

January 11, 2007
6:00 p.m.

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

Motion by Emily Dunn, seconded by Garnett Webb, to approve tonight's agenda. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Emily Dunn, Chairperson, relinquished the chair to Sandra H. Mercier, Superintendent, for reorganization of the Board.

Superintendent, Sandra H. Mercier, called for nominations for chairperson for the calendar year 2007.

Emily Dunn nominated Terry Bramlett, and Garnett Webb nominated Bobby Bearden. There were no other nominations.

Bobby Bearden, Garnett Webb, and Junior Farmer voted in favor of Bobby Bearden for chairperson. Emily Dunn and Terry Bramlett voted in favor of Terry Bramlett for chairperson.

Superintendent, Sandra H. Mercier, turned the meeting over to the newly elected chairman, Bobby Bearden.

Mr. Bearden called for nominations for vice-chairperson for the calendar year 2007.

Junior Farmer nominated Garnett Webb, and Emily Dunn nominated Terry Bramlett. There were no other nominations.

Bobby Bearden, Garnett Webb, and Junior Farmer voted in favor of Garnett Webb for vice-chairperson. Emily Dunn and Terry Bramlett voted in favor of Terry Bramlett for vice-chairperson.

Bobby Bearden announced that Garnett Webb would be the Vice-Chairperson for 2007.

The Board of Education meeting date for calendar year 2007 was approved by unanimous consent to be held on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. to be held at the Board of Education office and to set the work session at noon on the second Tuesday before the regular scheduled meeting at the Board of Education Central Office.

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 November 2006.

Art Hubbard, Director of Instructional Services, gave the board an update on the various construction projects (see attachment).

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following facility use request:

Fannin County High School Band – use of homeside concession stand 07-08 football season.

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

Fannin County High School FFA – UGA Poultry Field Day and Poultry Career Development Event Training – Calhoun, GA for February 7, 2007

Fannin County High School HOSA – State Competition and Leadership Conference – Athens, GA for March 1 – 3, 2007

Fannin County High School Band – New Years Day Parade – Rome, Italy for December 27, 2008 – January 2, 2009.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following fundraiser requests:

Fannin County High School FBLA – Sale of ornaments created by students, January 16 – May 25, 2007

Fannin County High School FFA – Sale of meat sticks, February 1 – March 1, 2007

Fannin County High School FCCLA – Data Match, February 7 – 14, 2007

Fannin County High School FBLA – Student Talent Show, May 4 or May 18, 2007

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)) and to discuss the future acquisition of real estate; (O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(4)).

Moved, seconded, and carried to resume regular session.

Bobby Bearden, Chairperson, announced no action was taken while in executive session.

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept the resignations of Teresa Tate and Thomas Bell effective immediately; Diane Brown effective at the end of the school year; and Doug Davenport effective August 1, 2007.

Moved, seconded, and carried to transfer Dr. Michael Gwatney from East Fannin Principal to Technology Director effective July 1, 2007.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following substitutes:

Substitute School Nutrition Worker:

Wanda S. Carver

Substitute Bus Driver:

Margie Kolesky

Substitute Teachers:

Nicole Lord

Mary Ellen Smith

Board Members' Comments:

Emily Dunn welcomed Mr. Farmer to the board.

Garnett Webb stated he was glad Mr. Farmer was on the board.

Junior Farmer stated he appreciated the people of Fannin County for seeing their way clear and putting him in this position.

Terry Bramlett welcomed Mr. Farmer to the board. Mr. Bramlett also thanked Mr. Hubbard for the construction update.

Bobby Bearden thanked Emily Dunn for her two years of being Board Chairperson and Terry Bramlett for being Vice-Chairperson for the past year. Mr. Bearden also stated his desire was for the school system to continue running smoothly. Mr. Bearden further stated he was glad to be here.

Superintendent's Comments:

Mrs. Mercier welcomed Mr. Farmer to the board. Mrs. Mercier also presented board members with information on Legislative Site Visits to the Capital and for two upcoming GSBA workshops to be held at Young Harris, GA. Mrs. Mercier stated it was highly unusual for GSBA classes to be offered in North Georgia, and she encouraged all board members to attend so GSBA would consider offering more classes in this area of the state.

Public Comment:

None

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

Sandra H. Mercier, Superintendent

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Construction Update 1/11/2007

BRES PE Facility

Structural steel erected
Roofing/siding material on site
Exterior block work complete
Interior block work 80% complete
Exterior waterproofing complete

BRES Classroom Addition

Brick work complete
Roofing complete
Interior plumbing rough complete
Interior electrical rough complete
Interior framework 80% complete
All A/C units in place
Firewall (drywall) installation 75% complete

WFES Classroom Addition

Exterior block work complete
Interior block work 75% complete
Interior plumbing rough 90% complete
Interior electrical rough 90% complete
Roofing complete
Water line tie-in complete

WFES PE Facility

Structural steel erected

FCMS Re-Roofing Project

Awaiting final walk through and punch list

FCHS HVAC Renovation

DDC control system 75% complete
Awaiting final walk through and punch list

System Technology Center

Complete