

February 11, 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; Lewis DeWeese; Junior Farmer; and Bobby Bearden. All members present.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the agenda.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes from all previous meetings. Change the January 14 and February 9, 2010 minutes to reflect Emily Dunn as Vice-Chairperson.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the financial report for the month ending December 2009. Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated the SPLOST check received in January for the month of November was \$251,596.66.

Public Comment:

Tim Massaro stated he was disappointed the Fannin Middle School soccer program was going to be dropped and encouraged board members to reconsider this decision. Mr. Massaro stated the cost of admission to middle school soccer games was too high and thought if the price was lower, there would be higher attendance. Mr. Massaro also stated he was impressed with the financial aid workshop held for seniors, but he thought there should have been more notice given to parents and more publicity given so there would have been a higher turnout.

Junior Deal stated his concerns about the Fannin Middle School soccer program being dropped. Mr. Deal stated this is the only sport his son is interested in playing. Mr. Deal also encouraged the middle school to start a softball program. He stated he was vice-president of the Fannin County Youth Softball League and they were willing to provide the equipment needed.

Lonnie Moore also stated his concerns about the Fannin Middle School soccer program being dropped. Mr. Moore stated he had coached soccer for the last seven years and was willing to coach under someone or with someone.

Lori Chastain, Fannin Middle School Principal, explained the extensive and exhaustive process she has went through this past year to find a certificated teacher or administrator who was willing to be a middle school soccer coach.

Eric Cioffi, Fannin High School Principal, discussed changes he has made this past year at Fannin High School and gave an update on the prioritized needs for the high school.

Karen Walton, Director of Curriculum & School Improvement, explained the Georgia Performance Standards (GPS) development process for math.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the FY11 budget calendar.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve option 1 of the 2010 – 2011 school calendar.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the bus lease purchase from United Community Bank for the financing of two busses with a total payback of \$196,488.55.

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

Women's Basketball League – use of Blue Ridge Elementary gym on Sundays from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. from February 14 – May 23, 2010

Fannin County High School Soccer Booster Club – use of Fannin County High School Stadium Concession Stand Home Side during all high school soccer games from March 1 – April 1, 2010

American Cancer Society – use of Fannin County High School Football Field from June 11 – 12, 2010

Fannin County Recreation Department – use of Fannin County High School New Gym on March 5 – 6, 2010

For information purposes a facility use request was presented for the Superstars of the South to use the Fannin County Middle School Gym on February 27, 2010 for wrestling to benefit the middle school chorus Washington D.C. trip.

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

Blue Ridge Elementary School Fifth Grade – Turner Field, Capital Building, and Zoo Atlanta in Atlanta, GA for May 13 – 14, 2010

East Fannin Elementary School Third Grade – The Lost Sea in Sweetwater, TN for April 16, 2010

Fannin County Middle School All-State Band – All-State Band Competition in Savannah, GA for March 4 – 6, 2010

Fannin County Middle School and High School TSA – TSA Advisory Council/State Officers Interviews at Arabia Mountain High School – South of Atlanta for February 13, 2010

Fannin County High School FFA – Georgia Junior National Livestock Show Competition in Perry, GA for February 17 – 21, 2010

Fannin County High School HOSA – HOSA State Competition and Leadership Conference in Athens, GA for March 4 – 6, 2010

Fannin County High School FFA – Greenhand Jamboree Success Conference in Covington, GA for March 5 – 6, 2010

Fannin County High School TSA – TSA State Competition in Athens, GA for March 10 – 13, 2010

Fannin County High School Skills USA – Skills USA State Leadership and Skills Competition Conference in Atlanta, GA for March 11 – 13, 2010

Fannin County High School Key Club – Key Club State Convention at Hilton Atlanta Northeast in Atlanta, GA for March 12 – 14, 2010

Fannin County High School – GACHE Field Trip to North Georgia College & State University in Dahlonega, GA for March 25, 2010

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following fund raiser request:

Blue Ridge Elementary School Fifth Grade – Sale of Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, February 19 – May 1, 2010

Fannin County Elementary Schools ALPHA Parents – Bingo at the Kiwanis Building, February 16, 2010 to raise money for Washington D.C. trip

Fannin County Middle School MOID – Sale of Valentines Candy & Valentines Paper Flowers, February 12, 2010

