

April 10, 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.

The meeting was called to order by Steve Stanley, Chair.

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

Approve the meeting minutes from March 13, 2014, and April 8, 2014.

Approve the following field trip requests:

Blue Ridge Elementary School Special Education Students – Catch Air & Lunch in Cumming, GA, on May 19, 2014;

West Fannin Elementary School First Grade – Mayfield’s Dairy Farms in Athens, TN, on May 12, 2014;

Fannin County School System Alpha Students – Rock Eagle in Eatonton, GA, on April 22 - 23, 2014;

Fannin County Middle School FFA – State FFA Convention in Macon, GA, on May 2 – 3, 2014;

Fannin County High School AP Calculus & Physics Students – Six Flags in Atlanta, GA, on April 25, 2014; and

Fannin County High School Girls Soccer – The University of Tennessee in Chattanooga, TN, on July 20 – 24, 2014.

Approve the following fundraiser requests:

Blue Ridge Elementary School Relay for Life – Sale of t-shirts, sale of biscuits, Polar Plunge (donations), silent auction, teacher theme days, and movie night on April 11 to sell concessions – April 1 – June 30, 2014;

Blue Ridge Elementary School Special Education Students – Sale of snacks and drinks – April 29 – May 9, 2014;

Blue Ridge Elementary School Cool Kids Grow Garden Club – Sale of painted garden rocks, clay insects, mushroom necklace charms, and magnets – May 9, 2014;

Fannin County Middle School Relay for Life – Yard Sale – April 12, 2014;

Fannin County Middle School FFA – Sale of beef sticks – May 1 – 28, 2014;

Fannin County Middle School Relay for Life – Students pay \$1.00 to watch “Polar Plunge” videos during CRCT reward time – May 7, 2014;

Fannin County Middle School Relay for Life – Students pay \$1.00 for chances to dunk staff members in dunking booth on reward day – May 20, 2014;

Fannin County High School FCCLA – Sell tickets to Kiwanis pancake breakfast – April 10 – May 3, 2014;

Fannin County High School Girls Soccer Program – Shots of Goal donations – April 11 – 16, 2014;

Fannin County High School FCCLA – Tri-State Round Up Program Grant – April 12, 2014;

Fannin County High School FCCLA – Sale of Krispy Kreme Doughnuts – April 14 – 19, 2014;

Fannin County High School FFA – Sale of greenhouse plants – April 14 – 25, 2014;

Fannin County High School FBLA – Sale of assorted candy – April 14 – 25, 2014;

Fannin County High School FCCLA – Sale of prom garters and flowers – April 14 – May 3, 2014;

Fannin County High School Soccer – Ten percent of Zaxby’s sales from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. – April 21, 2014;

Fannin County High School FEA – Battle of the Bells fundraiser – April 21 – May 2, 2014;

Fannin County High School Soccer – Sale of Krispy Kreme Doughnuts – April 21 – May 30, 2014;

Fannin County High School TSA – Sale of candy – April 21 – May 30, 2014;

Fannin County High School TSA – Sale of Krispy Kreme Doughnuts – April 21 – May 30, 2014;

Fannin County High School Football – Sale of vectorized auto graphic signs – April 21 – June 1, 2014;

Fannin County High School Boys Soccer – Sale of candy – April 21 – June 30, 2014;

Fannin County High School FFA – Ten percent of Zaxby’s sales from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. – April 22, 2014;

Fannin County High School FCCLA – Ten percent of Zaxby’s sales from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. – April 22, 2014;

Fannin County High School FCCLA – Ten percent of Dairy Queen sales from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. – April 29, 2014;

Fannin County High School Girls Soccer – Ten percent of Dairy Queen sales from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. – May 2014;

Fannin County High School Girls Basketball – Lady Rebels Camp of Champions – June 2 – 4, 2014;

Fannin County High School Girls Basketball – High school and middle school girls team camp – June 5 – 7, 2014; and

Fannin County High School Boys Basketball – Boys basketball team camp – June 16 – 17, 2014.

Public Comment:

None.

After public comment, motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve the financial report for the month ending February 28, 2014. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Mr. Henson stated the SPLOST check received in March for the month of January was \$283,189.76.

