

May 10, 2012  
6:00 p.m.

The Fannin County Board of Education met in regular session with the following members present: Sandra Mercier, Chair; Steve Stanley, Vice-Chair; Bobby Bearden; Terry Bramlett; and Lewis DeWeese. All members present.

By motion from Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Steve Stanley, to approve the following items on the consent agenda. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Approve the consent agenda.

Approve the meeting minutes from April 12 and May 8, 2012.

Approve the following facility use requests:

Fannin County travel baseball team 14 and under – use of Fannin County High School baseball field on May 14, 16, 17, 23, & 24, 2012 from 3:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; and

Fannin County Chamber of Commerce – use of Fannin County High School cafeteria on June 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Approve the following field trip requests:

Fannin County High School girls basketball team – Tennessee Wesleyan College in Athens, TN, on June 1, 2012;

Fannin County High School girls basketball team – Pickens County High School in Jasper, GA, on June 5, 6, and 12, 2012;

Fannin County High School girls basketball team – Union County High School in Blairsville, GA, on June 18 – 19, 2012;

Fannin County High School boys basketball team – Tennessee Wesleyan College in Athens, TN, on June 14 – 15, 2012; and

Fannin County High School boys basketball team – Union County High School in Blairsville, GA, on June 21 – 23, 2012.

Approve the following fundraiser requests:

Fannin County High School Cheerleaders – Sale of fall items from Great American Catalogue – May 7 – 18, 2012;

Fannin County High School girls soccer – Sale of candy bars – May 11 – 23, 2012;

Fannin County High School girls soccer – car wash and detail – May 29 – 30, 2012;

Fannin County High School cheerleaders – youth cheer camp – June 11 – 15, 2012;

Fannin County High School softball – sale of gold discount card – June 25 – July 23, 2012; and

Fannin County High School HOSA – sale of Krispy Kreme doughnuts – August 2 – September 14, 2012.

Approve the request from Fannin County Recreation Department to use four school buses for the Summer Day Camp program from June 4 through July 13, 2012.

Public Comment:

None.

After public a motion was made by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett to approve the financial report for the month ending March 31, 2012. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated the SPLOST check received in April for the month of February was \$295,985.01.

Art Hubbard, Assistant Superintendent, gave Board members an update on the field house construction project. Mr. Hubbard stated the following items were completed on the field house project: 1) the interior plumbing trim was 95% complete; 2) the electrical trim was 95% complete; 3) the epoxy floor was complete; 4) the interior door installation is complete; 5) the vinyl composite tile was installed; 6) the restroom accessories are installed; 7) the locker room benches are installed; 8) the carpet will be installed within 1 week; 9) the fire marshal final inspection will be completed in 1 week; and 10) the ceiling tile will be installed after the fire marshal inspection is complete.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Terry Bramlett as required by O.C.G.A. 20-2-260 to approve a resolution requesting the assistance of the Georgia Department of Education Facilities Section in the development of the new five-year local facilities plan to be completed by March 15, 2013. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Steve Stanley to approve the proposal from Mc's Painting and Decorating in the amount of \$31,436.00 to install epoxy floors in restrooms and

locker rooms at the Fannin County Middle School to be paid out of SPLOST funds. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Steve Stanley to approve the following Fannin County School System surplus property bids:

Lot 1 – Champion decline weight bench, \$51.00;

Lot 2 – Champion bent-over row, \$75.00;

Lot 3 – Champion lat pull-down, \$100.00;

Lot 6 – Champion back extension, \$30.00;

Lot 7 – Leg curl, \$30.00;

Lot 8 – Leg extension, \$30.00;

Lot 9 – Smith machine, \$201.00;

Lot 10 – While leg press, \$40.00;

Lot 11 – Squat machine, \$51.00; and

Lot 12 – Miscellaneous items, \$5.00.

