

November 8, 2012
6:00 p.m.

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

Boy Scout Samuel Woodall led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated that the Feed Fannin Lease was pulled off of the agenda until the December meeting.

By motion from Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Steve Stanley, to approve the following items on the consent agenda. All members voted yes.

Approve the consent agenda.

Approve the meeting minutes from October 11, 2012.

Approve the following facility use requests:

Fannin County Speech-Language Pathologist Team – use of Fannin County High School field house conference room on Nov. 16, Dec. 14, Jan. 14, Feb. 8, March 15, April 19, and May 17 (for the 2012-13 school year).

Approve the following school field trip requests:

Blue Ridge Elementary School Fourth Grade – CNN and World of Coke, Atlanta, GA, on January 18, 2013; and

West Fannin Elementary School Fifth Grade – Georgia Aquarium, Zoo Atlanta, State Capitol, Turner Field, and the Varsity in Atlanta, GA, on May 9-10, 2013.

Approve the following fundraiser requests:

BRES/EFES/WFES ALPHA – Sale of jewelry – November 15 – 30, 2012;

East Fannin Elementary PBIS Team–Valentine Photo Shoot – January 4, 2013;

Fannin County Middle School MILD Classroom – Spirit Pins, November 26 – January 30, 2013;

Fannin County High School Soccer Booster Club – Ads for program, November 9 – January 30, 2013;

Fannin County High School Soccer Booster Club – Sale of stadium blankets, November 9 – January 30, 2013;

Fannin County High School Soccer Team – Candy sale, January 7 – March 28, 2013; and

Fannin County High School Wrestling – Chicken dinner, November 12 – May 24, 2013.

Public Comment:

Dr. Barry Abbott thanked the Board for their support against Amendment 1. He stated he was thankful for a Board that was willing to put the best interest of kids ahead of politics.

After public comment, motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve the financial report for the month ending September 30, 2012. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Mr. Henson stated the SPLOST check received in October 2012 for the month of August 2012 was \$327,639.23

East Fannin Elementary requested to salvage 2 tables, 2 rolling cabinets, and 25 desks that are not in useable condition. Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Steve Stanley, to approve the request. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to accept the resignation of Melissa Stanley, effective December 31, 2012, and Sharon Stanley, effective November 30, 2012. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Steve Stanley, to approve Caprice Young and Melissa Long as teachers. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve Alicia Baugh and Sydney Robinson Newton as paraprofessionals. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Steve Stanley, to approve Justin Foster as a bus driver contingent on his successful completion of bus driver training. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve Amanda Deal as a substitute bus driver. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve Teri Lynn Grace, Gail L. Johnson, and Steve May as substitute school nutrition workers. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Superintendent's Comments:

Mark Henson, Superintendent, presented the Georgia School Nutrition Association Media Recognition Award to Dub Joiner of The New Observer. Susan Smith Tate and Mildred Johnson nominated him for this award because of his support of the School Nutrition Program and the Fannin County School System.

Mr. Henson stated he was very proud of our students and schools for the wonderful Veterans' Day programs. He feels the veterans are great Americans and very deserving of the support from our school system.

Mr. Henson expressed his disappointment that Amendment 1 passed. He is proud of the trust and confidence that our community showed in the Board and schools, as all 12 local precincts voted "No" to the amendment. Mr. Henson thanked all who supported public education by voting against the loss of local control.

Board Members' Comments:

Bobby Bearden said he appreciated what Mark Henson said.

Terry Bramlett stated it is an honor to be a part of this education system. Mr. Bramlett said he was proud of the way our students honored our veterans, and that it was truly an honor to stand on the shoulders of these giants.

Lewis DeWeese stated he could not add a thing; however, he wanted to welcome guests.

Steve Stanley stated he wanted to thank all the schools for their programs.

Sandra Mercier said everyone before her had said it all. She said we should all thank a veteran. Mrs. Mercier added that she enjoyed the training the Board received, and she felt they learned a lot. She was also proud of Mr. Henson for his dedication to public education.

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

Sandra Mercier, Chairperson

Mark Henson, Superintendent

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