

August 14, 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; Junior Farmer; Terry Bramlett, Vice-Chairperson; 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.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the financial report for the month ending June 2008. Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated the SPLOST check received in July for the month of May was \$287,186.82.

Public Comment:

Lisa Gagnon, a parent of two children at Fannin County High School, expressed her unhappiness with how the system has handled the placement of one of her sons who is reentering public schools after being homeschooled for the past two years.

Angela Berrong, Director of Student Services, asked board members to approve the 2008 – 2009 Annual Board Planning Calendar which she presented at the work session on Tuesday, August 10. Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the 2008 – 2009 Annual Board Planning Calendar (See attached).

Art Hubbard, Assistant Superintendent, gave the board an update on the various construction projects (see attachment).

Benny Long, Director of Transportation, gave the board an update on the diesel and gas underground tanks located at the bus garage. Mr. Long stated Kathy Yert from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Environmental Protection Division came and inspected the tanks and recordkeeping process of fuel usage earlier in the year. Ms. Yert informed Mr. Long the tanks required automatic tank monitors. Mr. Long recommended the board purchase the Fuel Master Monitoring System from Atlanta Petroleum Equipment Company for a cost of \$38,733.42. Mr. Long also stated by purchasing the Fuel Master System, Denver Foster, Head Mechanic, had worked with this system at his previous job and could problem solve and save money on technical support. Moved, seconded, and carried to approve this purchase.

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

Fannin County Middle and Fannin County High School TSA – TSA Fall Leadership Conference in Jekyll Island, GA on November 14 – 16, 2008

Fannin County High School FFA – FFA Floral Design Career Development Event Workshop and Training at Sonoraville High School on August 26, 2008

Fannin County High School FFA – FFA North Region Rally at FFA Camp in Covington, GA on September 5 – 6, 2008

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

Blue Ridge Elementary School Counseling Guidance – Sale of T-Shirts and Car Stickers, August 21, 2008 – May 21, 2009

Blue Ridge Elementary School – Sale of Fall Pictures, August 22 – September 30, 2008

Blue Ridge Elementary School – Sale of Spring Pictures, March 2 – 31, 2009

East Fannin Elementary School – Sale of “Dough Raisers” Coupons for Discounted Pizzas, September 2008 – May 2009

East Fannin Elementary School – Sale of Fall Pictures, September 22, 2008

East Fannin Elementary School – Sale of QSP Reader’s Digest Gift Items, August 15 – September 4, 2008

Fannin County Middle and High School Cross Country/Track – Sale of Fannin vs. Gilmer T-Shirts, August 25 – 29, 2008

Fannin County High School FFA – Sale of Meat Sticks, September 1, 2008 – October 1, 2008

Fannin County High School Band – Car Show, September 20, 2008

Approved, seconded, and carried to approve a resolution requesting technical assistance from the Georgia Department of Education in the development of a five-year local facilities plan as provided for in State Board Rule 160-5-4-.01.

Approved, seconded, and carried to accept a bid from United Community Bank with an interest rate of 3.0% and a total payback of \$315,039.45 to lease purchase 4 international school buses.

Approved, seconded, and carried to approve the Bids and Quotations Policy/Descriptor Code: DJED. This policy was presented to the board for review on July 10 and was tabled for a month.

Approved, seconded, and carried for Mark Henson, Superintendent, to negotiate a land swap deal with Doug Hall in regard to Mr. Hall’s request in July to trade a jagged piece of land for a corner piece of land. Mr. Henson will bring the proposed deal back to the board for approval.

Discipline reports for both Fannin County Middle School and Fannin County High School were presented to the board for their review. No action required.

Upon the recommendation of Mark Henson, Superintendent, a motion was made by Emily Dunn and seconded by Terry Bramlett to employ Bobbie Kandice “Kandi” Hanson as a secretary at Fannin County Middle School and Scott Mealer as a custodian at Fannin County Middle School. Bobby Bearden, Garnett Webb, Terry Bramlett, and Emily Dunn voted yes. Junior Farmer voted no.

Board Members’ Comments:

Emily Dunn stated she appreciated the smooth opening of schools. Ms. Dunn stated it was exciting to see the motivated teachers and students.

Terry Bramlett stated he appreciated all the hard work everyone in the school system put into making Fannin County Schools successful. Mr. Bramlett stated he was glad to be part of the team.

Junior Farmer stated he hoped parents would talk to their kids about vandalism and how it ultimately costs their parents money to clean it up.

Garnett Webb stated he felt good about our school system and all of our new employees. Mr. Webb also stated he was pleased with our school system at this time.

Bobby Bearden stated he was grateful to Mr. Henson and his staff for taking care of business. Mr. Bearden also stated getting ready for the SACS visit was helping him to get a better understanding of how things operate and helping him as a board member to understand the process and how things work in the system.

Superintendent’s Comments:

Mr. Henson stated he was pleased with how well the first day of school went. Mr. Henson stated all children were dropped off of buses by 4:45 p.m. Mr. Henson also stated School Nutrition was required to implement a new system to satisfy the free and reduced requirements, and this system ran smoothly.

Mr. Henson thanked everyone in the system for their hard work in ensuring school got off to a good start. Mr. Henson further stated it was a pleasure to work in Fannin County Schools.

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.

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Bobby Bearden, Chairperson

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Mark Henson, Superintendent

# Construction Update 8/14/2008

## BRES Gym/Cafeteria Renovation

Sprinkler system in the cooler/freezer installed  
Repaving of parking lot complete  
CO issued by Fire Marshall  
Complete

## FCHS Stadium Complex

Site prep 95% complete  
Power lines moved  
Surveyors scheduled 8/25/2008  
Blasting will be required

Fannin County Schools  
2008-2009 Annual Board Planning Calendar

August	Board adoption of annual board planning calendar Implement Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP) initiatives and action steps  Discipline reports for Fannin Middle and Fannin High
September	Continue implementation of Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP) initiatives and action steps
October	System annual reports to BOE, School Councils, & Staff School Councils submit annual reports to BOE Annual BOE Planning Retreat <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ BOE review of progress toward vision, mission, and strategic objectives</li><li>▪ BOE review of board standards responsibilities</li><li>▪ BOE review of budget, facilities, and personnel issues</li><li>▪ BOE set annual BOE goals</li></ul>
November	System calendar committee starts study of upcoming year's calendar options Conduct stakeholder focus groups for input.
December	Superintendent annual evaluation GSBA/GSSA Winter Conference
January	Election of BOE Chair and Vice Chair Appoint BOE attorney Begin discussion of upcoming school year budget with BOE Superintendent performs mid year performance reviews with all schools and departments
February	Continue budget discussion of upcoming school year with BOE Schools begin development of upcoming school year budget requests System review of district SACS standards
March	BOE approval of administrative staff for next year Recommendation for school calendar Set prom and graduation dates Work session to discuss goals Teacher of the Year recognition Continue budget discussion for upcoming school year with BOE Schools continue to develop tentative budgets for upcoming school year
April	BOE review of tentative budgets BOE approval of certified staff for upcoming year

Schools submit tentative budgets to superintendent  
Resolution to amend school calendar if necessary

May BOE approve tentative budget for next year  
Annual student, staff, parent, and community surveys

June BOE approval of budget of next year  
GSBA Summer Conference  
System and schools finalize continuous improvement plans

July BOE hold public meetings concerning millage rate  
BOE sets millage rate  
Schools prepare annual reports