

August 11, 2011
6:00 p.m.

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

By motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Sandra Mercier, a unanimous affirmative vote was given to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

Approve the agenda.

Approve the board minutes from July 14, July 26 at 5:00 p.m., July 26 at 5:30 p.m., July 26 at 5:45 p.m., and August 9, 2011.

Approve the following facility use requests:

Fannin County High School Soccer – use of Fannin County High School stadium & concession stand for a soccer tournament on February 13 – 18, 2012 with February 25, 2012, being a rain date;

Fannin County Fall Baseball – use of Fannin County High School Baseball field on August 15 – October 30, 2012;

Fannin County Tea Party Patriots – use of Fannin County Middle School Cafeteria on the first Thursday of each month from September 1 – December 2, 2011.

Approve the following field trip requests:

Fannin County Middle School and High School TSA – Technology Student Association Chapter Officers Retreat for Excellence at Tumbling Waters Camp in Clayton, GA, on September 9, 2011.

Approve the following fundraiser requests:

Fannin County Middle School Chorus – Sale of performance DVD's and concert donations, September 18, 2011 – May 24, 2012;

Fannin County Middle and High School Chorus – Sale of 9/11 t-shirts, August 12 – 31, 2011;

Fannin County High School – Sale of 2 foot by 3 foot business advertisement banners, August 15, 2011 – June 1, 2012;

Fannin County High School Baseball – Pre-sale of Fraser Fir Christmas trees, August 26, 2011;

Fannin County High School Band – Sale of discount cards, September 1 – 30, 2011;

Fannin County High School Student Council – Homecoming Dance, September 2 – October 1, 2011;

Fannin County High School Athletics/PBIS Team – Powder Puff football game, September 27, 2011;

Fannin County High School CTAE Skills USA – Run concession stand at Powder Puff football game, September 27, 2011; and

Fannin County High School Baseball – Sale of Fraser Fir Christmas trees, November 25 – December 16, 2011.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the financial report for the month ending June 30, 2011. Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated the SPLOST check received in July for the month of May was \$294,146.46.

Public Comment:

None

After public comment, Benny Long, Director of Transportation, provided board members with information on the transportation department.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the 2011 – 2012 annual board planning calendar (see attached).

Mark Henson, Superintendent, gave the board summary discipline reports for school year 2010-11 for the middle and high school.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the purchase of 2 72-passenger school buses from Rush Motor Trucks at \$78,165.00 per bus. This price is for a state base bus bid of \$76,219.50 that all three manufacturers are providing for the bond program with the addition of LED lighting, heavy duty front axles, air operated driver's door, and air ride suspension. The Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) will reimburse Fannin County \$152,439.00, the base bid price for these two buses. The difference of \$3,891.00 will be paid for out of local funds.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the baseball field lighting proposal from Over & Under Contractors for the installation of GE lighting on the Fannin County High School baseball field at a cost of \$124,685.65 to be paid out of SPLOST funds.

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)).

Moved, seconded, and carried to resume regular session.

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

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the resignation of Haley R. Elrod, Scott Mealer, and Keith Myers.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Tyler Banister as a teacher for the 2011 – 2012 school year.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following substitute bus drivers:

John Hembree
James McDonald
Deborah Thomas

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following substitute custodians:

Brian Colantropo
Amy M. Frazier

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following substitute teachers:

Sharon Cole
Brenda Crawford
Cynthia Dillard
Rita Hall
Elizabeth Kukulski
Misty Lewis
Carol McDonald
Mary Rice
Michelle Sanford
Paula Serpico
Samantha Tarver
Dawn Thompson
Deidra Weaver
Caprice Youn
Cynthia Zager

Superintendent's Comments:

Mr. Henson presented board members with certificates from Georgia School Board Association (GSBA) recognizing them for their recent training with GSBA. Mr. Henson complimented board members for their willingness to attend training sessions.

Mr. Henson stated the school year had started off well, and he was pleased with the overwhelming attendance at the Open House events. Mr. Henson stated he was appreciative of all the work maintenance employees and school custodians had put into getting the schools ready. Mr. Henson also stated he was pleased with how smoothly parent drop-off and pick-up went. Mr. Henson stated his daughter rode a Fannin County School system bus, and he knows she is in good hands.

Mr. Henson commended the system for making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). He complimented Art Hubbard and Karen Walton for leading the system to another successful year.

Board Members' Comments:

Sandra Mercier gave kudos and accolades to everyone for a great start of the new school year. Mrs. Mercier thanked Benny Long for his work with the transportation department. Mrs. Mercier stated the transportation department had come a long ways since Mr. Long had been the director. Mrs. Mercier stated the renovated cafeteria at the high school was fabulous.

Terry Bramlett thanked Karen Walton for managing the annual board planning calendar. Mr. Bramlett thanked Benny Long for keeping the children of Fannin County Schools safe. Mr. Bramlett also thanked Art Hubbard for his common sense approach in making a decision on which vendor to use for the baseball field lighting. Mr. Bramlett also thanked all staff for their work on the budget.

Steve Stanley stated he was impressed with the great job Benny Long did in the transportation department.

Bobby Bearden stated the response from staff at the beginning of the year meeting for not instituting furloughs was overwhelming. Mr. Bearden thanked all of the resource officers for assuring the children of Fannin County schools were safe. Mr. Bearden stated he was also impressed with the renovated cafeteria at the high school and the large turnout at the Open Houses held at each school.

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.

Bobby Bearden, Chairperson

Mark Henson, Superintendent

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