

July 11, 2013
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 were present.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to amend the agenda so approval of fire line at the old field house classroom conversion and approval of Fannin County Middle School cafeteria HVAC unit could be added. All members voted yes; motion carried.

By motion from Bobby Bearden, seconded by Steve Stanley, to approve the following items on the consent agenda. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Approve the meeting minutes from June 13, 2013, and July 9, 2013.

Approve the following facility use requests:

Fannin County Raiders baseball team – Use of Fannin County High School Baseball field on July 18, 25, and 30, 2013, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.;

Fannin County High School football team – Use of Fannin County High School stadium on July 22 – 24, 2013, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; and

Georgia Department of Education – Use of Fannin County High School Performing Arts Center on August 19 – 23, 2013, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Approve the following field trip request:

Fannin County High School football – 7 on 7 camp at Kennesaw State University in Kennesaw, GA, on July 12, 2013; and

Fannin County High School band – Drum Corps International championship at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, GA, on July 28, 2013.

Approve the following fundraiser requests:

West Fannin Elementary School PBIS Behavior – \$1.00 for students to wear a hat one day each month – August 16, 2013 – May 24, 2014;

West Fannin Elementary School – Sale of Lifetouch Portraits – August 23, 2013;

Fannin County Middle School Cheerleading – Sale of candy bars – July 12 – August 31, 2013;

Fannin County High School Football – Youth football camp registration fee – July 22 – 24, 2013;

Fannin County High School Football Quarterback Club – Sale of BOGO pizza magnets – July 29 – August 29, 2013;

Fannin County High School TSA – TSA will use Fannin Rebel TV to promote academic and athletic events by selling advertising, sponsorships, and DVDs of events – August 1, 2013 – May 31, 2014;

Fannin County High School Softball – Sale of Fannin pink shirts – August 7 – October 12, 2013;

Fannin County High School FCCLA – Sale of RIPS fruit juice – August 7, 2013 – May 23, 2014;

Fannin County High School TSA – Sale of candy bars – August 10 – December 31, 2013;

Fannin County High School FCCLA and FEA – Sale of candy – August 12 – September 12, 2013;

Fannin County High School football – Ford Drive for UR School – August 17, 2013;

Fannin County High School Skills USA – Sale of World’s Finest Chocolate – August 22 – October 1, 2013; and

Fannin County High School FCCLA – Domino’s fundraiser – August 26 – September 9, 2013.

Public comment:

None.

