

May 10, 2007

6:00 p.m.

The Fannin County Board of Education met in regular session with the following members present: Bobby Bearden, Chairperson; Garnett Webb, Vice-Chairperson; Junior Farmer; Terry Bramlett; 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.

#### Public Comment

The following people spoke on the April 23, 2007 incident involving school bus driver Wanda Wolfe: Lucille O'Neal, Randell Caylor, Doug Pullium, Angie Newton, Bill Turpin, Denver Foster, Ricky O'Neal, Teresa Pullium, and Tim Davenport.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the financial report for the month ending March 2007.

Special recognition was given to students at Fannin High School and Fannin Middle School (see attachment).

Brenda Payne, Principal of Blue Ridge Elementary, gave an update on the School Improvement process at Blue Ridge Elementary.

Art Hubbard, Director of Instructional Services, gave the board an update on the various construction projects (see attachment).

Upon the recommendation of Sandra H. Mercier, Superintendent, a motion was made by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Garnett Webb, to award a bid for the general fund checking account to United Community Bank from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2009. All members voted yes. Motion carried. (Bids attached)

Upon the recommendation of Sandra H. Mercier, Superintendent, the revised policy book was presented to the board for review. This policy book will be tabled and will be voted on at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

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

United Hospice of Blue Ridge – use of Fannin County Middle School to conduct Camp Cocoon – June 6 to June 7, 2007

Fannin County Baseball 14 and under team – use of Fannin County High School Baseball field – Spring/Summer/Fall 2007

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

Fannin County High School FFA – FFA Summer Leadership Conference in Covington, GA for June 4, 2007

Fannin County High School HOSA – HOSA National Competition in Orlando, FL for June 20 to June 24, 2007

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following fundraiser requests:

Fannin County High School Quarterback Club – Sale of food/beverages during the Aaron Tippin concert, June 30, 2007

Fannin County Middle School Cheerleading – Sale of Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, May 18 & 19, 2007

Fannin County Middle School Cheerleading – Sale of Discount Coupon Books, July 16 – August 10, 2007

Moved, seconded, and carried to go into executive session to discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee; (O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(6)); and to discuss the future acquisition of real estate; (O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(4)).

Moved, seconded, and carried to resume regular session.

Bobby Bearden, Chairman, announced no action was taken while in executive session.

Moved, seconded, and carried to employ Amanda McBride, Robin Crubaugh, Frank Scanton, and Sue Reynolds as certified teachers for the 2007-08 school year.

Moved, seconded, and carried to employ Marilyn Reece as the Graduation Specialist at Fannin Middle School for the 2007-08 school year.

Moved, seconded, and carried to employ Tracy Dillard as the Secretary/Bookkeeper at Blue Ridge Elementary School.

Upon the recommendation of Sandra H. Mercier, Superintendent, a motion was made by Emily Dunn, seconded by Junior Farmer, to transfer Dr. Barry Abbott from Blue Ridge Elementary to Fannin County Middle School Sp. Ed. Teacher, transfer Pete Manuel from teacher to Assisant Principal at Fannin County High School, and transfer Wendy Reynolds from teacher to Vocational Director and Assistant Principal at Fannin County High School. Bobby Bearden, Garnett Webb, Junior Farmer, and Emily Dunn voted yes. Terry Bramlett abstained. Motion carried.

Moved, seconded, and carried to employ Debra Lopez as a School Nutrition Worker.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following substitutes:

**Substitute Teachers:**

Keshia Cox

**Substitute Custodian:**

Shirley Jones

Board Members' Comments:

Emily Dunn stated she enjoyed the FFA banquet.

Terry Bramlett stated he appreciated Boy Scout Troup 460 for attending the board meeting. Mr. Bramlett also stated he looked forward to seeing these young men grow into responsible and productive citizens.

Junior Farmer stated he enjoyed the FFA banquet.

Garnett Webb stated Abby Arp, a Fannin High School graduate, would be graduating from West Point and to his knowledge she was the first student from Fannin schools to receive this accomplishment.

Bobby Bearden stated he appreciated Boy Scout Troup 460 for attending the meeting, and he was glad to be here.