The motion was contingent on the highest bidders paying and removing the items within five business days. After five business days, the items can be sold to the next highest bidder. No bids were received for Lots 4 and 5, and these items were declared as salvage. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese and seconded by Bobby Bearden to increase full pay student lunch prices \$0.10, and to increase the lunch price for adults and students not enrolled in the Fannin County School System by \$0.10. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Steve Stanley to approve the following list of items as salvaged property. These items will be sold for scrap at a recycling center. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Bus Number</u>
1990	Blue Bird School Bus	VIN 1BAAGCSA8LF036635	90-29
1991	Blue Bird School Bus	VIN 1BAAGCSA4MF042451	91-16
1992	Blue Bird School Bus	VIN 1BAAGCSA3NF047979	92-08

1994 Blue Bird School Bus VIN 1BAAGCSAXRF056572 94-17

1996 Blue Bird School Bus VIN 1BAAHCSA6 TF067833 96-22

One lot of Bus Watch camera components.

One lot of radio equipment 800 MHz.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Lewis DeWeese to give tentative approval for the Fannin County High School to see if there is interest in students attending a trip to Europe during the summer of 2014. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Lewis DeWeese to adopt a Reduction in Force (RIF) Plan for the following categories of positions: One high school physical education teaching position and five elementary school teaching positions. All members voted yes. Motion carried (see attached).

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Bobby Bearden to go in to 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)). All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett to resume regular session. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Sandra Mercier, Chairperson, announced no action was taken while in executive session.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Steve Stanley to approve the resignations of the following personnel. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Dixie Fitzgerald	Fannin County School System effective 05-24-12
Josh Jordan	Blue Ridge Elementary effective 05-04-12
Diane Clement	East Fannin Elementary effective 05-31-12
Debbie Galloway	East Fannin Elementary effective 05-31-12
Tegan Baker	West Fannin Elementary effective end of SY 11-12
Amanda Callihan	West Fannin Elementary effective end of SY 11-12

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to transfer Melanie Satterfield from a teaching position at Fannin County High School to the position of Media Specialist at East Fannin Elementary school for the 2012 – 2013 school year. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve Jill Armstrong, Neil Armstrong, and Zachary Padgett as special education teachers for the 2012 – 2013 school year. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the following administrators for the 2012 – 2013 school year. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Patricia Adams	Betsy Hyde
Lori Chastain	Benny Long
Erik Cioffi	Shannon Miller
Darren Danner	Cynthia Panter @ 49%
Theresa Dillard	Glenn Patterson
Patricia DuBois	Candice Sisson
Robert Ensley	Karen Walton
Michael Gwatney	Shannon York
Cynthia Hicks	
Art Hubbard	
Connie Huff	

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Steve Stanley, to approve the following certified personnel for the 2012 – 2013 school year. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Abbott, Barry	Bryson, Martha
Abernathy, Gail	Burch, Lynn
Allmon, Emmie	Callihan, Robbi
Anderson, Natasha	Callihan, Samantha
Bailey, Diane	Callihan, Terry
Ball, Melissa	Callihan, Tonya
Barnes, Cindi	Campbell, Deborah
Barnes, Rebecca	Cantrell, Tara
Barnstead, Julia	Chambers, Amanda
Barnstead, Scott	Chambers, Greg
Baugh, Celeste	Chambers, Stacy
Bice, Diana	Chapman, Buffy
Birchmore, Jodi	Cheek, Heather
Boyce, Pam	Clonts, Walter
Brand, Ashley	Cochran, Debra
Branham, Edward	Collis, Alan
Brannon, Kimberly	Collis, Heather
Breeden, Joseph	Collis, Troyia
Brown, Kelly	Cook, Jessica
Bruce, Pamela P.	Cooke, Crystal
Bryant, Scott	Corbin, Mary