Fannin County Middle School MOID – Sale of Necklaces, March 15 – 17, 2010

Fannin County Middle School MOID – Sale of Homemade Easter Baskets filled with candy and sale of stuffed animals, March 15 – April 2, 2010

Fannin County Middle School HOSA – Sale of “Crush for my Crush Grams” – can of Crush soda with Valentine’s Day note attached, February 12 – 15, 2010

Fannin County High School HOSA – “Pie in the face” teacher and staff volunteers agree to get a pie in the face, February 26, 2010

For information purposes a fund raiser request was presented for the ALPHA parents to sell RADA knives, February 12 – middle of March, 2010

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Tracy Carroll and Tammy Standridge as substitute teachers.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Rebecca “Becky” Lee as a substitute interpreter for the hearing impaired contingent on her passing the background check.

Superintendent’s Comments:

Mr. Henson stated the Fannin County Middle School Chorus had been scheduled to go to the State of Georgia Capital on the day David Ralston was sworn in as Speaker of the House, but due to inclement weather they were unable to attend. The group was able to reschedule and go this past Tuesday and present the program they had presented earlier in the year at Fort Benning, GA.

Mr. Henson stated Georgia School Board Association District 9 Day at the Capital is March 2, 2010. Mr. Henson asked board members to let him know if they would like to attend.

Candy Sisson stated the Georgia Department of Education honored Blue Ridge Elementary, East Fannin Elementary, West Fannin Elementary, and Fannin County High School for reaching a high level of student participation in the School Nutrition Program during the 2007 – 2008 school year.

Fannin County School System achieved the following breakfast and lunch participation rates: Blue Ridge Elementary Breakfast 72%; East Fannin Elementary

Breakfast 91% and Lunch 90%; West Fannin Elementary Breakfast 83% and Lunch 90%; and Fannin County High School Breakfast 44% and Lunch 73%.

Mr. Henson stated all Fannin County Schools that participated in CRCT testing have been flagged as clear in the recent CRCT review of schools throughout Georgia.

Board Members' Comments:

Emily Dunn thanked all of the people who attended the board meeting. Ms. Dunn thanked Mrs. Walton for her presentation on how the Georgia Performance Standards (GPS) development process for math had been implemented. Ms. Dunn also thanked Mr. Cioffi on his update of changes he has made this past year at Fannin High School and the update on the prioritized needs for the high school. Ms. Dunn stated she hopes that Mr. Cioffi understands that the board supports him in creating a good learning environment at the high school.

Bobby Bearden thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Mr. Bearden stated he was impressed with the respect students, staff, and parents have for Mr. Cioffi. Mr. Bearden thanked the parents who voiced their concerns about the soccer program being eliminated at the middle school.

Junior Farmer thanked everyone for coming out for the meeting. Mr. Farmer stated he appreciated the people who had expressed their concern about the soccer program being eliminated at the middle school and the cost of admission for the games. Mr. Farmer stated he had received a lot of positive feedback from employees regarding the board's decision to not pass on the additional three furlough days to employees as recommended by Governor Sonny Perdue.

Lewis DeWeese stated he was impressed with the coaches at the football banquet. Mr. DeWeese stated the coaches took an interest in the football players that went beyond football. They were also concerned about how the students did in their studies as well.

Terry Bramlett thanked everyone for their attendance at the board meeting. Mr. Bramlett stated he was excited to see the changes at the high school. Mr. Bramlett stated there was a new atmosphere that created a positive learning environment. Mr. Bramlett also stated he wanted to reassure parents that the board believes that all of the athletic and academic extracurricular groups are important for the students.

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

**FY 2011 BUDGET CALENDAR
FANNIN COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM**

DATE

ACTIVITIES

FEBRUARY 2010

BOARD APPROVAL OF FY 2011 BUDGET CALENDAR

LATE FEBRUARY THROUGH MAY 2010

SETTING OF PRIORITIES AND GOALS FOR FY 2011

ONGOING EVALUATION OF EXISTING PROGRAMS

PROPOSALS FOR NEW PROGRAMS

IDENTIFICATION OF STATE MANDATES

PERSONNEL RESOURCES

REQUESTS FOR CHANGES TO STAFF

REQUESTS FOR CHANGES TO EMPLOYEE

COMPENSATION PACKAGES

OPERATING RESOURCES (SUPPLIES, TEXTBOOKS, ETC.)

