

June 13, 2013
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 were present.

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

Approve the meeting minutes from May 9, 2013, and June 11, 2013.

Approve the following field trip requests:

Fannin County High School boys' basketball – Basketball team camp at Union County High School in Blairsville, GA, on June 20 – 22, 2013;

Fannin County High School girls' basketball – Basketball team camp at University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, N.C., on June 23 – 26, 2013;
and

Fannin County High School boys' basketball – Basketball team camp at Fellowship Christian High School in Roswell, GA, on June 25 – 27, 2013.

Approve the following fundraiser requests:

Blue Ridge Elementary School – Sale of fall and spring pictures – August 7, 2013 – May 23, 2014;

Blue Ridge Elementary School – Sale of yearbooks – September 1, 2013 – May 23, 2014;

Blue Ridge Elementary School – Sale of Great American chocolate bars – September 2, 2013 – May 23, 2014;

Fannin County Middle School – Sale of Coca Cola products – July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014;

Fannin County High School girls' basketball – Car wash – June 14 – July 24, 2013;

Fannin County High School girls' basketball – Sale of old game uniforms and game tapes – June 14 – July 24, 2013;

Fannin County High School girls' basketball – Sale of Home Interior candles – June 14 – August 31, 2013;

Fannin County High School girls' soccer team – Car wash – June 14 – August 31, 2013;

Fannin County High School cheer booster club – Sponsorship of community service hours – June 14 – December 15, 2013;

Fannin County High School cheer booster club – Car wash – June 15, 2013;

Fannin County High School cheer booster club – Yard sale – June 15, 2013;

Fannin County High School cheer booster club – Pee Wee camp – July 15 – 19, 2013;

Fannin County High School band – Car wash and concessions – June 15 – July 20, 2013;

Fannin County High School softball and baseball – Hole sponsorships for golf tournament – June 15 – August 3, 2013;

Fannin County High School softball – Sale of discount cards – June 15 – September 1, 2013;

Fannin County High School FFA – Sale of popcorn, slushies, water and water booth at Dixie Doc Dogs completion – June 21 – 23, 2013;

Fannin County High School cheer booster club – Yard sale – June 22 – 29, 2013;

Fannin County High School girls' soccer – Car wash and yard sale – June 29, 2013;

Fannin County High School FFA – Sale of spaghetti dinners – August 1 – 28, 2013;

Fannin County High School FFA – Sale of meat sticks – August 7 – September 7, 2013;

Fannin County High School HOSA – Sale of Krispy Kreme doughnuts – August 7 – September 25, 2013; and

Fannin County High School FFA – Ten percent of Zaxby's sales from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. – August 13, 2013.

Erik Cioffi, Fannin County High School Principal, and Dr. Scott Ramsey, Fannin County High School Athletic Director, presented Board members with their findings on the “no cut” policy.

Public comment:

Lee Bennett and Cline Bowers also spoke on the “no cut” practice. Mr. Bennett stated he was in favor of keeping the practice as is, and Mr. Bowers stated he supported a change in the practice.

After public comment a motion was made by Bobby Bearden, second by Steve Stanley, to approve the financial report for the month ending April 30, 2013. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated the SPLOST check received in May 2013 for the month of March was \$294,442.13.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Steve Stanley, to table revised policy GBC – Professional Personnel Recruitment (see attached) – for public comment and to be approved at the next regularly scheduled meeting. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to table revised policy JBC (4) – Awarding Units and Transferring Credit (see attached) – for public comment and to be approved at the next regularly scheduled meeting. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to approve CTAE technology equipment as salvage (see attached). All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to accept bids for 77 lots of surplus school property at Fannin County High School (see attached). All members voted yes; motion carried.

Cynthia Panter, Associate Superintendent, reviewed the Georgia School Board Association (GSBA) outline and timeline of the upcoming Governance Team Achievement Recognition Levels. Ms. Panter explained the Board had three options for which they could apply: Quality Board, Distinguished Board, and Exemplary Board. Ms. Panter explained these options had to be done in order. Ms. Panter asked Board members to review the recommendations of the Vision for Public Education in Georgia: Equity and Excellence report before the next Board meeting. She will ask the Board in July to vote on which option they would like to pursue.

Karen Walton, Director of Curriculum and School Improvement, gave Board members an update on the AdvanceEd Standards for Quality School Systems process.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Steve Stanley, to approve Virginia “Gini” Bramlett as a teacher for the 2013 – 2014 school year. Bobby Bearden, Lewis DeWeese, Sandra Mercier, and Steve Stanley voted yes. Terry Bramlett abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett to approve Brittany Newton, Rebecca Brandi Allen, Joshua Colwell, Jennifer Kniess, and Holly Viccaro as teachers for the 2013 – 2014 school year. All members voted yes, motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve Mathew Price as a assistant principal for the 2013 – 2014 school year. All members voted yes, motion carried.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve Blake Turner as a media specialist for the 2013 – 2014 school year. All members voted yes, motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett seconded by Lewis DeWeese to renew Mark Henson’s Superintendent contract for three years: July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2016. All members voted yes. Motion carried. Mr. Henson stated there was no change in the pay on his contract.

Superintendent’s Comments:

Mr. Henson presented Candice Sisson, School Nutrition Director, the Outstanding Achievement Award presented to the Fannin County School Nutrition Program in April 2013 from the Georgia Department of Education School Nutrition Division in recognition of Advance Approval of Healthier School Meals Certification.

Mr. Henson thanked the high school for a successful graduation where there was decorum. Mr. Henson also thanked the community for coming out to support the graduation.

Mr. Henson thanked everyone in the school system for another successful year.

Board Members’ Comments:

Bobby Bearden stated he would not trade Mark Henson as Superintendent for anything. Mr. Bearden also stated he appreciated the information shared on the “no cut” practice.

Terry Bramlett echoed Mr. Bearden’s appreciation for all of the input given on the “no cut” practice. Mr. Bramlett stated Mr. Henson was one of the senior superintendent’s in our district, and he was an incredible asset to our school system and a privilege to work with.

Mr. Bramlett stated the 2012 graduating class achieved a 91.7 percent graduation rate and was ranked 29th among the 422 high schools in Georgia. Mr. Bramlett stated this was incredible.

Lewis DeWeese stated that he reechoes Terry Bramlett’s comments. Mr. DeWeese also stated Fannin County Schools are special, and ours is an old-fashioned school system that puts children first.

Steve Stanley stated he was very pleased with everyone who has voiced their opinion on the “no cut” practice. Mr. Stanley thanked the Fannin County Commissioners for their support of providing school resource officers.

Sandra Mercier stated kudos to Candy Sisson and Mark Henson for the school nutrition department's accomplishments. Mrs. Mercier was pleased with the graduation and commented that the temperature that evening made it one of the coldest she had ever attended. Mrs. Mercier thanked Noah Benefield with Benefield Construction for all of the hard work his company does for the school system.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, a motion was made by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Steve Stanley, to adjourn subject to being called into special session by the Chair when deemed necessary. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Sandra Mercier, Chairperson

Mark Henson, Superintendent

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