

May 10, 2016
8:00 a.m.

The Fannin County Board of Education met in a work session with the following members present: Bobby Bearden, Chair; Terry Bramlett, Vice Chair; Lewis DeWeese; Sandra Mercier, and Steve Stanley.

The meeting was called to order by Bobby Bearden, Chair.

Assistant Superintendent Art Hubbard, and Lead Maintenance Danny Shinpaugh gave an update on energy management and cost savings (see attachment on eBoard).

Principal Lori Chastain, Assistant Principal Tony Tichler, and Sixth Grade Science Teacher Kim Pack updated the Board on STEM opportunities at Fannin County Middle School. Ms. Pack explained the importance of the “E” or Engineering component of STEM in her science class. Two of her students (Waymon Dye and Austin Vick) showed the Board a rain barrel they designed and built from common materials. Following the students' presentation, Mr. Tichler and Ms. Pack showed the Board how to use newly purchased Z-Space machines. These are virtual reality, three-dimensional learning centers that are used by medical colleges and dental schools. Students can explore and conduct dissections with these tools, which were just purchased with SPLOST funds.

Cynthia Panter, Executive Director, gave an update on School Governance Teams' meetings for information only.

Mark Henson, Superintendent, reviewed the agenda for the meeting on Thursday, May 12, 2016, at 4:30 p.m.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to go in to 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 or to interview applicants for the position of superintendent; (O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(b)(2)) and to discuss or vote to authorize negotiations to purchase, dispose of, or lease property; authorize ordering an appraisal related to the acquisition or disposal of real estate; enter into a contract to purchase, dispose of, or lease property subject to approval in a subsequent public vote; or enter into an option to purchase, dispose of or lease real estate subject to approval in a subsequent public vote; (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1)). . All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to resume regular session. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Bobby Bearden, Chair, announced no action was taken during regular session.

Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated we are facing tough times but are here for the students to do the right thing and obey the law. Mr. Henson commended the Board for looking after the children and said it was the best Board with which he has had the privilege of working.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, a motion was made by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to adjourn subject to being called into special session by the Chair when deemed necessary. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Bobby Bearden, Chairperson

Mark Henson, Superintendent

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