

September 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; and Junior Farmer. Members absent: Terry Bramlett, Vice Chairperson, and Emily Dunn.

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 July 2008. Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated the SPLOST check received in August for the month of June was \$338,327.77.

Public Comment:

Joe DePietro, Staff Writer for *The News Observer*, congratulated the school system for being recommended for district wide SACS accreditation.

Art Hubbard, Assistant Superintendent, gave the board an update on the Fannin County High School Stadium Complex construction project (see attachment).

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

Fannin County High School TSA – CORE Officer Training for TSA Local Officer Team in Covington, GA for September 12 – 14, 2008

Fannin County High School FFA – Georgia FFA Day at the Fair in Perry, GA for October 6 – 7, 2008

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following fund raiser requests:

Fannin County Middle School MOID – Sale of pins (Georgia Bulldog, Christmas, Halloween, etc.), September 12, 2008 – May 9, 2009

Fannin County Middle School – Sale of Coca-Cola Products, September 29 – October 10, 2008

Fannin County High School Softball – Sale of Discount Cards, September 12 - 30, 2008

Fannin County High School CTAE – Sale of picnic tables, benches, bookshelves, birdhouses, and other types of wood products, September 1, 2008 – May 11, 2009

Fannin County High School SkillsUSA – Sale of spirit ribbons at football games, September 12, 2008 – November 7, 2008

Fannin County High School SkillsUSA – Sale of Alzheimer’s Awareness Bracelets, September 15 – October 10, 2008

Fannin County High School HOSA – Sale of Carousel Rounds Lollipops, September 15 – October 20, 2008

Fannin County High School – Ms. Taylor’s Class – Sale of baked cookies, September 26, 2008 – May 8, 2009

Fannin County High School National Art Honor Society – Paint faces and sell photographs of people in a cut-out of “American Gothic” by Grant Wood, September 20 – 21, 2008

Fannin County High School FCCLA – Sale of Dip Mixes and Cheesecake Mixes, September 29 – October 10, 2008

Fannin County High School SkillsUSA – Sale of Gourmet Cookie Dough, October 1 – 21, 2008

Fannin County High School Thespians – Collecting nonperishable foods or donations for “Trick or Treat So Kids Can Eat” at home football games – October 1 – 31, 2008

Fannin County High School FFA – Sale of Indian River Citrus Fruit, October 1 – November 1, 2008

Fannin County High School Skills USA/FBLA – Powder Puff Football Game, October 14, 2008

Fannin County High School FBLA – Sale of Photo Ornaments, October 20, 2008 to May 22, 2009

Fannin County High School TSA – Sale of clocks designed and built by students, November 20 – December 19, 2008

Mark Henson, Superintendent, also presented the board with a list of fund raisers planned at Blue Ridge Elementary and West Fannin Elementary by each schools PTO. This information was presented as information only. No vote was necessary.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve two Memorandums of Understandings with the Fannin County Department of Public Health to provide facilities if the need arises for a special needs population shelter and to provide facilities if a public health emergency occurs (see attached).

Moved, seconded, and carried to employ Phyllis Davis and Jeff Ledford as bus drivers.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following substitute school nutrition workers:

Dee Brown
Heather Cobb
Patricia Curtis
Vonda Davis
Dana Foster
Connie Ferrell
Victoria Goddard
Julia Grimaldo
Ginger Hewatt
Erica Ledford
Michelle Mattson
Juanita Petty
Nancy Ritchie
Valisa Sanders
Robin J. VanNess
Amanda Wood

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

Jeremiah Abernathy
Patricia Bishop
Carolyn Call
Stephanie Cancienne
Vivian Chastain
Amanda Cloer
Heather Cobb
Brandi Cook
Carrie Crawford
Jennifer Crosby
Molly Davenport
Marilyn Drechsler
Karen Epperson
Robin Foster
Ashley Gammon
Natalie Gay
Julia Grimaldo
Carrie Lee
Julie Locke
Michelle Matteson
Christie McDaniel

Shelbi Miller
Janie Mosley
Stephanie O'Neal
Suzanne Patterson
Mendy Payne
Michael Petty
Brenda Pierce
Samantha Pugh
Siegrid Russell
Valisa Sanders
Nancy Scott
Carol Towe
Anthony Walden
Kim Walden
Lynn Wilson

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

Dan Brown
Vonda Davis
Julia Grimaldo
David Hill

Superintendent's Comments:

Mr. Henson thanked the board for being forward thinking and letting the system pursue district wide accreditation. Mr. Henson also stated he appreciated all of the effort the board, teachers, staff members, and administrators put into the accreditation process. Mr. Henson agreed with Dr. Frank Buck's comments made on Wednesday, September 10, 2008, at the Oral Exit Report of the SACS Quality Assurance Review Team that Angela Berrong, Director of School Improvement and Instructional Services, had done an excellent job guiding the district accreditation process. Mr. Henson also stated that he was extremely thankful to Mrs. Berrong for all of the hard work she put into the accreditation process. Mr. Henson stated he was pleased with the support the community gave the school system. The school system is a community effort.

Board Member Comments:

Junior Farmer stated it is an honor to be on the board. Mr. Farmer also stated he did not want to let Fannin County citizens or children down.

Garnett Webb stated he was impressed that about 100% of all stakeholders knew the school system's vision. Mr. Webb stated he wanted to thank Mr. Henson and his staff for all of their hard work in getting the school system accredited. Mr. Webb also stated the community had really risen to the occasion. Mr. Webb stated the Quality Assurance

Review Team gave us some good objectives to work towards. Mr. Webb was also very pleased with the job Dr. Michael Gwatney did as the Technology Director.

Bobby Bearden stated he was impressed that 203 people took the time to be interviewed by the Quality Assurance Review Team. Mr. Bearden said he believes that we have dedicated employees who put a lot of extra work into making what happened happen. Mr. Bearden explained that this is why he was 100% sure that the school system would receive SACS accreditation.

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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Construction Update 9/11/2008

FCHS Stadium Complex

Blasting complete

Preliminary site prep complete within 1 week

Surveyors out 9/15 to complete new topo

Plans to contractors and Dodge rooms 10/1/2008

Bid opening Thursday 11/6/2008 (approximately)