

May 13, 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.

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

Approve the agenda.

Approve the board minutes from April 8, April 29, and May 11, 2010.

Approve the following facility use requests:

Fannin County High School Softball – use of old gym at Fannin County High School on June 1 – 4, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in case of inclement weather.

Approve the following field trip requests:

Fannin County High School Football – Quarterback & Receiver Camp at Middle Georgia College in Cochran, GA, for June 5 – 9, 2010;

Fannin County High School Football – Offensive Line Camp at Middle Georgia College in Cochran, GA, for June 12 – 16, 2010;

Fannin County High School FFA – Summer Leadership Camp in Covington, GA, for June 14 – 18, 2010;

Fannin County High School Football – Offensive Line Challenge at Gilmer County High School in Ellijay, GA, for June 19, 2010;

Fannin County High School Football – Passing League Competition at Pickens County High School in Jasper, GA, for July 20 – 21, 2010; and

Fannin County High School Band – Six Flags Reward Trip for Band Camp at Six Flags Over Georgia in Atlanta, GA, for July 31, 2010.

Approve the following fund raiser requests:

Fannin County Middle School Chorus – Sale of concert CDs, DVDs, T-Shirts, bake sales, and concert donation tickets, August 4, 2010, to May 31, 2011;

Fannin County High School Softball – Summer youth camp including instruction in pitching, catching, hitting, fielding, and base running, June 1 – 4, 2010;

Fannin County High School Softball – Sale of discount cards, June 1, 2010 – December 31, 2010; and

Fannin County High School Softball – Homerun Derby, July 22 or July 29, 2010;

Approve the request from Fannin County Recreation Department to use 4 school busses for their Summer Day Camp program from June 7 through July 16, 2010.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the financial report for the month ending March 2010. Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated the SPLOST check received in April for the month of February was \$245,023.39.

Public Comment:

Hal Callaway presented concerns about a child hitting a teacher at one of the elementary schools. He wanted to know if the board was aware of the incident and what was the board's policy for addressing this. Mr. Callaway also asked the board who makes the testing for fourth and fifth graders mandatory.

Moved, seconded, and carried to award the bank bid to Community & Southern Bank for a one year period starting July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 at a fixed interest rate of 1.40%.

Moved, seconded, and carried to award the propane fuel bid to Budget Propane for a one year period starting May 13, 2010 through May 12, 2011 at a price per gallon rate of \$1.45.

Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated the next agenda item was a Reduction in Force (RIF) Plan. Mr. Henson stated he was pleased that the implementation of a RIF Plan would not be necessary at this time.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve a resolution for a Title 50 waiver. The resolution is requesting waivers for the following:

- Minimum direct instruction (65%) rule (160-5-1-.29) - Allow the system to spend less than 65% for direct instruction for the 2009 – 2010 and 2010 – 2011 school years.
- Class size for Gifted, EIP, and Career tech (160-5-1-.08) - Expand the maximum class size allowable number to no more than 2 additional students in these three areas K-12.
- English Language Learners (160-4-5-.02) – Expand the maximum class size allowable number to no more than 2 additional students in any ELL class in grades K-12.

Cynthia Panter, Associate Superintendent, stated she had received responses from all Fannin County School System Board Standards Review Committee members stating they are in agreement and the four recommendations have been satisfied. Ms. Panter stated she would send a letter to Georgia School Board Association (GSBA) stating the Fannin County School System Board had satisfied all areas and would like to be considered for the GSBA School Board Standards accreditation.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the purchase of additional cameras and Digital Video Recording equipment for the Fannin County Middle School campus from Atlanta Closed Circuit Television for \$12,700.00.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the purchase of additional cameras and Digital Video Recording equipment for the Fannin County High School campus from Atlanta Closed Circuit Television for \$39,925.00.

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.

Terry Bramlett, Chairman, announced no action was taken while in executive session.