Crisp, Frank  
Crubaugh, Robin  
Culpepper, Kathy  
Culpepper, Shannon  
Danner, Alison  
Davenport, Betty  
Daves, Jeffrey  
Daves, Penny  
Davis, Kyle  
Davis, Sarah  
Dillard, Melinda  
Dixon, Amanda  
Dockery, Aline  
Dockery, Valdora  
Dyer, Brenda  
Dyer, David  
Eavenson, Amanda  
Eggleston, Scott  
Eisenhart, Lora  
Ensley, Maranda  
Estep, Mayra  
Evans, Laura  
Evans, Robert  
Evans, Stephanie  
Finch, Sarah  
Finley, Heather  
Fleeman, Shannon  
Forney, David  
George, Kathryn Ann  
George, Karen  
Gibbs, John  
Gilliam, Cindy  
Gilreath, Stacey  
Gobble, Althea  
Gray, Donna  
Griffith, Sharon  
Grubb, Michele  
Hamby, Michelle  
Harper, Dana  
Helton, Angela Gail

Hemming, Anona  
Henry, Vicki  
Henson, Stacy  
Herndon, Stacy  
Holloway, Kathrin  
Holsonback, Betty  
Hood, Christina  
Hubbard, Charlene  
Hughes, Danette  
Ingle, Shelia  
Jantti, Joan  
Jenkins, Lori  
Jennings, Jennifer  
Jessen, Nancy  
Jones, Angela  
Jones, Debbie  
Jones, Hannah  
Jones, Rachel  
Jourdan, Katrina  
Kaye, Julia  
Keener, Elaine  
Kendall, Jill  
Kephart, Cherie  
Key, Jill  
King, Barbara  
King, Jennifer  
King, Melissa  
Ladd, Donna  
Lambert, Jill  
Lang, Dianne  
Lansing, Jenny  
Lapham, Pamela  
Lord, Brenda  
Lowman, Kelly  
Majors, Kayla  
Marchette, Beatrice  
Marcrum, Lesa  
Martin, Janis  
Mashburn, Chris  
Mason, Tammie

Mathews, Rhonda  
Mathis, Pamela  
Mathis, Rita  
Mauney, Walter  
McAbee, Joyce  
McBride, Amanda  
Mills, Robert  
Moates, Elden 49%  
Morgan, Jodi  
Nave, Linda  
Nicholson, Raven  
Nicholson, Sharon  
O'Neal, Joey  
Osborn, Stephanie  
Pace, Mary Jean  
Pack, Kimberley  
Padgett, David  
Parmer, Deborah  
Parris, Angela  
Pass, Blake  
Pass, Suzanne  
Passmore, Lena  
Patterson, Kim  
Payne, Lauren  
Phillips, Steve  
Pickelsimer, Courtney  
Pressley, Phil  
Pugh, June  
Putnam, Annette  
Quinn, Cindy  
Quintrell, Dani 75%  
Reist, Lynn  
Reynolds, Wendy  
Rice, Milicent  
Rich, Selena  
Rittenberry, Jennifer  
Roberson, Katy  
Robinson, Lora  
Rose, Christie  
Saxon, Jenna

Scarth, Gwen  
Searce, Yvette  
Schaibly, Jon  
Scott, Diane  
Seber, Lauren  
Shinpaugh, April  
Sims, Lori  
Slagle, Patricia  
Sloan, Harriett  
Smith, Susan  
Smith, Stacey Lee  
Snider, Joshua  
Soriero, Anne  
Sowers, Hope  
Sparkman, Gwen  
Sparks, Ashley  
Stanley, Jason  
Stanley, Sharon  
Stone, Mark  
Stone, Travis  
Strickland, Frances  
Strobel, Erica A.  
Summers, Tami  
Tamberino, Ashley  
Tate, Teresa  
Taylor, Khalisa B.  
Taylor, Lisa  
Taylor, Peggy Susie  
Taylor, G. Zach  
Tesoriero, Brian  
Thomas, Amanda  
Thomas, Dewayne  
Thomas, Michelle  
Thomas, Tammy  
Tichler, Anthony  
Totherow, Miranda  
Underwood, Kristi  
Walden, Sandra  
Walker, Jennifer  
Ware, Beth

