

June 12, 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 Sandra Mercier, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the following items on the consent agenda. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Approve the meeting minutes from May 7, May 8, May 22, and June 10, 2014.

Approve the following facility use request:

Fannin County Recreation Department – Use of Blue Ridge Elementary School PE Facility for yoga and zumba classes – July 7 – September 29, 2014, on Mondays from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Approve the following field trip requests:

Fannin County High School Boys Basketball Team – Cass High School Team Camp in White, GA, on June 19 – 21, 2014;

Fannin County High School Boys Basketball Team – Fellowship Christian High School Team Camp in Roswell, GA, on June 24 – 26, 2014;

Fannin County High School Football – LaFayette High School Football Camp in LaFayette, GA, on June 16 – 17, 2014;

Fannin County High School Football – Northwest Whitfield High School Football Camp in Tunnel Hill, GA, on June 21, 2014; and

Fannin County High School Football – Northwest Whitfield High School Football Camp in Tunnel Hill, GA, on July 16 – 18, 2014.

Approve the following fundraiser requests:

Blue Ridge Elementary School – Sale of school spirit wear – August 6, 2014 – May 22, 2015;

Blue Ridge Elementary School – Sale of fall and spring pictures – August 6, 2014 – May 22, 2015;

Blue Ridge Elementary School – Sale of Great American Chocolate Bars – September 11 – 26, 2014;

East Fannin Elementary School – Sale of Great American Opportunities catalog items – September 12 – 26, 2014;

West Fannin Elementary School - \$1.00 to wear a hat and/or bring a stuffed animal to school one day each month – August 1, 2014 – May 22, 2015;

West Fannin Elementary School – Lifetouch Portraits – August 22, 2014;

West Fannin Elementary School – Scholastic Book Fair – September 8 – 12, 2014;

West Fannin Elementary School – Sale of Great American Opportunities catalog items – September 12 – 26, 2014;

Fannin County High School Band – Ourfund financial email/internet based contribution system – June 13 – August 1, 2014;

Fannin County High School Girls Basketball – Ten percent of Zaxby’s sales – June 13 – July 30, 2014;

Fannin County High School Girls Basketball – Ten percent of McDonald’s sales – June 13 – July 30, 2014;

Fannin County High School Girls Basketball – Ten percent of Dairy Queen sales – June 13 – July 30, 2014;

Fannin County High School Girls Basketball – Carwash – June 13 – July 30, 2014;

Fannin County High School Cheer Booster Club – Yard Sale – June 14, 2014;

Fannin County High School Cheer Booster Club – Yard Sale – June 21, 2014;

Fannin County High School Cheer Booster Club – Yard Sale – June 28, 2014;

Fannin County High School FBLA – Recycling inkjet cartridges, toner cartridges, cell phones, iPods/MP3 players, laptops, digital cameras, and GPS devices – June 30, 2014 – May 31, 2015;

Fannin County High School Cheer Booster Club – Car wash and yard sale – July 5, 2014;

Fannin County High School Volleyball Team – Fannin County High School Lady Rebels Youth Volleyball Camp – July 7 – 9, 2014;

Fannin County High School Cheerleading – Fannin County High School Cheerleading Camp – July 21 – 25, 2014;

Fannin County High School Cheer Booster – Car wash and yard sale – July 26, 2014;

Fannin County High School FBLA – Sale of personalized picture Christmas ornaments – August 1 – December 13, 2014; and

Fannin County High School FBLA – Activity night on school campus – movie and snacks and miscellaneous activities – August 1, 2014 – May 31, 2015.

Approve the request from Fannin County Recreation Department to use four school buses for the Summer Day Camp program from June 2 through July 18, 2014.

Public Comment:

None.

After public comment, a motion was made by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve the financial report for the month ending April 30, 2014. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Mr. Henson stated the SPLOST check received in May for the month of March was \$323,065.03.