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept the resignation of Diana R. Bice, Diane Clement, Judith A. Drummonds, and Robert McFarland as the end of the 2009 – 2010 school year.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Stephanie Flood as a 50% middle school special education teacher and Joey O’Neal (contingent upon completion of Georgia certification requirements) as middle school teacher for the 2010 – 2011 school year.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve David Dyer as a high school teacher, Robert Evans as a high school teacher, Stephanie Roberts as a high school teacher, Tara Cantrell and a system wide school social worker, and Jane Moore as a system wide interpreter.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Diana Bice as a 50% Behavior Intervention Specialist paid out of Title VI-B ARRA funds.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Pam Dietz as a 40% Speech Language Pathologist and Maria Rowse as a 40% Speech Language Pathologist.

Mark Henson, Superintendent, announced that for the 2010 – 2011 school year Kristin Mathis would be transferred from Headstart paraprofessional to Blue Ridge Elementary paraprofessional.

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

Patricia Adams
Bonnie Angel
Lori Chastain
Erik Cioffi
Darren Danner
Theresa Dillard
Robert Ensley
Michael Gwatney
Cynthia Hicks
Art Hubbard
Connie Huff
Betsy Hyde

Benny Long
Cynthia Panter @ 49%
Glenn Patterson
Brenda Payne
Wendy Reynolds
Candice Sisson
Karen Walton

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following list of certified personnel for the 2010 – 2011 school year:

Abbott, Barry
Abernathy, Gail
Allmon, Emmie
Bailey, Diane
Barnes, Cindi
Barnes, Rebecca
Barnstead, Julia
Barnstead, Scott
Baugh, Celeste
Birchmore, Jodi
Blood, Richard
Boyce, Pam
Boyd, Holly
Branham, Edward
Brannon, Kimberly
Breedon, Joseph
Brown, Kelly
Bruce, Pamela Patterson
Bryant, Scott
Bryson, Martha
Burch, Lynn
Burgess, Lesa
Burke, Carol
Callihan, Amanda
Callihan, Robbi
Callihan, Terry
Callihan, Tonya
Campbell, Deborah
Chambers, Stacy
Chancey, Miranda R.
Chapman, Buffy
Clapsaddle, Justin
Clement, Myra A
Clonts, Walter
Cochran, Debra
Cole, Sharon
Collins, David – 49%
Collis, Alan
Collis, Heather
Collis, Troyia
Cook, Jessica
Cooke, Crystal
Corbin, Mary

Craig, Janice
Crisp, Frank
Crubaugh, Robin
Culpepper, Kathy
Culpepper, Shannon
Danner, Alison
Davenport, Betty
Daves, Jeffrey
Daves, Penny
Davis, Sarah
Dillard, Melinda
Dixon, Amanda
Dockery, Aline
Drennan, William
DuBois, Patricia
Dyer, Brenda
Eavenson, Amanda
Evans, Laura
Elliott, Sharon
Ensley, Maranda
Estep, Mayra
Farmer, Johnny
Finch, Sarah
Finley, Heather
Fleeman, Shannon
Forney, David
Gaban, Myra
Galloway, Debbie
Garland, Betty J
Gibbs, John
Gilreath, Stacey
Gobble, Althea
George, Karen
Gouchnour, Thomas
Gray, Donna
Griffith, Sharon
Grubb, Michele
Hamby, Michelle
Hammond, Valdora
Harper, Dana
Helton, Angela
Helton, Ann
Hemming, Anona
Henry, Lora
Henry, Vicki
Hensley, John
Henson, Stacy
Hodges, Travis
Holloway, Kathrin
Holsonback, Betty
Hood, Christina
Horton, Lawana
Hornsby, Ashley
Hubbard, Charlene

