

January 12, 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.

Bobby Bearden, Chair, relinquished the Chair to Mark Henson, Superintendent, for reorganization of the Board.

Mark Henson, Superintendent, called for nominations for Chair for the 2012 calendar year.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to nominate Sandra Mercier as Chair for the 2012 calendar year. Bobby Bearden, Lewis DeWeese, Steve Stanley, and Terry Bramlett voted in favor of Sandra Mercier as Chair. Sandra Mercier abstained. Motion carried.

Mark Henson, Superintendent, turned the meeting over to the newly elected 2012 Chair, Sandra Mercier.

Sandra Mercier, Chair, called for nominations for Vice-Chair for the 2012 calendar year.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to nominate Steve Stanley as Vice-Chair for the 2012 calendar year. Bobby Bearden, Lewis DeWeese, Terry Bramlett, and Sandra Mercier voted in favor of Steve Stanley as Vice-Chair. Steve Stanley abstained. Motion carried.

Mrs. Mercier announced that Steve Stanley would be the Vice-Chair for the 2012 calendar year.

Upon the recommendation of Mark Henson, Superintendent, a motion was made by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Steve Stanley, to set the Board of Education meeting date for the 2012 calendar year on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. and the work session at noon on the Tuesday preceding the regular monthly meeting. Both meetings are to be held at the Board of Education office. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

By motion of Terry Bramlett, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, a unanimous affirmative vote was given to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

Approve the consent agenda.

Approve the meeting minutes from December 8, 2011, and January 10, 2012.

Approve the following facility use requests:

Alpha Delta Kappa (ADK) – use of Fannin County High School cafeteria on January 10, February 7, and March 6, 2012, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Approve the following field trip requests:

Fannin County School System ALPHA Students – use of East Fannin Elementary School Gymnasium for a culmination of “mystery study” – January 13, 2012, at 5:00 p.m. to January 14, 2012, at 9:00 a.m.;

Fannin County School System ALPHA Students – Rock City in Lookout Mountain, GA, and the Lost Sea in Sweetwater, TN, on May 10 – 11, 2012;

West Fannin Elementary School Second Grade – Georgia Aquarium in Atlanta, GA, on February 6, 2012;

West Fannin Elementary School Fifth Grade – Georgia Aquarium, World of Coca Cola, Zoo Atlanta, and the State of Georgia Capitol, on May 17 – 18, 2012;

Fannin County High School FFA – FFA Wildlife Career Development Event training in Cartersville, GA, on January 23, 2012;

Fannin County High School Chorus – tour Ground Zero and attend a Broadway show in New York City on April 9 – 12, 2012; and

Fannin County High School Band – Drum Corps International Contest in Atlanta, GA, on July 28, 2012.

Approve the following fundraiser requests:

West Fannin Elementary School Fifth Grade – Sale of Krispy Kreme Donuts, February 23 – March 8, 2012; and

Fannin County High School FFA – Sale of jerky meat sticks, January 13 – February 13, 2012.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the financial report for the month ending November 30, 2011. Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated the SPLOST check received in December for the month of October was \$277,384.46.

Public Comment:

None.

After public comment, Art Hubbard, Assistant Superintendent, gave Board members an update on the ongoing construction projects. Mr. Hubbard stated the following items were completed on the field house project: 1) all structural steel was in place; 2) the metal roof and insulation was complete; 3) the interior plumbing rough was 95% complete; 4) the exterior masonry work is 90% complete; 5) the interior masonry work is 80% complete; 6) HVAC ductwork installation is underway; and 7) the weatherproofing had been completed.

Mr. Hubbard provided the Board with an update on the lights at the baseball field. He stated the installation was complete, and the initial burn-in period of 100 consecutive hours had also been completed. Mr. Hubbard stated six bulbs would need to be replaced, and the light level certification would take place on January 20.

Mr. Hubbard stated all of the rooftop heating units were installed and operational at East Fannin Elementary. Mr. Hubbard also stated the heating system was online with the Energy Management System (EMS).

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the request to secure bus bids for four (4) 72-passenger school buses.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the resignation of Carol Burke effective January 17, 2012.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Caprice Young as a paraprofessional for the 2011 – 2012 school year.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Gay Vann as a substitute teacher contingent on a successful background check.

Superintendent's Comments:

Mr. Henson stated the FFA local lawnmower operations contest would be held at Fannin County Middle School on Friday, January 13, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Henson stated the Teacher of the Year Banquet (TOTY) had been scheduled for Tuesday, January 31, at the Fannin County High School cafeteria starting at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Henson reminded the Board about the 2012 GSBA/GSSA Ninth District visit to the Georgia Capitol on Tuesday, February 28.

Mr. Henson also reminded Board members of the 2012 GSBA summer conference and delegate assembly to be held in Savannah, GA, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on Friday, June 15, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 16, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Mr. Henson reviewed date options with Board members for the strategic planning session. All members agreed to hold the session on Tuesday, February 14, from noon to 4:00 p.m.

Karen Walton, Director of Curriculum and School Improvement, reviewed the new Common Core Curriculum and the College and Career Ready Performance Index Pathways with Board members. Mrs. Walton stated this is the new model the Georgia Department of Education is rolling out to make sure students are college and career ready. Dr. John Barge, State School Superintendent, is leading this initiative for the state. Dr. Barge is working in conjunction with Dr. Bill Daggett, CEO of the International Center for Leadership in Education, in this effort. Mrs. Walton stated that Dr. Bill Daggett visited our system, on January 4, to work with the faculty, staff, and administrators explaining the rigor/relevance framework. Dr. Daggett visited Fannin County as a cost savings measure rather than sending leadership teams to attend his conference this summer in Orlando, Florida. Mrs. Walton stated Dr. Daggett explained the framework will be dedicated to continuing a rigorous statewide accountability plan. This plan is more indicative of a focus on school improvement and students' preparedness for the future compared to the current Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) calculations. The new plan will utilize multiple indicators to determine a school's overall impact on students.

Board Members' Comments:

Bobby Bearden stated he is glad the baseball lights have been installed and is also impressed with the progress made on the field house. Mr. Bearden asked if the exit to the high school campus could be better marked; he stated some people think the exit is also an entrance to the high school campus. Mr. Bearden stated he was glad to be here.

Lewis DeWeese welcomed Sandra Mercier as Board Chair. Mr. DeWeese also stated he was interested in attending the Ninth District session on February 28.

Steve Stanley stated he appreciated Bobby Bearden serving as Board Chair in 2011 and all of the help Mr. Bearden gave him as a new board member. Mr. Stanley thanked Lewis DeWeese for his vote of confidence in nominating him as Vice-Chair chairperson for the 2012 year, and he stated he looked forward to serving on the Board in 2012.

Terry Bramlett said he was excited about adding relevance to the Common Core Curriculum. Mr. Bramlett stated he enjoyed physics and putting relevance to work. Mr. Bramlett stated he looked forward to working with the new Chair and Vice-Chair in 2012.

Sandra Mercier stated she appreciated Bobby Bearden's hard work and time serving as Board Chair in 2011. Mrs. Mercier stated she looked forward to the Board solving problems together in 2012 as a five-member team.

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 chair when deemed necessary.

Sandra Mercier, Chairperson

Mark Henson, Superintendent

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