Superintendent's Comments:

Mrs. Mercier reminded board members of the upcoming retreat to be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2007, at the central office. Mrs. Mercier also wanted to remind everyone of graduation which is to be held on Friday, May 25, 2007, at the high school football stadium. Mrs. Mercier thanked Boy Scout Troup 460 for attending the meeting. She thanked Brenda Payne for her presentation on School Improvement. Mrs. Mercier also commended all of the administrators for their hard work.

Mrs. Mercier also commended David Walton for being this year's valedictorian, and Leigh Bramlett for being this year's Salutatorian. Mrs. Mercier also stated Fannin High School had 30 honor graduates this year.

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.

## **Fannin Middle School – Special Recognitions**

### **Student Recognition**

#### **TSA:**

Austin Vest and Allison Boswell awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place for Program of Work at the Chapter Officer Retreat for Excellence (this is a statewide function). September 2006

Zach Peters won 2<sup>nd</sup> place for Mousetrap Vehicle Challenge held at Tech Day @ the Fair in Perry, Ga. (This is a statewide function as well). Oct. 2006

Austin Vest, Grace Little, & Joey Nicollela won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Armada Boat Race awarded @ Fall Leadership Conference in Jekyll Island, Georgia. Nov. 2006

Austin Vest attended the Legislative Breakfast held in Atlanta then toured the Capital with Rep. David Ralston and met Governor Sonny Perdue. Carol Burke attended with Austin.

TSA State Competition held April 2007 in Perry, Georgia resulted in the following awards: 7<sup>th</sup> place Outstanding Chapter, Austin Vest received 1<sup>st</sup> place in Career Challenge, Katie Gent received 1<sup>st</sup> place in Digital Photography, Jason Arp received 1<sup>st</sup> place in Dragster Design and Flight Challenge, Austin Vest 1<sup>st</sup> place in Graphic Design Challenge, Austin Vest and Katie Gent received 1<sup>st</sup> place in Problem Solving. Austin Vest and Grace Little received 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Challenging Technical Issues, Grace Little and Katie Gent received Medical Technology Challenge, Joey Niicolella and Yin Quoc received 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Structural Challenge.

Austin Vest elected 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President for the Georgia TSA in April. FCMS TSA's Zoe Wolford held this same office. This office is the only office available for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students; all other offices must be held by high school students.

Austin Vest was asked to sing at the State Leadership Conference at the opening ceremonies held in Jekyll Island November 2006. This was the first time anyone had been asked to sing; Georgia TSA is 45 years old.

### **Teacher Recognition TSA**

Carol Burke awarded the Inspirational Middle School Teacher of the Year at the TSA State Conference.

Carol Burke awarded TSA Advisor of the Year for the state of Georgia awarded at the national conference in Dallas, Texas.

### **Student Recognition**

#### **Band:**

Thirteen students selected for District Honor Band. Seven were selected as finalist for the All State Band. Sally Ann Jones won 1<sup>st</sup> chair at District Honor Band for the All State Band.

Seventh and eighth grade bands received superior ratings at the District 9 Large Group Performance Evaluation.

#### **Student Recognition:**

**Andrew Plush** won second place in the 2007 "What are the Lessons of the Holocaust?" Essay sponsored by the Georgia Commission on the Holocaust in cooperation with the Georgia Department of Education.

### **National Young Leaders State Conference**

Lillian "Abby" Nicholson accepted for the National Young Leaders State Conference in Atlanta.

### **People to People Sports Ambassador:**

Brandon Crenshaw awarded the People to People Sports Ambassador Award established by Dwight D. Eisenhower. He will travel to Fiji, Austria, and New Zealand as part of this honor.

### **Spelling Bee:**

Samantha Satterfield won the county spelling bee award in February and will compete in the district competition in March.

### **Teacher Recognition**

Anthony Tichler and Jeff Weaver awarded 2006 Adopt-A-Stream Outstanding Partnership Award.

Dr. Connie Huff awarded Fannin County Teacher of the Year.

Dr. Connie Huff awarded Mentor Teacher by State of Georgia. She is the only teacher in Fannin County to receive this award.

