

September 9, 2010
6:00 p.m.

The Fannin County Board of Education met in regular session with the following members present: Terry Bramlett, Chairperson; Emily Dunn, Vice-Chairperson; Bobby Bearden; Lewis DeWeese; and Junior Farmer. 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 July 31, 2010. Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated the SPLOST check received in August for the month of June was \$331,867.60.

Public Comment:

On behalf of East Fannin Elementary staff, Mary Jean Pace & Cathy Patterson presented board members with gift baskets of treats for their hard work on the fiscal year 2011 budget and being able to keep all jobs intact, not reducing work days, and for not having to implement additional pay cuts.

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

Fannin County High School TSA - TSA State Officer Training in Warner Robins, GA on October 8 – 11, 2010;

Fannin County High School TSA - Annual Technology Day at the Georgia National Fairgrounds in Perry, GA on October 11, 2010;

Fannin County High School Students - visit to Dalton State College in Dalton, GA on October 15, 2010;

Fannin County High School FBLA – FBLA Fall Leadership Conference in Athens, GA on November 12 – 13, 2010; and

Fannin County Middle & High School 9-11 Memorial Singers – Iron and Steel: World Trade Center Beam Dedication in Baltimore, MD and New York, NY on July 21 – 26, 2011

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

East Fannin Elementary School Kindergarten – Sale of Ingles glazed doughnuts, September 23, 2010 – May 8, 2011;

West Fannin Elementary School PBS - \$1.00 for students to wear a hat, September 17, 2010 – May 13, 2011 (one day per month);

Fannin County Middle School Cheerleaders – Sale of raffle tickets for gas cards and gift baskets, September 10, 2010 – January 31, 2011;

Fannin County Middle School FFA – Sale of Country Meat Sticks and Beef Jerky, September 13 – October 13, 2010;

Fannin County High School Student Council – Homecoming Dance, September 3 – October 8, 2010;

Fannin County High School Skills USA – Concession stand at Powder Puff football game, September 3 – October 8, 2010;

Fannin County High School Boys and Girls Basketball Players – Sale of ads in basketball program, September 10 – October 30, 2010;

Fannin County High School Chorus – Sale of Warheads hard candies and chewy cubes, September 10 – November 30, 2010;

Fannin County High School CTAE Construction Department – Sale of picnic tables, benches, quilt racks, yard furniture, birdhouses, and various types of wood products built by the construction classes, September 10 – December 17, 2010;

Fannin County High School National Art Honor Society – Face painting, September 18 – 19, 2010;

Fannin County High School FFA – Sale of Krispy Kreme doughnuts, September 25, 2010;

Fannin County High School FFA – Sale of fall annuals, September 27 – October 6, 2010;

Fannin County High School FFA – Sale of Florida Indian River Groves citrus fruit, October 1 – 31, 2010;

Fannin County High School Fine Arts and Foreign Language Departments – Youth Arts Festival, October 9, 2010;

Fannin County High School HOSA – Sale of Hershey's assortment, October 18 – December 10, 2010;

Fannin County High School Skills USA, FBLA, FCCLA, HOSA, and TSA – students will collect prizes to be awarded at Blue Ridge Kiwanis Bingo on January 11, 2011, October 18, 2010 – January 11, 2010;

Fannin County High School Chorus – Sale of miniature stockings with chocolate kisses and miscellaneous Christmas treats, end of November to December break;

Fannin County High School Chorus – Sale of Warheads hard candies and chewy cubes, January – March, 2011; and

Fannin County High School PBS Team – Powder Puff football game, September 10 – October 8, 2010.

Mark Henson, Superintendent, also presented the board with the following fundraiser requests. This information was presented as information only. No vote was necessary.

