

September 11, 2014
6:00 p.m.

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

Steve Stanley, Chair, called the meeting to order.

By motion from Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve the following items on the consent agenda. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Approve the meeting minutes from August 14, September 4, and September 9, 2014.

Approve the following facility use request:

Fannin County Band Boosters – Use of Fannin County High School on October 11, 2014, from 5:00 p.m. to October 12, 2014, at 11:45 p.m. for the Blue Ridge Mountain Marching Festival;

Approve the following field trip requests:

Blue Ridge Elementary School Fifth Grade – Tellus Science Museum in Cartersville, GA, on October 7, 2014;

Blue Ridge Elementary School Fourth Grade – Funk Heritage Center of Reinhardt University in Waleska, GA, on October 9, 2014;

East Fannin Elementary School Fifth Grade – Tennessee Aquarium in Chattanooga, TN, on October 15, 2014;

West Fannin Elementary School Second Grade – Oconaluftee Indian Village in Cherokee, NC, on October 7, 2014;

West Fannin Elementary School Fourth Grade Class – Stone Mountain Park in Stone Mountain, GA, on October 30, 2014; and

Fannin County High School Special Education Students – Town Center Mall in Kennesaw, GA, on November 21, 2014;

Approve the following fundraiser requests:

Blue Ridge Elementary School – Grandparent Photo Shoot – September 19, 2014;

Blue Ridge Elementary School – Sale of Krispie Kreme doughnuts – October 10, 2014 – April 30, 2015;

Blue Ridge Elementary School – Collection of change for Good Choices – October 27, 2014 – October 31, 2014;

East Fannin Elementary School Media Center – Sale of 2014 – 2015 yearbooks – October 1, 2014 – May 22, 2015;

East Fannin Elementary School PBIS Team – Sale of family mini photo shoot on CDs from Ann Lambert Photography – November 19, 2014;

Fannin County High School MOID/MILD – Sale of Glow Necklaces and Bracelets, September 26, 2014 – May 7, 2015;

Fannin County High School FBLA – Sale of Mylar Birthday Balloons – September 2, 2014 – May 29, 2015;

Fannin County High School Cheerleaders – Sale Spirit Yard Flags – September 12 – 19, 2014;

Fannin County High School Boys and Girls Cross Country Teams – Pledges for a jog-a-thon – September 12 – 22, 2014;

Fannin County High School Tip-Off Club – All-star skills challenge – September 12 - November 15, 2014;

Fannin County High School Baseball – Sale of raffle tickets for a Ruger Deer Rifle and a day at Salon Blue Ridge – September 15 – October 10, 2014;

Fannin County High School TSA – TSA will sale t-shirt sponsorships – September 15, 2014 – November 28, 2014;

Fannin County High School Girls Basketball – 20% of sales at McDonald's – September 16, 2014 – October 16, 2014;

Fannin County High School Boys Basketball – Pledges for a free throw-a-thon – September 27 - 27, 2014;

Fannin County High School FFA – 10% of profit from Zaxby's sales – September 30, 2014;

Fannin County High School Skills USA – Concessions at the "Powder Puff" football game – October 1, 2014;

Fannin County High School FFA – Sale of fruit – October 1 – November 1, 2014; and

Fannin County High School Foreign Language – Sale Fannin Rebel Towels – October 1, 2014 – March 31, 2015.

Provided members of the Gideons International permission to distribute New Testament Bibles to fifth grade students in October and to high school seniors when they receive their caps and gowns for graduation in May 2015. Acceptance of the Bibles by students would be totally voluntary.

Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Fannin County Department of Public Health to provide a facility, if needed, should a possible health emergency occur.

Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Fannin County Department of Public Health to provide scoliosis screenings of public school children in the at-risk population, ages 10 – 15 years.

Public comment: None

After public comment, a motion was made by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve the financial report for the month ending July 31, 2014. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated the SPLOST check received in August for the month of June was \$418,064.65.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve the Fannin County School System homeless procedures as presented by Tara Cantrell, Fannin County School System Social Worker. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the purchase of driver's education vehicle from June Walker Chevrolet for a purchase price of \$20,800.00 to be paid for with SPLOST funds. All members voted yes, motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the following items at East Fannin Elementary School as salvage:

- 5 Metal Teacher Desks
- 4 Metal Filing Cabinets
- 12 Plastic Student Chairs
- 1 Wooden Card Catalog
- 23 Small Wooden Student Chairs

All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve new door security hardware at Fannin Middle School to be purchased from Arch-I-Tech Doors in the amount of \$17,403.23 to be paid for with SPLOST funds. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the Change Order for the conversion of the old FCSS classroom into a new guidance suite. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve the Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA) Quality Board recognition application. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the CM at Risk proposal for East Fannin Elementary Re-Roof Project by Buddy Benefield for a percentage fee of 7½%. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Karen Walton, Director of Curriculum and School Improvement, gave Board members an update on the local board training.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to accept the resignations of Shannon Cioffi effective October 10, 2014, and Wanda K. Burleigh effective September 22, 2014. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to approve the transfer of Amber Mitchell to Parent Liaison. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve Daphne Cash as a custodian. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve John DeMar as a custodian. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to approve Janis Lytle, Carrie Minear, and Stacy Sanford as substitute teachers. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve Sandra Baliles, Robin Cain, Rhonda Calhoun, Fairie Murphy, and Tammy Standridge as substitute nutrition workers. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to approve Linda G. Ezell as substitute clerical worker. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Superintendent's Comments:

Mr. Henson stated he is proud of the board and how they have shown excellence and dedication to the community for pursuing the distinguished school board status. Mr. Henson stated the Board members are a great group to work with, each one brings strength to the table, and, he learns from them every day. Mr. Henson stated he appreciates the Board's counsel, and thanked them for their support of the school system and the support for the students.

Board Members' Comments:

Steve Stanley stated on this anniversary of what we experienced thirteen years ago, it is a pleasure to be here with his colleagues whom he also considers friends. Mr. Stanley stated he is very appreciative of the school system and the people we have here.

Sandra Mercier thanked Ms. Cantrell for refreshing our memories on the situation of the homeless and how we sometimes forget all of our students do not have equal advantages in life. Mrs. Mercier stated she is thankful for the free breakfast and the lunches because she learned a long time ago that some students come to school to eat. Mrs. Mercier thanked Mr. Benefield for all he has done for us and for the upcoming projects. Mrs. Mercier stated today is a very special day, and she thanked her history teachers for teaching her the Star Spangled Banner and the Gettysburg Address. Mrs. Mercier quoted the Gettysburg Address during the meeting.

Lewis DeWeese stated it is very touching that each morning the schools continue to have a moment of silence and salute the flag. Mr. DeWeese stated a moment of silence is very powerful. Mr. DeWeese stated the students giving reverence is a beautiful thing to watch.

Terry Bramlett stated he appreciated Mrs. Mercier's reference to the Gettysburg Address. Mr. Bramlett stated our hearts are heavy reflecting on 9/11. Mr. Bramlett stated he is thankful of how Fannin County is willing to pull together when times are tough. Mr. Bramlett thanked all the teachers in the system for all they do and their sacrifices. Mr. Bramlett stated we are blessed.

Bobby Bearden agreed and reaffirmed with what his fellow members stated.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, a motion was made by Bobby Bearden, 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.

Steve Stanley, Chairperson

Mark Henson, Superintendent

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