Susan Holloway, Finance Director, shared the official Quality Basic Education funding numbers for FY15.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve a spending resolution for the month of July 2013 (see attached). All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to approve Buddy Benefield Construction as the Construction Manager at Risk for the Blue Ridge Elementary School Re-Roof of building #53 to be paid out of SPLOST funds at a fee of 7 ½ percent. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to approve Buddy Benefield Construction as the Construction Manager at Risk for the Blue Ridge Elementary School

restroom renovation project to be paid out of SPLOST funds at a fee of 7 ½ percent. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the request for approval of maximum price for the re-roof of building #53 at Blue Ridge Elementary School at \$207,473.72 to be paid out of SPLOST and state capital outlay funds. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to approve the request for approval of maximum price for the restroom renovation project at Blue Ridge Elementary School at \$263,450.54 to be paid out of SPLOST and state capital outlay funds. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the proposal from Mundy's Heating & air, Inc. in the amount of \$28,863.00 to be paid out of SPLOST funds to install two 10-ton gas packs in the cafeteria at Fannin County High School. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to accept bids for 4 ranges, 1 double oven, and 1 cook top at Fannin County High School (see attached). All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Bobby Bearden to approve the sale of 4 ranges, 1 double oven, and 1 cook top at Fannin County High School by sealed bid. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Terry Bramlett to table revised policy IHF(6) Graduation Requirements – Entering Fall 2008-09 and thereafter. This will remain on the table until voted on. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Dr. Michael Gwatney, Director of Technology, shared with Board members the Georgia Department of Education approved the Fannin County School System Three- Year Technology Plan for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017.

Mark Henson on behalf of Cynthia Panter, Associate Superintendent, shared with Board members the results of the Fannin County School Board Internal Committee Assessment on Board Governance and the Fannin County School Board Internal Review Committee Report.

Karen Walton, Director of Curriculum and School Improvement, shared with Board members the average Effective Learning Environments Observation Tool (ELEOT) scores of Fannin County School System vs. the average for the United States. The average for Fannin County School System was above the national average in each category.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to accept the resignation of Kristen Mathis effective June 12, 2014. All members voted yes; motion carried.

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

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

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve Wendy Hood as a part-time school nutrition food service assistant. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve Pam DeCosta as a secretary pending fingerprints and criminal background check. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve John S. DeMar and Jeff Miller as substitute custodians. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Sandra Mercier seconded by Terry Bramlett to renew Mark Henson's Superintendent contract for three years: July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2017. All members voted yes. Motion carried. Mr. Henson stated there is no change in his contract.

Superintendent's Comments:

Mr. Henson stated he was appreciative to the Board for renewing his contract for another three years. Mr. Henson stated this would add an additional year on the existing contract and extend the period from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017. Mr. Henson stated the compensation was the same. Mr. Henson stated working in education has been a great career for him. Mr. Henson stated it is a great time to be a part of Fannin County Schools with all of the positive things that are happening such as the recent SACS reaccreditation. Mr. Henson stated this would be his eighth year as Superintendent of Fannin County Schools and he thanked the Board for the opportunity. Mr. Henson stated he would not be Superintendent if he did not have the support of the Board, staff, and community.

Mr. Henson presented Board members with certificates for their recent participating in Board training on legal issues through Pioneer RESA.

Board Members' Comments:

Bobby Bearden stated he was glad to be at the meeting and he was glad to be on the Board. Mr. Bearden also stated he was glad Fannin County School System has SPLOST funds to pay for projects to better serve our children.

Terry Bramlett thanked Dr. Michael Gwatney for the hard work that went into getting the three-year Fannin County School System Technology plan approved. Mr. Bramlett thanked Mr. Henson for serving as Superintendent of Fannin County Schools for the past seven years. Mr. Bramlett stated Fannin County Schools was blessed to have him. Mr. Bramlett stated he was pleased with the progress of the construction projects at the high school. Mr. Bramlett stated the

CTAE renovation was the last domino of a series of projects for the high school campus. Mr. Bramlett stated it was a honor to be a part of the Fannin County School System.

Lewis DeWeese stated he was pleased with the statement the lead evaluator made during the SACS exit report that the evaluating team time did not find a weak link from top to bottom in the system. Mr. DeWeese stated this was super fantastic. Mr. DeWeese stated Karen Walton deserved a star of honor for leading the school system through the SACS process.

Sandra Mercier commended the high school administration for working on graduation requirements. Mrs. Mercier also commended, Dr. Michael Gwatney for his work in getting the three-year technology plan approved for the Georgia Department of Education. Mrs. Mercier stated the technology of Fannin County School System has come a long ways over the years and Dr. Gwatney is to be commended for his role in making this happen. Mrs. Mercier thanked Noah Benefield of Benefield Construction Company for the work that is being done on the projects at Fannin County High School.

Steve Stanley thanked the people of Fannin County for re-electing him. Mr. Stanley commended his fellow Board members for their support of him. Mr. Stanley stated the past week all had reached out to him and it was appreciated.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, a motion was made by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden, 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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