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to seek bids from area banks for the Fannin County Board of Education’s checking accounts. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to approve a revised lease agreement for Feed Fannin, Inc. to lease tracts A & B of the property owned by the Board located at 762 Ada Street, Blue Ridge, GA, 30513 for the purpose of the development of a community garden for an annual fee of \$1.00 with the opportunity to renew for five additional years (see attached). All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve the security camera upgrade at West Fannin Elementary School to be completed by Automated Creations for a total cost of \$41,929.70 to be paid out of SPLOST funds. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the upgrade of the wireless network at Fannin County High School to Xirrus to be completed by Howard Technology Solutions, our district's vendor for Xirrus, for a total cost of \$38,545.00 to be paid out of SPLOST funds. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to award a bid for lawn mowing to David L. Reas of Ideal Solutions for Blue Ridge Elementary at \$368.00 per month, East Fannin Elementary at \$755.00 per month, and West Fannin Elementary School at \$580.00 per month from April 15 – October 15, 2014. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to award a bid for lawn mowing to Ricky Morgan for Fannin County Middle School at \$750.00 per month and Fannin County High School at \$1,300.00 per month from April 15 – October 15, 2014. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to revise the 2013-2014 school calendar in accordance with O.C.G.A. 20-2-168, which provides the option of students to attend 174 days for the 2013-2014 school year. Subsequently, the last school day for students in Fannin County schools will be May 23, 2014 (see attached resolution). All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve a resolution supporting the Seamless Summer 2014 program (see attached resolution). All members voted yes; motion carried.

Cynthia Panter, Associate Superintendent, reviewed the Vision for Public Education in Georgia recommendations with the Board. Ms. Panter stated items highlighted in yellow are already in the system's Strategic Plan. Ms. Panter suggested items highlighted in pink be added to the plan. Ms. Panter stated items highlighted in green will occur if the district's Charter System Application is approved by the State. All five members of the Board were in agreement with Ms. Panter's recommendations (see attached).

Karen Walton, Director of Curriculum and School Improvement, reviewed the upcoming Advance Ed SACS/CASI timeline with the Board.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to accept the resignation of Shannon York effective at the end of school year 2013 – 2014. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to accept the resignation of Scott Mealer effective March 20, 2014. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to accept the resignation of Teresa Santos effective at the end of school year 2013 – 2014. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to accept the resignation of Ed Branham effective at the end of school year 2013 – 2014. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to accept the resignation of Steve Phillips effective June 1, 2014. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to accept the resignation of June Pugh effective at the end of school year 2013 – 2014. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve Miranda Shook Roof as a teacher for the 2014 – 2015 school year. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve Heather Boyle as a teacher for the 2014 – 2015 school year. Steve Stanley, Sandra Mercier, Terry Bramlett, and Bobby Bearden voted yes. Lewis DeWeese abstained; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to approve Patti Sanborn Sosebee as a teacher for the 2014 – 2015 school year. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve Sabrina Howard as a teacher for the 2014 – 2015 school year. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve Garry McPeek as a substitute teacher. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Superintendent's Comments:

Mr. Henson stated it was a good week/year to be a Superintendent in Fannin County. Mr. Henson stated the system had jumped the hurdle of federal monitoring with the Title Cross-Functional review, which was conducted earlier in the day. Mr. Henson stated if someone thought there was no red tape involved in receiving federal funds they should come by and visit with Karen Walton and Cynthia Panter, and after talking with them they might change their minds.

Mr. Henson stated Betsy Hyde had gone through an intensive review earlier in the year with Title III, and she should be commended for the performance of her department. Also,

Candy Sisson and the school nutrition department went through monitoring earlier in the year, and her department did an outstanding job.

Mr. Henson stated Karen Walton had hit the upload button on SACS, and he looked forward showing the review team what a fabulous school system we have.

Sarah Welch, teacher at Fannin County High School, had been named a Top-10 finalist for Georgia Teacher of the Year.

Board Members' Comments:

Bobby Bearden thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Mr. Bearden stated at the workshop on Tuesday there were as many students present as other people present at the Board meeting tonight that were going to Nationals this summer to represent the various groups they were in. Mr. Bearden stated Fannin County had great schools, a great Superintendent, and a great Board, and he is proud to be a part of the organization.

Terry Bramlett stated he apologized for missing Tuesday's work session due to a doctor's appointment. Mr. Bramlett stated thanks to E-Board he was able to keep abreast of all items on the agenda for the meeting. Mr. Bramlett stated it was an honor to be a part of the Fannin County Board of Education. Mr. Bramlett stated the Superintendent and his administrators do a wonderful job.

Lewis DeWeese stated he welcomed everyone. Mr. DeWeese stated he appreciated the Chamber of Commerce and their role in our community. Mr. DeWeese stated he hoped Fannin Leadership participants who were at the meeting would return for future meetings. Mr. DeWeese stated Dr. Michael Gwatney keeps the school system ahead of the curve on technology. Mr. DeWeese stated he is so proud of the students who attended the work session on Tuesday and their accomplishments. Mr. DeWeese stated these students' accomplishments were the ultimate measure of how he was doing as a Board member.

Sandra Mercier welcomed Fannin Leadership participants. Mrs. Mercier stated she was a past Fannin Leadership participant, and she learned many facets she did not know about Fannin County. Mrs. Mercier stated it was an honor to have one of our own to in the Top-10 for Georgia Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Mercier stated she was excited to see the collaboration with the Seamless Summer feeding program.

Steve Stanley stated it was an honor and privilege to sit on the Board, and his goal was to see that students had opportunities to succeed.

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.

Steve Stanley, Chairperson

Mark Henson, Superintendent

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