

October 14, 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 add the maximum class size resolution waiver for grades 9 through 12 to the agenda.

By motion of Emily Dunn, seconded by Bobby Bearden, a unanimous affirmative vote was given to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

Approve the agenda.

Approve the board minutes from September 9 and October 5, 2010.

Approve the following field trip requests:

Blue Ridge Elementary Third Grade – Ruby Falls and Chattanooga Nature Center in Chattanooga, TN on November 11, 2010;

Fannin County High School FFA – National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN on October 20 – 23, 2010;

Fannin County High School Banking and Investing Class – Federal Reserve Bank in Atlanta, GA on November 17, 2010;

Fannin County High School National Art Honor Society – High Museum in Atlanta, GA on November 18, 2010; and

Fannin County High School Students – Future Educators’ On-Campus Retreat at North Georgia College and State University in Dahlonega, GA on December 1, 2010.

Approve the following fund raiser requests:

Fannin County Middle School Fannin Christian Athletes – Sale of Fannin Christian Athletes t-shirts, October 15 – until all students interested are able to purchase shirts;

Fannin County Middle School Cheerleaders – 50/50 raffle at ballgames, October 15, 2010 – February 1, 2011;

Fannin County Middle School and High School 9/11 Memorial Chorus – Family portraits, October 15 – December 1, 2010;

Fannin County Middle School – Sale of Coca Cola products, October 25 – November 12, 2010;

Fannin County High School Wrestling Team – Car wash, October 16, 23, and 30, 2010;

Fannin County High School Cross Country – Run-A-Thon, October 15 – November 1, 2010;

Fannin County High School Thespians – Donations of canned goods (or monetary donations) for purchase of canned goods to benefit Trick or Treat So Kids Can Eat Charity, October 15 – November 14, 2010;

Fannin County High School FCCLA – Sale of Halloween suckers, October 20 – 29, 2010;

Fannin County High School Chorus – Sale of Christmas Fun silly bands, November 1 – December 17, 2010;

Fannin County High School Key Club – Bake sale in November on the date of the Veterans’ Day parade;

Fannin County High School Thespians – Sale of donated flowers to be sold at theater events, December 4, 2010 – May 8, 2011;

Fannin County High School Thespians – Sale of Ducks for Water to raise money for charity/water for disaster in Haiti, January 4 – February 28, 2011;

Fannin County High School Thespians – Fannin’s Got Talent Show, February 26, 2011;

Fannin County High School Thespians – Masquerade Dance, March 1, 2011;

Fannin County High School Thespians – Laughter and Latte – coffee and dessert night, March 5, 2010;

Fannin County High School Drama – Sale of handmade crafts sold at Miss FCHS pageant, March 26, 2010;

Fannin County High School Thespians – Car wash and yard sale, April 16, 2010; and

Fannin County High School Drama – Miss FCHS Pageant, March 26,

2011.

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

Georgia School Nutrition Association 2010 – 2011 school year requests:

Rada Cutlery sale
Pan sales
Sale of Man's Sauce
Sale of candles
Food sale
Donations of \$1.00 for Wal-Mart Gift Card
Donations of \$1.00 for a chance on baskets for Easter and Heart of the month
Banquets – band, football, softball, FFA, Teacher of the Year, and the Republican Party

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the financial report for the month ending August 31, 2010. Mark Henson, superintendent, stated the SPLOST check received in September for the month of July was \$289,625.67.

Public Comment:

None

Karen Walton, director of curriculum and school improvement, reviewed the system's progress toward the vision statement, mission statement, and strategic objectives. Mrs. Walton stated she would present this information to school councils and stakeholders and come back in November for the board to make their final modifications and approve.

Moved, seconded, and carried to give members of The Gideons International permission to distribute New Testament Bibles to fifth grade students in October and to high school seniors when they receive their caps and gowns for graduation in May 2011. Acceptance of the Bibles by students would be totally voluntary.

Annual School Council Reports were presented to board members for their review.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the option 3 proposal of \$59,583.86 from Ellijay Telephone Company for replacing the intercom system at Fannin County High School.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the quote of \$18,920.00 from Redd Team by Sapa for installing a handicapped ramp on the back of the Performing Arts Center at Fannin County High School.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve a resolution to set the maximum class size for

grades 9 through 12 for the 2010 – 2011 school year at 32 students per class.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Bill Turpin as a substitute bus driver.

Superintendent's Comments:

Mr. Henson gave board members a copy of the Fannin County School Systems Veterans' Day Program Schedule for November 2010.

Mr. Henson extended an invitation to board members to attend the Fannin County Middle School Leadership Team fall dance on Friday, October 22nd from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Henson congratulated Denver Foster, head transportation mechanic, for placing third in the America's Best School Bus Technician's Competition which was held September 28 – October 1 in Jasper, Indiana. Mr. Henson stated school bus technicians from all over the United States competed in this national competition.

Mr. Henson thanked board members for their continued support of the arts programs in the Fannin County School System. Mr. Henson stated their support is what allowed the wonderful report this past Tuesday at the work session from Lois Smith on the 9/11 Memorial Chorus visit to Virginia and Washington, D.C.

Mr. Henson thanked the board for their foresight in installing turf at the stadium so Fannin County School System could host marching band festivals like the one this upcoming weekend which has over 22 bands participating.

Mr. Henson shared with board members a new feature inside E-Board which allows the system goals to be monitored for each board meeting with a scorecard showing how each activity is tied to the system goals.

Mr. Henson thanked Tri-State for their quickness in installing six utility light poles on the practice field and for the time volunteered by the Tri-State workers.

Board Members' Comments:

Emily Dunn congratulated Denver Foster for his achievement. Ms. Dunn also thanked the transportation department for the reception they gave Mr. Foster. Ms. Dunn stated she was impressed with how clean and organized the transportation facility was. Ms. Dunn requested installation of lights for the baseball field be considered. Ms. Dunn stated this was on the project list since she came on the board and it was a project that was long overdue.

Bobby Bearden thanked everyone for their attendance. Mr. Bearden stated he was blessed, and it was an honor to be here.

Junior Farmer stated anytime something positive happened like the accomplishment of Mr. Foster, it made the whole school system shine.

Lewis DeWeese stated he was impressed with Mr. Foster's accomplishments and was confident that Fannin County School System had many employees who would shine if their jobs had a competitive event that would allow them to showcase their skills.

Terry Bramlett stated he was proud of Denver Foster's recent accomplishments. Mr. Bramlett stated having such an accomplished mechanic would help our equipment to last longer, be more efficient, and safer. Mr. Bramlett thanked Tri-State for responding so quickly and for donating their time in the installation of the six utility light poles on the practice field at the high school. Mr. Bramlett stated E-Board allowed him to have the flexibility of being in Dallas, Texas this past week and being able to check the Fannin School System board agenda on Tuesday so he could be current with the issues discussed.

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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