

November 8, 2007
6:00 p.m.

The Fannin County Board of Education met in regular session with the following members present: Bobby Bearden, Chairperson; Garnett Webb, Vice-Chairperson; Junior Farmer; and Emily Dunn. One member absent: Terry Bramlett.

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 September 2007.

Public Comment:

J.C. Wood, a member of the American Legion/North Georgia Honor Guard, gave the board an update of all the repairs that had been completed to date on the vacated house located at Fannin Middle School. Mr. Wood also invited the board members to attend an open house which will be given on Saturday, January 5, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

Kevin Prince, asked the board to consider naming the new physical education facility at East Fannin Elementary The Sgt. Bobby Franklin Memorial Gymnasium in honor of Sgt. Bobby Franklin, a former Fannin resident and East Fannin Elementary student, who lost his life while serving in Iraq.(Where in the Middle East was he when he was killed).

June Slusser, a local Rotarian, gave the board an overview of the First Foundation project which the Rotary club recently implemented in Fannin County. This program allows Fannin County children from the age of birth until their fifth birthday to receive one book per month. The cost to sponsor a child is \$35.00 per year. Ms. Slusser stated the goal was to have 1,100 children registered to receive the books, which would be a cost of \$38,500 per year. Ms. Slusser further stated at present 300 children have registered. Ms. Slusser stated she wanted to make the school system aware of this effort in the community and requested their support for the project.

Art Hubbard, Assistant Superintendent, gave the board an update on the various construction projects (see attachment). Mr. Hubbard reviewed the demolition bids received on the Fannin High School Stadium. Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the low bid of \$84,400.00 from J.T.M. Housemovers contingent on the bids to rebuild the stadium are in the range expected.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve a resolution stating all accounts for labor, material, and services for the construction of the Fannin Middle School HVAC project 07FA-655-009 have been paid in full and that there are no claims of any nature outstanding, either liquidated or disputed (see attached).

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve a resolution to request a maximum class size waiver for two first grade regular classrooms at East Fannin Elementary.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve a resolution to request a maximum class size waiver for two fifth grade regular classrooms at East Fannin Elementary.

Mark Henson, Superintendent, presented the board a revised Graduation Requirements Policy (IHF(5)) which will lie on the table for 30 days before board action will be taken.

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

Fannin County High School FBLA – Fall Leadership Conference in Athens, GA for November 30 – December 1, 2007

Fannin County High School FFA – FFA Greenhand Jamboree/Career Conference in Covington, GA for November 30 – December 1, 2007

Fannin County High School FFA – FFA Area 1 EMC Career Development Event in Jasper, GA for December 4, 2007

Fannin County High School FFA – FFA Area 1 Exemporaneous/Creed Speaking Career Development Event in Cartersville, GA for December 6, 2007

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

Fannin County High School HOSA – Sale of lollipops, November 12 – December 12, 2007

Fannin County High School HOSA – Sale of Senior Class T-Shirts, December 1, 2007 – January 31, 2008

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

Blue Ridge Elementary School PTO – Kiwanis Bingo on November 13, 2007 at the Kiwanis Fairgrounds Building in Blue Ridge

Mark Henson, Superintendent, presented board members with annual school council reports from each of the schools.

Moved, seconded, and carried to rescind the resignations of Mark Crenshaw and Sharon Crenshaw.

Board Members' Comments:

Emily Dunn complimented Mr. Henson on the presentation he gave earlier in the day at the Fannin County Chamber of Commerce State of the State meeting. Ms. Dunn stated Mr. Henson did a good job representing the school system.

Junior Farmer stated he enjoyed having the opportunity to attend the softball banquet earlier in the week. Mr. Farmer further stated he had enjoyed attending the various Veterans' Day programs in the schools. Mr. Farmer also thanked the visitors for coming to the meeting.

Garnett Webb stated he had enjoyed the Veteran's Day programs that had been presented. Mr. Webb also stated he had the opportunity to visit the house which the Veteran's groups are remodeling and he was impressed with how well the renovations were coming along. Mr. Webb further stated he had enjoyed eating the lunches in the schools.