REQUESTS FOR CHANGES TO OPERATING ALLOTMENTS

OTHER PROGRAM REQUESTS FOR OPERATING RESOURCES

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

LOCAL REVENUE PROJECTION

STATE REVENUE PROJECTION

FEDERAL AND OTHER GRANT REVENUES PROJECTIONS

FEBRUARY THROUGH MAY 2010

**BOARD CONSIDERS ISSUES PERTAINING TO
FY 2011 BUDGET**

JUNE 2010

BOARD APPROVAL OF FY 2011 TENTATIVE BUDGET

**PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENT OF BUDGET IN LOCAL NEWS
MEDIA**

BY JUNE 30, 2010

BOARD APPROVAL OF FY 2011 BUDGET

JULY 1, 2010

BEGINNING OF FY 2011

JULY 2010

SETTING OF MILLAGE RATE FOR 2010

*TAX ASSESSORS' OFFICE SENDS PRELIMINARY TAX DIGEST
TO BOARD OF EDUCATION*

*BOARD CONSIDERS PUBLIC HEARINGS REQUIREMENTS
RELATIVE TO CHANGE IN TAX DIGEST*

BOARD ADVERTISES MILLAGE RATE IN LOCAL NEWSPAPER

BOARD APPROVES MILLAGE RATE

JUNE 30, 2010

END OF FY 2011

NOTE: THE BUDGET CALENDAR APPROVED BY THE BOARD REPRESENTS THE ANTICIPATED PROCESS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCHOOL SYSTEM BUDGET. THE BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE THE BUDGET DEVELOPMENT PROCESS AT ANYTIME DUE TO CHANGES IN STATE LAW, STATE OR LOCAL BOARD POLICIES, OR FOR ANY REASON THE BOARD DEEMS TO BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE FANNIN COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM.

School Bus Lease/Purchase Bids

February 10, 2010
10:00 a.m.

Financing Institution	Interest Rate	Total Payback
1. Appalachian Community Bank		
2. Bank of Blue Ridge		
3. BB&T	3.41%	\$196,661.25
4. Cadence		
5. Navistar Finance	4.29%	\$201,079.45
6. Suntrust		
7. UCBI	3.00%	\$196,488.55

2010-2011

FANNIN COUNTY SCHOOL CALENDAR

July 2010

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July 30

August 2-4

August 4

AUGUST 5

September 1

September 6

September 7

September 20-24

September 29-30

October 1

October 29

November 8-12

November 22-26

December 3

December

December 20-Jan. 3

January 4

January 5

January 17

January 19

January 19-20

February 4

February 16

February 17

February 18-21

February 23-24

March 2-3

March 16

March 17-18

March 24

March 28-April 1

April 1

April 4-14

April 18-25

April 29

May 2

May

May 27

May 30

May 31-June 2

New Teacher Orientation

Pre-Planning

County Wide Meeting

STUDENTS' FIRST DAY

20 Days

Labor Day Holiday

Professional Learning Day – Teachers

High School Graduation Test

High School Writing Test

40 Days Early Release – Parent/Teacher Conf.

60 Days

High School Graduation Test

Thanksgiving Holiday

80 Days

End of Course Test – Grades 9th – 12th

Christmas Break

Professional Learning Day – Teachers

Students Return

MLK Holiday/Emergency Make Up Day

100 Days

8th Grade Writing Test

Early Release – Parent/Teacher Conference

120 Days

Professional Learning Day – Teachers

Holiday/Emergency Make Up Day

High School Writing Test

5th Grade Writing Test

Professional Learning Day – Teachers

Holiday/Emergency Make Up Day

140 Days

High School Graduation Test

Early Release – Parent/Teacher Conference

CRCT – Test – Grades 1st – 8th

Spring Break / Emergency Make Up Days

160 Days

Kindergarten Registration @ Elem. Schools

End of Course Test

180 Day – Last Day of School/Graduation

Memorial Day Holiday

Post Planning

January 2011

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February 2011

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April 2011

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November 2010

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May 2011

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December 2010

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June 2011

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*Days for spring break and holidays are subject to be changed and/or cancelled.
Early Release Days – School will dismiss two hours early on these days.
Professional Learning Days -- no school for students.*