

July 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.

By motion from Steve Stanley, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the following items on the consent agenda. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Approve the consent agenda.

Approve the meeting minutes from June 14 and July 10, 2012.

Approve the following facility use requests:

Youth Football Camp – use of Fannin County High School Stadium on July 23 – 25, 2012, from 10:00 a.m. to noon; and

Fannin County High School Football – use of Fannin County High School Stadium, new field house, and new field house parking lot on August 4, 2012.

Approve the following fundraiser requests:

Blue Ridge Elementary School – Sale of yearbooks – September 1, 2012 – May 24, 2013;

Blue Ridge Elementary School – Sale of World’s Finest Chocolates – October 1, 2012 – May 24, 2013;

East Fannin Elementary School PBIS Team – Sale of Grandparent’s Day pictures on CD’s from Ann Lambert Photography – September 1 – October 31, 2012;

East Fannin Elementary School PBIS Team – Sale of Fall mini-photo shoot pictures with Ann Lambert Photography – October 1 – November 30, 2012;

East Fannin Elementary School PBIs Team – Sale of “School’s Out” mini photo shoot pictures with Ann Lambert Photography – April 1 – May 24, 2013;

West Fannin Elementary School – Sale of World’s Finest Chocolates – September 14 – October 12, 2012;

West Fannin Elementary School – Sale of Great American Opportunities gift items, candy, wrapping paper, and magazines – January 25 – February 8, 2013;

West Fannin Elementary School – Sale of yearbooks – February 1 – March 29, 2013;

West Fannin Elementary School – Sale of Spring pictures from Lifetouch – February 8, 2013;

Fannin County High School Dugout Club Baseball & Golden Glove Club Softball – Golf Tournament – July 13 – August 4, 2012;

Fannin County High School Football – Ford Drive 4 UR School – August 4, 2012;

Fannin County High School Football – Yard Sale – August 4, 2012;

Fannin County High School TSA – Face painting and sale of Fannin County High School clocks at the home football games – August 5 – November 30, 2012;

Fannin County High School TSA – Sale of ads for daily video announcements to be posted on the website for the community to review – August 5, 2012 – May 31, 2013;

Fannin County High School TSA – Sale of videos of various Fannin County High School events – August 5, 2012 – May 31, 2013;

Fannin County High School TSA – Sale of advertising spots for the TV in the commons area – August 5, 2012 – May 31, 2013;

Fannin County High School FCCLA – Sale of coffee before school to faculty and staff – August 17, 2012 – May 24, 2013;

Fannin County High School Thespians – Sale of Krispy Kreme Donuts and coffee – September 4 – 28, 2012;

Fannin County High School Soccer Program – Sale of candy bars – September 4 – October 26, 2012;

Fannin County High School Thespians – Sale of Krispy Kreme Donuts and coffee – February 4 – 28, 2013;

Fannin County High School Thespians – Sale of tickets for Fannin's Got Talent Annual Showcase – February 24, 2013; and

Fannin County High School Thespians – Sale of tickets for Laughter and Latté – March 2, 2013.

Public Comment:

None.

After public a motion was made by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve the financial report for the month ending May 31, 2012. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated the SPLOST check received in June for the month of April was \$288,270.15.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve a spending resolution for the month of August 2012 (see attached). All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Henson gave a copy of our Audit Report letter – Year Ending June 30, 2011 – to the Board. He explained that there were no findings and/or questioned costs. The auditor's opinion was that our system's audit was "unqualified," which is the highest possible rating.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese seconded by Bobby Bearden to extend Mark Henson's Superintendent contract for three years: July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2015. All members voted yes. Motion carried. Mr. Henson stated there was no change in the pay on his contract.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Steve Stanley, to go in to 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(b)(2)). All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to resume regular session. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Sandra Mercier, Chairperson, announced no action was taken while in executive session.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve the executive session minutes from May 10 and May 23, 2012. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Steve Stanley, to accept the resignation of Miranda Totherow effective June 25, 2012. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve Sarah Finch as an administrator for the 2012 – 2013 school year. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Steve Stanley, to approve Nicole Lord as a teacher for the 2012 – 2013 school year. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve Thomas Gouchnour as a 49% teacher for the 2012 – 2013 school year. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Superintendent's Comments:

Mr. Henson stated he appreciated the opportunity to serve with the Board. Mr. Henson also stated he appreciated the professionalism the Board exhibited.

Mr. Henson thanked Jeannine Payne for helping with the interview process eight years ago in choosing Susan Jackson as Finance Director. Mr. Henson stated he appreciated Ms. Jackson's diligence in making sure the Fannin County School System's books were kept correctly and in compliance with all accounting regulations. He stated she is an exemplary financial officer.

Mr. Henson stated there would be a meeting on Thursday, July 19, 2012, at 8:00 a.m. to set the tentative budget and millage. Mr. Henson stated this meeting was contingent upon our receiving the tax digest consolidation sheets from the tax commissioner's office.

Board Members' Comments:

Bobby Bearden stated he was blessed to be here. Mr. Bearden invited everyone to attend the upcoming Singing in the Mountains performance at the Performing Arts Center at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 14.

Terry Bramlett thanked Susan Jackson for her excellent work. Mr. Bramlett also thanked Mr. Henson for the job he does and stated he wished the Board could pay him more for what he does for Fannin County Schools. Mr. Bramlett stated he did not think the latest SPLOST collection was a concern since it was still higher than the previous month's collection.

Lewis DeWeese stated it was a very good meeting.

Steve Stanley thanked Susan Jackson for the work she does. Mr. Stanley stated he had the opportunity to work with Ms. Jackson with the tax assessor's office and appreciated her attention to detail. Mr. Stanley thanked Mr. Henson for his hard work. Mr. Stanley also stated he enjoyed working with the Board.

Sandra Mercier stated she was proud of the work Susan Jackson has done over the past eight years as Finance Director for Fannin County Schools. Ms. Mercier also thanked Mr. Henson for the great job he has done as Superintendent.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, a motion was made by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to adjourn subject to being called into special session by the Chair when deemed necessary.

Sandra Mercier, Chairperson

Mark Henson, Superintendent

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