Hughes, Danette
Ingle, Shelia
Jantti, Joan
Jenkins, Lori
Jennings, Jennifer
Jessen, Nancy
Jones, Angela
Jones, Brenda
Jones, Debbie
Jones, Rachel
Jourdan, Katrina
Kaye, Julia
Keener, Elaine
Kendall, Jill
Kephart, Cherie
Key, Jill
King, Barbara
King, Jennifer
King, Melissa
Ladd, Donna
Lambert, Jill
Lang, Dianne
Lansing, Jenny
Lapham, Pamela
Lord, Brenda
Lowman, Kelly
Majors, Kayla
Martin, Janis
Mashburn, Chris
Mason, Tammie
Mathews, Rhonda
Mathis, Pamela
Mathis, Rita
Mauney, Walter
McAbee, Joyce
McBride, Amanda
Mills, Robert
Moates, Elden – 49%
Nave, Linda
Nicholson, Raven
Nicholson, Sharon
Pace, Mary Jean
Pack, Kimberley
Pack, Patricia
Padgett, David
Parmer, Deborah
Parris, Angela
Pass, Blake
Pass, Suzanne
Passmore, Lena
Patterson, Kim
Payne, Lauren D.
Perry, Amanda
Phillips, Steve

Pickelsimer, Courtney
Pugh, June
Putnam, Annette
Quinn, Cindy
Quintrell, Dani
Reed, Vellanea
Reist, Lynn
Rice, Milicent
Rich, Selena
Rittenberry, Jennifer
Roberson, Katy
Robinson, Lora
Satterfield, Melanie
Scarth, Gwen
Scearce, Yevette
Scott, Diane
Seber, Lauren
Sellers, Donna
Shuler, Geraldine
Shively, David
Sims, Lori
Slagle, Patricia
Sloan, Harriett
Smith, Susan
Smith, Lois
Smith, Stacey Lee
Soriero, Anne
Sowers, Hope
Sparks, Ashley
Stanley, Jason
Stanley, Sharon
Stone, Mark
Strickland, Frances
Strobel, Erica A.
Summers, Tami
Tamberino, Ashley
Tate, Teresa
Taylor, Karen
Taylor, Khalisa B
Taylor, Lisa
Taylor, Peggy Susie
Terry, Melissa
Thomas, Amanda
Thomas, Dewayne
Thomas, Michelle
Thomas, Tammy
Thompson, Dawn
Tichler, Anthony
Totherow, Miranda
Turner, Blake
Wade, Stacy
Walden, Sandra
Walker, Jennifer
Ware, Beth

Warren, Rosemary
Watkins, Nancy
Watkins, Serena
Weaver, Jeffrey
Weaver, Vanessa
Weeks, Krystal
Weeks, Lynn
Welch, Sarah
Weldon, Shirley
White, Elizabeth Ann
Wilbanks, Jeff
Williams, Martha
Wilson, Dennis
Wilson, Robert
Workman, Jennifer
York, Shannon
Young, Angela
Young, Kaytie
Young, Mark

Superintendent's Comments:

Mr. Henson stated this was the first time that he could remember having all of the personnel in place for the upcoming school year with the exception of the West Fannin Elementary music teacher, which just became available on Tuesday.

Mr. Henson reminded board members the Fannin County High School Graduation Ceremony is set for Friday, May 21, 2010 at 8:00 PM in the FCHS Stadium.

Mr. Henson stated the Post Planning County Wide Meeting will be On Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at 2:00 PM in the PAC and the Retirement Reception will follow in the lobby area of the PAC.

Mr. Henson stated scholarship night is Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the PAC.

Mr. Henson presented board members with a letter from Jarrod Stanley, a student at Fannin County High School. Mr. Stanley stated he was appreciative of the board paying for the Advanced Placement (A.P.) exams.

Board Members' Comments:

Emily Dunn stated she appreciated all of the hard work Mr. Henson and his team put into the budget and personnel for the upcoming school year. Ms. Dunn stated a long tenure of Superintendents who have been fiscally conservative allowed the school system to maintain jobs for all employees. Ms. Dunn stated when she came on the board, retired Superintendent Morgan Arp stressed the importance of having a healthy fund balance to weather hard economic times like we are currently experiencing. Ms. Dunn stated retired Superintendent Sandra Mercier continued this trend, and Mr. Henson has done the same.

Bobby Bearden it was good to see Lynn Doss, School Board attorney, at the board meeting. Mr. Bearden also stated he was blessed to be here.

Junior Farmer stated he was proud to be a part of a board that had the funds on hand to cover the positions of all personnel. Mr. Farmer stated if other school systems had looked ahead and planned better, they might not be in the shape they are in.