Watkins, Nancy  
Watkins, Serena  
Weaver, Jeffrey  
Weaver, Vanessa  
Weeks, Krystal  
Weeks, Lynn  
Welch, Sarah  
West, Matthew

White, Elizabeth Ann  
Wilbanks, Jeff  
Williams, Martha  
Wood, Cindy  
Workman, Jennifer  
Young, Angela  
Young, Mark

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve Betty J. Garland as a teacher for the 2012 – 2013 school year. Bobby Bearden, Terry Bramlett, Lewis DeWeese, and Sandra Mercier voted yes. Steve Stanley abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve Janet McDonald as the WIA grant coordinator for the 2012 – 2013 school year. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

#### Superintendent's Comments:

Mr. Henson presented Candy Sisson, School Nutrition Director, certificates from the Georgia Department of Education for reaching a high level of student participation in the School Nutrition Program during 2010 – 2011 at East Fannin Elementary, West Fannin Elementary, and Fannin County Middle School.

Mr. Henson invited everyone to attend the county-wide end-of-year meeting followed by the retirees' reception at the Performing Arts Center on May 31 at 8:30 a.m.

Mr. Henson also reminded everyone of graduation on Friday, May 25, at 8:00 p.m. at the high school stadium.

Mr. Henson asked Cynthia Panter, Associate Superintendent, to share with the Board details of a visit received earlier in the day. Ms. Panter stated Irene Bailey, who is with the Georgia Council for International Visitors, brought eight healthcare people from other countries, along with their interpreters, to the clinic at Fannin County Middle School to observe its setup and operation.

Mr. Henson stated the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Bus Road-e-o safety competition was held on Tuesday, and the winners were as follows: Wendi Weigle – 1<sup>st</sup> place, Junior Dillinger – 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and Melissa Beaver – 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Mr. Henson stated Wendi will represent Fannin County at the state competition in June.

Mr. Henson stated in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week he encouraged everyone to take time to thank a teacher and everyone involved in the education process for all of their hard work.

Mr. Henson invited the Board on behalf of Blue Ridge Elementary to a retirement reception for their retirees to be held there on May 29 at 1:00 p.m.



Board Members' Comments:

Bobby Bearden stated he appreciated everyone who came out for the meeting. Mr. Bearden thanked Buddy Benefield Construction and Art Hubbard for the seamless job on the field house project. Mr. Bearden stated he thought the current Board was a good one that worked well together, and there did not need to be any changes.

Terry Bramlett thanked Buddy Benefield Construction for their diligence and attention to detail on all of the projects they had completed for Fannin County Schools. Mr. Bramlett also thanked Candy Sisson for reaching high levels of participation at three of the schools. Mr. Bramlett thanked Benny Long for his efforts coordinating the annual Bus Road-e-o safety competition. He also thanked Art Hubbard for coordinating the various capital outlay projects. Mr. Bramlett stated he knew it was a difficult week for the school system, and he appreciated the attitude of the central office staff as they dealt with adversity. Mr. Bramlett stated it was a shame the state did not fully fund the QBE formula so Fannin would receive the revenue to which it is entitled.

Lewis DeWeese stated he appreciated the school system placing such a high emphasis on putting money into the classroom. Mr. DeWeese complimented Candy Sisson and Benny Long, as well as their staffs, for having such clean kitchens and workshop. Mr. DeWeese stated this showed the pride their employees had in their work environments.

Steve Stanley stated he was also proud of the recent accomplishments Candy Sisson, Benny Long, and Art Hubbard had. Mr. Stanley stated also thanked Darvin Couch for his service as Resource Officer of Fannin County Schools. Mr. Stanley congratulated the 2012 senior class and their parents for a job well done.

Sandra Mercier stated she was in agreement with all of the comments made by her fellow Board members, and she also gave kudos and accolades to the class of 2012.

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 Chair when deemed necessary.

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Sandra Mercier, Chairperson

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Mark Henson, Superintendent