jason Turner
Zelia Pavo	Connie Whitaker
Stacy Presswood	LaTrista Wyrick
June Pugh	

Superintendent's Comments:

Mark Henson talked about the STEAM program. West Fannin Elementary School is looking at agriculture. They have worked with the cannery, Mercier Orchards, and the greenhouse in McCaysville. Mr. Henson commended Barbara Davenport on being such an asset in the system. She works in the cannery, substitutes, and drove a school bus for years; she does a very good job with the children. Mr. Henson shared the 92.3% graduation rate for Fannin County for last year. That is the highest rate the school system has ever had. Mr. Henson stated he is very

proud of that rate but still striving for 100%. Mr. Henson announced there will be an “Eggs and Issues” meeting at the Swim and Tennis club on Wednesday from 8:30-10:30. Following that will be a Transportation / DOT meeting at the PAC from 10:00-2:30. Mr. Henson stated he would like to get the SPLOST list finalized at the December meeting. He expressed how extremely important SPLOST is to the system and how it benefits the taxpayers. It lowered the millage one whole mill. Mr. Henson read the high school’s inspirational note that is put out on Fridays. The note had comments from new teachers to the system regarding the Veterans’ Day program. One teacher felt like they were watching a movie, and another was amazed at how you could put an entire student body in an assembly and have them behave so well. Mr. Henson said that we have good kids, and they understand the value of the veterans; he appreciates this community for emphasizing that to our kids.

Board Members’ Comments:

Steve Stanley thanked Mrs. Susan Holloway and her staff for the hard work they do each day. Mr. Stanley stated he was pleased with the way the students honor the veterans. He expressed how proud he was of the 92.3% graduation rate and commended the faculty for doing a wonderful job.

Sandra Mercier commended the vision statement with the goal being 100% graduation rate. Mrs. Mercier stated kudos and accolades to every employee in the system for being a part of ensuring all the students in the school system graduate. Mrs. Mercier stated she appreciated everybody’s efforts. Mrs. Mercier wished everyone a “Happy Turkey Day!”

Lewis DeWeese stated he keeps hearing “kids first.” Mr. DeWeese stated he believes that’s what the system does, and that’s the heart of it. Mr. DeWeese wished everyone a happy and a safe Thanksgiving.

Terry Bramlett thanked the Board, staff, administrators and so many others that offered their prayers and support last week during the loss of his mother. Mr. Bramlett spoke of life’s ups and downs and how impressive it is to be surrounded by such kind people. Mr. Bramlett congratulated Mrs. Holloway on her incredible audit report. He commended Mrs. Holloway on her attention to detail, her meticulous oversight of the financial affairs, and how blessed we are to have her. Mr. Bramlett stated the citizens of Fannin County have so much to be proud of when they consider the accomplishments in our district. Mr. Bramlett stated he considered it an honor to be a part of this organization.

Bobby Bearden thanked everyone for being at the meeting. He stated he was privileged to go to Blue Ridge Elementary School’s Veterans’ Day program, and how nice it was to have the students present the program. Mr. Bearden commended them on an excellent job. Mr. Bearden hopes to have the “Huey” helicopter updated in less than six months. He is waiting on good weather to be able to apply the paint. Mr. Bearden feels the Veterans’ Park at Fannin County Middle School is in an excellent thing to have, and it’s in an excellent location. Mr. Bearden wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and said he was happy to be a part of the Board.

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

Steve Stanley, Chairperson

Mark Henson, Superintendent

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