Bobby Bearden stated he was glad to be here. Mr. Bearden thanked Mr. Henson for the job he has done. Mr. Bearden also thanked Cynthia Panter, Associate Superintendent, for all that she does for the school system. Mr. Bearden also stated he enjoyed having the opportunity to eat lunch with all of the Central Office staff on October 29 when the fall work session was held. Mr. Bearden further stated it was his understanding Terry Bramlett and his wife Ruth was visiting the Holy Land and he admired them both for taking time out to do this.

Superintendent's Comments:

Mr. Henson stated he was proud of the respect students showed Veteran's during the various Veterans' Day programs. Mr. Henson also thanked school personnel for all the work which they put into the programs. Mr. Henson invited everyone to attend the two remaining programs which would be given on Friday, November 9, 2007.

Mr. Henson gave each board member a copy of the latest Fannin County Board of Education Annual Report for their review. Mr. Henson also encouraged everyone to come out and support the Rebel football team on Friday, November 9, 2007 as they entered round one of the play offs.

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

Bobby Bearden, Chairperson

Mark Henson, Superintendent

Construction Update 11/8/2007

BRES PE Facility

Floor painting complete
Awaiting bleacher installation

WFES PE Facility

Bleachers installed – additional seating to be added
Awaiting final adjustment of motors and roller assembly

WFES Classroom Addition

Contractor to replace all wood doors
Fire Marshall has extended temporary CO 30 days

FCHS Football Stadium

Check set plans in hand – final changes to architect by 11/9/2007
Plans submitted to DOE for approval 11/12/2007
Final plans ready by 11/19/2007
Advertise for bid 11/20/2007
Bid opening 12/20/2007

EFES PE Facility

Finish ceiling complete
Concrete sidewalks 80% completed
All plumbing fixtures installed and functional
Flooring installation to be complete by 11/14/2007
Bleachers to be delivered by 11/16/2007

BRES Gym/Cafeteria Renovation

Removal of existing fans/vents complete
Duct material on site – fabrication underway
Kitchen Equipment ordered
Masonry work to begin 11/12/2007

CERTIFICATE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLVED, that the Fannin BOE, at a duly held meeting adopted a resolution

(Board of Education)

that does hereby certify that all accounts for labor, materials, and services for the

construction of Fannin Middle - HVAC, 07RA-655-009, have been paid in
(Name of Project) (State Project No.)

full and that there are no claims of any nature outstanding, either liquidated or disputed;

and RESOLVED FURTHER, that the secretary is directed to furnish a certified copy of

this resolution to the Georgia Department of Education, Facilities Services Section.

Sworn to and subscribed

before me this _____

day of _____,

20____.

Board Chairperson

System Superintendent

Signature of Notary Public

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Resolution To Request A Maximum Class Size Waiver

WHEREAS, the maximum class size for the 2007-08 school year set by the Georgia General Assembly in Code Section 20-2-182 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated for grades 1-3 is 21 students; and

WHEREAS, two of the four first grade classes at East Fannin Elementary School currently have 22 students each; and

WHEREAS, the other two existing first grade classes at East Fannin Elementary School are a reduced class model of EIP and a self-contained model of EIP and currently already meet maximum class size for their designations; and

WHEREAS, regrouping the 44 students in the two regular classrooms into three classes would result in gross underfunding of a teacher; and

WHEREAS, restructuring the first grade classes by hiring a "late hire" teacher would not be in our students best interest academically; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Fannin County Board of Education respectfully requests a maximum class size waiver for first grade at East Fannin Elementary School for the time period of November 8, 2007 through May 23, 2008.

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Resolution To Request A Maximum Class Size Waiver

WHEREAS, the maximum class size for the 2007-08 school year set by the Georgia General Assembly in Code Section 20-2-182 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated for grades 4-5 is 28 students; and

WHEREAS, two of the three fifth grade classes at East Fannin Elementary School currently have 29 students each; and

WHEREAS, the other fifth grade class at East Fannin Elementary School currently meets the maximum class size of 28; and

WHEREAS, regrouping the 86 students in the three classrooms into four classes would result in underfunding of a teacher; and

WHEREAS, restructuring the fifth grade classes by hiring a "late hire" teacher this late in the school year would not be in our students best interest academically; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Fannin County Board of Education respectfully requests a maximum class size waiver for fifth grade at East Fannin Elementary School for the time period of November 8, 2007 through May 23, 2008.

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