

December 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.

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

Approve the agenda.

Approve the board minutes from November 11, December 7 work session, and December 7, 2010, strategic planning session.

Approve the following facility use request:

Fannin County Soccer Booster Club – use of Fannin County High School Stadium home side concession stand during varsity & junior varsity soccer games and tournaments – 2011 season.

Approve the following field trip requests:

Fannin County High School Chorus – Lee University in Cleveland, TN, on February 11 – 12, 2011; and

Fannin County High School National Art Honor Society – The Museum of Contemporary Art in Atlanta, GA, on February 25 – 26, 2011.

Approve the following fund raiser requests:

Blue Ridge Elementary School PBIS – Sale of holiday theme suckers, December 9, 2010 – May 2011;

Fannin County Middle School FFA & TSA – Food drive can war, December 13 – 16, 2010;

Fannin County High School FCCLA – Sale of Christmas suckers, December 10 – 15, 2010;

Fannin County High School Student Council – Data match surveys, January 10 – 14, 2011;

Fannin County High School Student Council – Sale of Cupid's Arrows, February 7 – 11, 2011;

Fannin County High School Student Council – Pot of Gold fundraiser, March 7 – 11, 2011;

Fannin County High School Student Council – Saint Patrick’s green hat day, March 15, 2011;

Fannin County High School Student Council – Dodge ball tournament, April 29, 2011.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the financial report for the month ending October 31, 2010. Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated the SPLOST check received in November for the month of September was \$263,803.24.

Public Comment:

None.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the Schedule of approved local option sales tax projects for year ended June 30, 2010.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following school requests for purchases made on behalf of students in the aggregate sum of \$100.00 or more:

Blue Ridge Elementary – Memory Book Company (school annuals), QSP (fundraiser), and Strawbridge Studio (student pictures);

East Fannin Elementary – Strawbridge Studio (student pictures) and Memory Book Company (school annuals);

West Fannin Elementary – Lifetouch Studio (student pictures and school annuals) and QSP (fundraiser);

Fannin County Middle School – Jostens (school annuals) and Lifetouch Studio (student pictures); and

Fannin County High School – Lifetouch Studio (student pictures) and Jostens (graduation items and annuals).

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve a change order from Woodall Roofing Company, Inc. for \$38,000.00 to complete two additional reroofing areas at Fannin County High School.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve revised board policy JBC – School Admissions.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve revised board policy BH – Board Code of Ethics.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve revised board policy JGI – Child Abuse or Neglect.

Moved, seconded, and carried to appoint Lynn Doss as the local school board attorney for the 2011 calendar year.

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, Chairperson, announced no action was taken while in executive session. Mr. Bramlett also stated the superintendent's evaluation was completed while in executive session, and Mr. Henson received the highest possible marks in all of the performance standards categories. Mr. Bramlett stated he is honored Mr. Henson is the Superintendent of Fannin County Schools and is doing such a great job.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Matthew West, Diane Clement, April Shinpaugh, and Michael Baker as Math Interventionist for the 2010 – 2011 school year to be paid out of Title I funding.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Nicole Schuknecht, Teresa Martin, Shannon Cioffi, and Deb Deaver as Parent Involvement Liaisons for the 2010 – 2011 school year to be paid out of Title I funding.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Andrea Elise Gates as a Special Education Teacher for the 2010 – 2011 school year to be paid out of Title VI-B ARRA funding.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Hannah Hensley Jones as a Math Teacher for the 2010 – 2011 school year to be paid out of Title VI-B ARRA funding.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Traci West as a half-time District Behavior Interventionist for the 2010 – 2011 school year to be paid out of Title VI-B ARRA funding.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Kevin Cochran as a school technology specialist for the 2010 – 2011 school year to be paid out of Title VI-B RLIS funding.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Kelly Kimsey and Andrea Patterson as secretaries.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Barbara Issac as a school nutrition assistant.

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept the resignation of Sarah K. Barker effective December 17, 2010.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following substitute school nutrition workers:

Mary Wilson Abernathy  
Cathy Ruth Davis  
Amanda Deal  
Catherine Foster  
Kelley Green  
Icie Ann Ingram  
Doyce Alexandree (Alex) Loudermilk  
Tammy Standridge

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following substitute teachers:

Brooklyn Campbell  
Sean Carvajal  
Shannon Carver  
Luke Dilbeck  
Robert Hallmark  
Carrie A. Holloway  
Carrie Peel  
Holly Seabolt Sands

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following substitute custodians:

Charlie Poss  
David Ware

Superintendent's Comments:

Mr. Henson stated his success was dependent on the support his coworkers gave him. Mr. Henson stated he was blessed to work with people who were so passionate about making Fannin County Schools the best school system possible.

Mr. Henson congratulated the board for receiving Board of Distinction status through the Georgia School Board Association (GSBA). Mr. Henson stated there were only a few school systems in Georgia which had met the criteria to receive this status.

Mr. Henson thanked board members for taking time to participate in the strategic planning session on Tuesday, December 7.

Mr. Henson stated his appreciation for everything Mr. Farmer has done these past four years for the children of Fannin County. Mr. Henson respects the time Mr. Farmer devoted to the school system, and he thanked him for his friendship.

Mr. Henson asked board members to choose a date for the Teacher of the Year (TOTY) banquet. Mr. Henson gave Thursday, January 20, and Thursday, January 27, 2011, as the choices. After discussion it was decided Mr. Bramlett would provide Ms. Sisson with an answer the next day.

Board Members' Comments:

Emily Dunn thanked everyone involved in coordinating the strategic planning session held on Tuesday, December 7. Ms. Dunn stated she enjoyed seeing how the different classrooms utilized the interactive whiteboards. Ms. Dunn stated she was pleased with the superintendent's evaluation and was pleased with the stability he gave the school system. Ms. Dunn thanked Junior Farmer for his service on the board, as well as his motivation to be at all of the school events. Ms. Dunn wished everyone a happy and safe holiday.

Bobby Bearden expressed his appreciation to Junior Farmer for serving on the board.

Junior Farmer stated when the board appointed Mr. Henson as superintendent he had no hesitation Mr. Henson would do a good job, and he had nothing but high praise for how Mr. Henson and his staff have performed. Mr. Farmer stated he would continue to be a friend to the school system after his term ends.

Lewis DeWeese stated Mr. Farmer has earned his respect over the past four years as a school board member. Mr. DeWeese wished everyone a very special Jesus birthday. Mr. DeWeese stated after seeing the various activities the students were engaged in on the interactive whiteboards at the strategic planning session that he cannot fathom the change his mother has seen in her lifetime, and he hopes to be able to see the current elementary students who are already so familiar with technology go off to college and excel with their knowledge of technology.

Terry Bramlett stated he wished Junior Farmer the best in his future endeavors. Mr. Bramlett stated Mr. Farmer was a great advocate for Fannin County schools and a great advocate for taxpayers. Mr. Bramlett stated after visiting the classrooms at the strategic planning session, if he was currently a student in a classroom that offered interactive whiteboards, he would be at the bus stop 20 minutes early. He was impressed with how all of the students in the classrooms were engaged in the activities.

Mr. Bramlett stated this would be his last meeting as chairperson and would like to thank the board for their dedication and cooperation. Mr. Bramlett stated he was very proud to see the board receive the Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA) Board of Distinction status. Mr. Bramlett stated 91.3% of students graduating and all schools making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) this past year were jewels in the crown.

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.

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Terry Bramlett, Chairperson

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Mark Henson, Superintendent

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