### **School Recognition**

Title I Distinguished School Award

### **Fannin High School – Special Recognitions**

1. Academic Team—Pioneer RESA Region Varsity Champions and 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish for Junior Varsity. The Varsity went on to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> in state competition.
2. One of our students is a National Merit Scholar Finalist.
3. One of our students was recognized as a National Merit Scholar High Scorer.
4. One of our students is a regional Science Competition Champion and State Science Competition Champion for his Science project.
5. One Act Play—Region 8AA Champions—went to State competition.
6. Competition Cheerleaders—placed 4<sup>th</sup> in Region 8AA competition and participated in state competition.
7. Football Team—Region 8AA-North Sub-region Champion—participated in the first round of the state playoffs.
8. FBLA had 4 students place in state competition-2 students placed 8<sup>th</sup>, one student placed 7<sup>th</sup>, and one student placed 4<sup>th</sup>.
9. One of our students and teachers each had selected artwork to be displayed at the art show at North Georgia College and State University in March.
10. TSA placed 5<sup>th</sup> in state competition.
11. HOSA had 2 students qualify for national competition.
12. Our Girls' Basketball Team was 8AA North Sub-region Champion and finished the season with a 19-7 record and qualified for the Sweet 16 in state competition. They also placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Towns County Christmas Tournament.
13. Our Wrestling Team finished 4<sup>th</sup> in area competition and finished the season with a 23-9 record. One of the wrestlers was Area Champion and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in state and another wrestler finished 6<sup>th</sup> in state competition.
14. Our Girls' Golf Team is Region 8AA Champion.
15. Our Junior Board of Directors has participated in numerous fundraisers this year to help needy families and is currently raising money to provide a financial scholarship to a deserving senior.
16. Our student body donated thousands of dollars this year to help other students who have experienced deaths in their immediate families.
17. Our senior class donated monies to pay for all graduation expenses for one of the senior class members whose father died. These monies were used to pay for a class ring, cap and gown, and graduation announcements.
18. Our Baseball Team is 8AA North Sub-region Champions. Currently they are participating in region competition.
19. The Fannin High Chorus was invited to and did sing at our State Capitol.
20. The Fannin High Band finished its season with superior ratings in all areas at all festivals.

21. Our Girls' Soccer Team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in area competition and finished the season with a 15-3 record. They are currently participating in state competition.
22. Our drama students, band students, and chorus students combined skills and talents this year to produce the largest play production in this school's history, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat."
23. The senior Boys' Tennis Team went to state competition 4 consecutive years and compiled a 4 year regular season record of 44-3.
24. The senior girls led the Girls' Tennis Team to state competition for the first time in 10 years.
25. The senior class boasts 30 Honor Graduates.

### **BRES Construction Update 5/10/2007**

#### BRES PE Facility

A/C units on site – Duct installation complete  
 Interior electrical 85% complete  
 Interior plumbing 85% complete  
 Entrance details complete  
 Fire alarm system installed

#### BRES Classroom Addition

Bathroom fixtures 90% complete  
 VCT installation complete  
 HVAC installation complete  
 Fire sprinkler system awaiting final inspection  
 Interior doors hardware installed  
 Parking lot paving complete  
 Sidewalks complete

### **WFES Construction Update 5/10/2007**

#### WFES PE Facility

Demolition of existing gym 95% complete  
 Metal siding complete  
 Painting 95% complete  
 Electrical wiring 90% complete  
 Duct installation 80% complete

#### WFES Classroom Addition

Ceiling grid (Firewall) 95% complete  
 Ceiling grid panels (finished ceiling) on site  
 Painting 60% complete  
 Window installation complete  
 Millwork stained and installed  
 Interior plumbing 85% complete  
 Electrical tie-in complete within 10 days

#### **EFES PE Facility**

Plumbing rough (slab) complete  
 Electrical rough (slab) complete  
 Slab prep 95% complete  
 Slab to be poured Monday 5/14

### **FCHS HVAC Renovation**

Finalizing details with contractor

**BRES Gym/Cafeteria Renovation**

Plans sent to GADDOE for approval

Contract Manager at Risk process underway

**FCMS HVAC Renovation**

Approved plans received from GADDOE

HVAC units on order

Electrician currently working on site