After public comment, a motion was made by Steve Stanley, second by Lewis DeWeese, to approve the financial report for the month ending May 31, 2013. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated the SPLOST check received in June 2013 for the month of April was \$319,525.33.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the FY14 tentative budget, which was built off of a millage rate of 13.90. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve the FY14 budget timeline. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the 2013 millage rate at 13.90 mills. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Steve Stanley, to approve the 2013 millage timeline. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Superintendent Mark Henson stated Board action would be necessary at the meeting on July 31 to transfer \$221,768.00 if the proposed budget and millage passed as presented from committed funds for capital outlays to the general fund.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to reject the request for approval of maximum price for the Fannin County Middle School HVAC renovation and additions project at a cost of \$508,189.00 to be paid out of SPLOST funds. Mundy's Heating & Air, Inc. was approved as Construction Manager at Risk at a previous Board meeting. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the proposal of \$41,122.00 from Polk County Public Service to install a new 6" fire main for the field house renovation/fire line project to be paid out of SPLOST funds. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the proposal of \$24,760.00 from Mundy's Heating & Air, Inc. to install a 15-ton rooftop gas unit for the cafeteria at Fannin County Middle School to be paid out of SPLOST funds. Art Hubbard, Assistant Superintendent, explained this project needed to be completed before school started, and in the motion he asked for the Board's permission to exceed \$25,000, if necessary. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden, for the Board to sanction a change in vendors on the purchase of a boiler for the cannery. On April 23, 2013, the Board approved the purchase of a boiler with a maximum price of \$65,000 from Wilson Boiler Service, Inc. to be paid out of SPLOST funds. Art Hubbard, Assistant Superintendent, explained the boiler had actually been purchased from John Q. Bullard Assoc., Inc. for \$42,580.00. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to secure bids/quotes for 2 special needs school buses to be purchased out of SPLOST funds. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Steve Stanley, to surplus a 1984 Ford F150 pickup, 2001 Ford Taurus, and 2000 Ford Crown Victoria at the Blue Ridge Auto Auction on July 23, 2013. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve the five-year Perkins IV local plan for Career and Technical Education and one-year funding application for FY14. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Steve Stanley, to approve the attached Fannin County School System surplus property bids for the surplus cosmetology equipment. 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. Lots which had no bids would be declared as salvage. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Steve Stanley, to donate items with no bid to Habitat for Humanity upon verifying it does not violate any state laws or rules. After discussion of this benefiting only one charity in the county, a vote was taken. No members voted in favor of the motion; motion failed.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Steve Stanley, to donate items with no bid to any charity interested and willing to pick up the items upon verifying it does not violate any state laws or rules. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve revised policy GBC – Professional Personnel Recruitment (see attached). All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve revised policy JBC(4) – Awarding Units and Transferring Credit (see attached). All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to table policy JGFGB – Concussion Management (see attached) – for public comment and to be approved at the next regularly scheduled meeting. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to table revised policy JCDAF – Use of Electronic Devices by Students (see attached) – for public comment and to be approved at the next regularly scheduled meeting. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Steve Stanley, to approve the resignation of Jessica M. Threet. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve Jeremy King as a substitute teacher contingent upon completion of his experience verification and verification for criminal background check. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Steve Stanley, to approve Jeremy King as a teacher for the 2013 – 2014 school year contingent upon completion of his experience verification and verification for criminal background check. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve Kathryn Harris as a paraprofessional for the 2013 – 2014 school year. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve Tammy Roberts as a guidance counselor for the 2013 – 2014 school year. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Superintendent's Comments:

Mr. Henson presented Karen Walton, Director of Curriculum and School Improvement, the Georgia School Board Association (GSBA) third place in use of the evaluation module for the 2013 Awards of Excellence. Mr. Henson thanked Mrs. Walton and Mary Ann Walker, District Technology Specialist, for being stellar users of the eBoard software.

Mr. Henson shared with Board members a plaque presented by the Georgia Department of Education recognizing East Fannin Elementary School as a Title I High-Progress Reward School for 2013. Mr. Henson explained a High-Progress Reward School is among the top ten percent of Title I schools in the State that are making the most progress in improving the performance of the "all students" group over a number of years on the statewide assessments.

Mr. Henson thanked Susan Jackson, Finance Director, for her work on the budget. Mr. Henson stated Ms. Jackson had been working on the budget since February and not only had she done a great job developing a budget for the upcoming year, she had also done a tremendous job on managing expenditures for the school system on the prior year's budget.

Mr. Henson thanked the Board for their unanimous support in approving both the FY14 tentative budget and the 2013 tentative millage. Mr. Henson stated the Board's action would have a direct influence on approximately 3,000 children in Fannin County.

Board Members' Comments:

Bobby Bearden stated he appreciated the diligence and hard work Mark Henson and Susan Jackson put in to building the FY14 budget. Mr. Bearden stated it was good to have Resource Officer Darvin Couch back. Mr. Bearden thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Terry Bramlett stated it was an honor to live in Fannin County and to raise a family and have children go through the school system. Mr. Bramlett stated an educational tax is an investment in the youth and in the community. Mr. Bramlett stated the state equalization formula was flawed. The public needed to know Fannin County Schools are required by the state to send a 5 mill share of their state allotment to counties throughout the state which are considered poorer than Fannin, such as Gwinnett County.

Lewis DeWeese stated he was glad everyone was here.

Steve Stanley stated the Quality Basic Education (QBE) formula was flawed. Mr. Stanley stated he had a strong desire to provide a quality education to students and he could not say no to children of the county.

Sandra Mercier stated she was in agreement with the other Board member comments and she also commended Denver Foster, Transportation Shop Foreman, for being the 2013 Technician of the Year for the State of Georgia.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, a motion was made by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to adjourn subject to being called into special session by the Chair when deemed necessary. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Sandra Mercier, Chairperson

Mark Henson, Superintendent

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