West Fannin Elementary School PTO 2010 – 2011 school year requests:

T-shirt sales consisting of screen printed shirts in both short and long sleeve with West Fannin Elementary School insignia

Fall Carnival – October 22, 2010

Santa's Secret Shop

Snack days

Daddy/daughter dance

Snow cone and popcorn days

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Fannin County Department of Public Health to provide a facility, if needed, should a possible health emergency occur.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Fannin County Department of Public Health to provide facilities, if needed, for a special needs population shelter.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Fannin County Department of Public Health to provide Scoliosis Screening of public school children in the at risk population, ages 10 – 15 years.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the bid from Seneca for the purchase of 56 computers for a total of \$34,384.00 and a bid from GovConnection for the purchase of network backup hardware and software for a total of \$5,416.50 out of SPLOST II funds.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the bid of \$800,400 from Woodall Roofing for the Fannin County High School re-roofing project to be paid out of SPLOST II funds.

Moved, seconded, and carried to auction the 1983 International Bucket Truck at the Blue Ridge Auto Auction in Ellijay, Georgia, on September 14, 2010.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the Maximum Class Size Waiver Resolution for the 2010 – 2011 school year to increase the class size maximum to exceed the current requirements from 1 to 7 students in gifted.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the resignation of Jesse Riehl, Bill Cross, and Hope White.

Moved, seconded, and carried to employ Siegrid Russell, Jannell Dodson, and Jennifer Larson as paraprofessionals.

Moved, seconded, and carried to Robert McDaniel as a school bus driver.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Leon Streetman and James Winkler as substitute custodians for the 2010 – 2011 school year.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Bill Cross as a substitute bus driver for the 2010 – 2011 school year.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following substitute teachers for the 2010 – 2011 school year:

Berta Aldridge
Jillian Breeden
Gale Brick
Ashley Brisbay
Ukiah Busch
Karen Collis
Martha Conrad
Misty Davis
Anibal DiDomenico
April Eavenson
Andrea Elisa Gates (contingent on passing her background check)
Paula Hyatt
Melissa Johnson
Doyce “Alex” Loudermilk
Adina Marmorato
Jo Marie McLendon
Donna Reece
Roberta Russell
Nancy Scott

Superintendent’s Comments:

Cynthia Panter, Associate Superintendent, had the board chairperson to sign the form to verify compliance with the Board of Distinction standards.

Michael Gwatney, Director of Technology, gave board members a brief overview of the technology plan goals (short-term and long-term), implementation (step one and step two), and the timeline for Fannin County School Systems.

Cynthia Panter, Associate Superintendent, gave board members a copy of the School Board Member Training Manual of the training sessions available for the FY11 year.

Cynthia Panter, Associate Superintendent, gave board members a copy of the Local School Board Governance Standards and Model Ethics Policy which the State Board of Education adopted on September 9, 2010. Ms. Panter also gave board members a handout of Standards for Effective Governance of Georgia School Systems 2010, Appendix A – Local Board of Education Model Code Ethics, and Appendix B – Local Board of Education Conflict of Interest Provisions for their review.

Mr. Henson stated he appreciated the board's willingness to give up the work session for the month of September so all principals and central office administrators could attend a finance workshop given by Doug Eza.

Board Members' Comments:

Emily Dunn stated she had heard the finance workshop with Doug Eza was a success. Ms. Dunn also stated she would enjoy the gift baskets of treats East Fannin Elementary School staff presented board members. Ms. Dunn stated the treats were not expected; however, they are appreciated.

Bobby Bearden stated he was in agreement with Ms. Dunn on her comments.

Junior Farmer stated he appreciated the technology plan Dr. Gwatney presented and was behind it 100%.

Lewis DeWeese stated he was glad the finance workshop was a success.

Terry Bramlett stated he was appreciative of the attention and participation in the finance workshop. Mr. Bramlett also thanked Ms. Panter for her dedication in driving the GSBA Board of Distinction process for the board members. Mr. Bramlett thanked the board members for being progressive in their agreement to participate in the GSBA Board of Distinction process. Mr. Bramlett thanked both newspapers *The News Observer* and *Fannin Sentential* for their coverage and being a link to the community. Mr. Bramlett stated he was proud of Fannin County graduating 90.3 percent of students this past year and for being number twelve in the state in graduation rates.

There being no further business to come before the board, upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the meeting adjourned subject to being called into special session by the chairman when deemed necessary.

Terry Bramlett, Chairperson

Mark Henson, Superintendent

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