

July 14, 2011  
6:00 p.m.

The Fannin County Board of Education met in regular session with the following members present: Bobby Bearden, Chairperson; Lewis DeWeese, Vice-Chairperson; Sandra Mercier; and Steve Stanley. Terry Bramlett was absent. Bobby Bearden, Chairperson, stated Mr. Bramlett was in West Virginia on business for the Boy Scouts.

By motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Sandra Mercier, a unanimous affirmative vote was given to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

Approve the agenda.

Approve the board minutes from June 9, June 16, July 6, and July 12, 2011.

Approve the following field trip requests:

Fannin County High School FFA – FFA top member reward trip in Atlanta, GA, on July 29, 2011; and

Fannin County High School Band – Drum and Bugle Corps International Semi-Finals at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, GA, on July 30, 2011.

Approve the following fundraiser requests:

Blue Ridge Elementary School Counseling – Sale of t-shirts with school logo, August 4, 2011 – June 1, 2012;

Blue Ridge Elementary School – QSP gift catalog sales, August 19 – September 9, 2011;

Blue Ridge Elementary School – Fall and Spring individual pictures and yearbooks, September 2011 – May 2012;

East Fannin Elementary School – QSP Gift Catalog, August 19 – September 9, 2011;

East Fannin Elementary School – Fall and Spring pictures and yearbooks, September 2011 – May 2012;

East Fannin Elementary School – Sale of World's Finest Chocolates, February – May 2012.

West Fannin Elementary School PBIS – \$1.00 for students to wear a hat one day each month, August 19, 2011 – May 18, 2012;

West Fannin Elementary School – Sale of QSP Gift Catalog items, September 16 – 30, 2011;

West Fannin Elementary School – Lifetouch Portraits, September 27, 2011;

West Fannin Elementary School – Sale of World’s Finest Chocolates, January 27 – February 24, 2012;

West Fannin Elementary School – Sale of yearbooks, February 3 – March 31, 2012;

West Fannin Elementary School – Sale of Spring pictures from Lifetouch, February 9, 2012;

Fannin County Middle School – Sale of Country Meat Sticks, August 8 – September 12, 2011;

Fannin County High School Football – Sale of window decals, July 19 – November 14, 2011;

Fannin County High School Varsity Cheerleaders – One day cheerleading camp, July 23, 2011;

Fannin County High School HOSA – Sale of Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, August 4 – 29, 2011; and

Fannin County High School FFA – Sale of meat sticks, August 5 – September 2, 2011.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the financial report for the month ending May 31, 2011. Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated the SPLOST check received in June for the month of April was \$315,507.27.

Public Comment:

None

After public comment, Art Hubbard, Assistant Superintended, provided board members with information on bids received for the HVAC control bids. Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the bid of \$67,567.00 from Mundy’s Heating & Air, Inc. to install Facility Management System HVAC controls at Blue Ridge Elementary to be paid out of SPLOST funds.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the bid of \$66,861.00 from Mundy's Heating & Air, Inc. to install Facility Management System HVAC controls at East Fannin Elementary to be paid out of SPLOST funds.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Buddy Benefield Construction, Inc. as Construction Manager at Risk for the Athletic field house additions and renovation project to be paid out of SPLOST funds.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve board policy BHB – Nepotism.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve revised board policy JGCD – Medication.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve board policy GBA – Professional Personnel Compensation Guides and Contracts.

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept bids for 9 lots of surplus school nutrition property at Blue Ridge Elementary (see attached).

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept bids for 11 lots of surplus school nutrition property at Fannin County High School (see attached).

Moved, seconded, and carried to salvage four school nutrition items at Blue Ridge Elementary and one item at Fannin County High School (see attached).

Moved, seconded, and carried to salvage 8 computer tables at Fannin County High School.

Moved, seconded, and carried to increase student lunch prices \$0.05, and to increase the lunch price for adults and students not enrolled in the Fannin County School System by \$0.15.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the five-year Perkins IV Local Plan and one-year funding for FY2012.

Moved, seconded, and carried to go into executive session to discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee; (O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(6)).

Moved, seconded, and carried to resume regular session.

Bobby Bearden, Chairman, announced no action was taken while in executive session.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the resignation of Bonnie Angel.

Superintendent's Comments:

Mr. Henson stated the recent headlines regarding members of the Atlanta Public Schools involved in cheating on the CRCT tests will adversely affect the public's perception of education. He went on to say that no matter what it takes to meet the student performance goals, the Fannin County Board of Education has never put any pressure on faculty or staff members to cheat; the results of our district will be achieved honestly. Mr. Henson stated all systems in Georgia were investigated by the Office of Student Achievement, and none of Fannin's schools were a concern.

Mr. Henson reminded board members of the called meetings on Tuesday, July 26, at 5:00 p.m. for the budget and 5:30 p.m. for the millage.

Mr. Henson shared with board members a memo received from the State Board of Education of Georgia regarding training requirements for board members for the previous school year (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011).

Board Members' Comments:

Lewis DeWeese stated he did not think any teachers in Fannin County with intentions to cheat would survive for very long. Mr. DeWeese stated he did not believe a bad apple could spring and grow roots for long in Fannin County Schools because we have such high quality teachers who would not tolerate it.

Bobby Bearden complimented Terry Bramlett for his dedication and work with the Boy Scouts. Mr. Bearden stated the high school kitchen and dining room renovation was coming along and looking good. Mr. Bearden stated the organization in Fannin was a good one.

Sandra Mercier stated she was humbled to be a board member in Fannin County, and she appreciated the opportunity to serve.

Steve Stanley stated Fannin County School employees make it easy to serve as a school board member.

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.

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Bobby Bearden, Chairperson

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Mark Henson, Superintendent

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