Lewis DeWeese stated he was very pleased to be a Fannin County School System board member. Mr. DeWeese also stated he was impressed with the diligence and prudence Mr. Henson and his staff have shown in budgeting the money for the school system. Mr. DeWeese stated the school board was very blessed to be in the financial situation we are in and able to keep all of our teachers.

Terry Bramlett stated he had slept much better knowing the board was going to be able keep all of their employees. Mr. Bramlett stated it was difficult awarding bids and he hoped vendors understood the decisions made were to pinch pennies so the school system was able to retain as many employees as possible. Mr. Bramlett also stated board members had to look after the best interest of the school children.

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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CHECKING ACCOUNT BID TABULATION																	
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ONE YEAR																	
BIDDER	MONTHLY INTEREST RATE - FIXED	MONTHLY INTEREST RATE - FLOATING	Current	Min Float	Max Float	DISCOUNT ON LOANS	SECURED DEPOSITS	DISCREPANCY REPORT	DEPOSITS BAGS	SAFE DEPOSIT BOX	WAIVE ALL SERVICE CHARGES	PROVIDE ENDORSEMENT STAMPS	WAIVER OF ACH/DIRECT DEPOSIT FEES	WAIVER OF WIRE TRANSFER FEES	WAIVE OF FEE FOR ENDORSEMENT STAMPS	WAIVE OF FEE FOR DEPOSIT SLIPS	
BB & T	None	Fed funds target + 0 basis points with a rate floor of 0.25%	0.25%	0%	No Cap	Not addressed	Yes	No	Yes	No	Cash Manager Online Balance Reporting - Small Business Per account - \$25.00; Account Maintenance fee per account - \$17.00; Deposits & other credits per deposit - \$0.65; items deposited: on us per item - \$0.11 & instate/out of state per item - \$0.12; checks paid per item - \$0.19; coin & currency deposited per \$1000 - \$1.60; checks returned with statement \$5.00; return deposit item per item - \$10.00	Yes	ACH received credit (100 or less) per item - \$0.49; ACH transaction fee - payroll and/or direct deposit fees: Monthly Maintenance \$45.00/Per file transmission \$10.00/Per item \$0.14	Cash Manager Online Small Business Per Wire Fee - \$10.00	Yes	Yes	Yes
BANK OF BLUE RIDGE	None	0.25% - The "Public Funds" checking account includes interest rate tiers based on account balances. The Fed Funds overnight rate is the basis for the interest rate. Each tier is calculated using the Fed Funds actual rate minus a set margin. The interest rate is variable & fluctuates with the Fed Funds rate. The minimum floor is set to 0.25%, which is the current rate	0.25%*	0.25%*	No Cap*	Best rate possible	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
CADENCE BANK	Declined to bid																
COMMUNITY & SOUTHERN BANK	1.40%	1 year treasury rate plus .50% basis point (max 1.70%)	0.89%	0.50%	1.70%	Negotiated at time of request	Deposits exceeding \$250,000 secured by negotiable securities	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
SUNTRUST BANK OF NORTH GA	None	None				Upon request, SunTrust is committed to discuss our borrowing needs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	
UNITED COMMUNITY BANK	None	WSJ Prime - 2.9%	0.35%	0.00%	No Cap	5.00%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
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SUNTRUST BANK OF NORTH GA	None	None				Upon request, SunTrust is committed to discuss our borrowing needs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	
UNITED COMMUNITY BANK	None	WSJ Prime - 2.9%	0.35%	0.00%	No Cap	5.00%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
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Wall Street Journal Prime		3.25%															

PROPANE FUEL BIDS May 2010

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>Price Per Gallon</u>
AMERIGAS	\$1.499
APPALACHIAN PROPANE	\$1.468
BUDGET PROPANE	\$1.450
EMPIRE GAS	No bid
FERRELLGAS	\$1.589
FOLGER GAS	\$1.479
FREEMAN GAS	No bid
HERITAGE PROPANE	No bid
PROFLAME LP GAS	No bid
TRI-STATE PROPANE	No bid
WOODSTOCK GAS	No bid