

May 12, 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 present.

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

Approve the agenda.

Approve the board minutes from April 14, April 28, and May 10, 2011.

Approve the following facility use request:

Fannin County High School Wrestling Team – use of Fannin County High School old gymnasium from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on June 20 – 22, 2011.

Approve the following field trip request:

Fannin County High School Key Club – Six Flags Amusement Park in Atlanta, GA, on August 27, 2011.

Approve the following fundraiser requests:

Blue Ridge Elementary School PBIS – Chance to pie a teacher in the face, May 16 – 20, 2011;

Fannin County Middle School PE & TSA – Junior, Senior, & Miss Fannin County Middle School Pageant, January 5 – March 2, 2012;

Fannin County High School Athletic Department – North Georgia Ford – Drive One for Your School Event, May 21, 2011;

Fannin County High School National Art Honor Society – Face painting, May 28 – 29, 2011;

Fannin County High School Softball – Junior Varsity Softball Tournament, September 16 – 17, 2011;

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the financial report for the month ending March 31, 2011. Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated the SPLOST check received in April for the month of February was \$262,317.51.

Public Comment:

Tim Smith, a member of the 2011 Fannin Leadership class, said he appreciated the tour that school personnel gave his class in March. Mr. Smith stated he was impressed with the technology used in the classrooms.

After public comment, Dr. Michael Gwatney, Director of Technology & Media Services, reviewed the system's three-year technology plan with board members. Dr. Gwatney explained the various types of grants and E-Rate funding received by Fannin County Schools. A requirement of the grant application process is to have a three-year technology plan.

Moved, seconded, and carried to pursue the process of getting lights installed on the Fannin County High School baseball field. Mr. Henson explained this was a project the board had been considering since last year; however, the administration and coaching staff requested the project be delayed until summer so as not to disrupt the existing baseball schedule.

Moved, seconded, and carried to pursue the process of installing HVAC controls for the current wall hung units at Blue Ridge Elementary and East Fannin Elementary schools.

Moved, seconded, and carried to award the bank bid to Community & Southern Bank for a two-year period starting July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2013, at a fixed interest rate of 1.10% for all central office and school nutrition accounts. Principals can make the decision of what bank they want to use for their school.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve a maximum class size resolution for the 2011 – 2012 school year authorizing an increase in class size from 1 to 3 students in grades K-12 in Regular Education, 1 to 7 students in Gifted, 1 to 3 students in Early Intervention Program (EIP), 1 to 3 students in Remedial Education Program (REP), 1 to 3 students in Vocational (CTAE), and 1 to 3 students in Alternative Education Program (AEP).

Moved, seconded, and carried to hold off bidding propane until September in anticipation of rates lowering. Art Hubbard, Assistant Superintendent, stated the current vendor has agreed to fill the tanks with their old bid price.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve a resolution pledging to support the work embedded in *A Vision for Public Education: Equity and Excellence* and to determine areas of transformation for our district in continuing efforts to improve educational opportunities for all students.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the resignations of Dixie Fitzgerald effective May 27, 2011; Holly Boyd effective June 2, 2011; and Dawn R. Thompson and Miranda Chancey at the end of the 2010 – 2011 school year.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Scott Eggleston as a teacher for the 2011 – 2012 school year contingent on his receiving requisite Georgia certification.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Kristen Kay and Joshua Snider as teachers and Kathryn Ann George as a visually impaired teacher for the 2011 – 2012 school year.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following administrators for the 2011 – 2012 school year:

Patricia Adams
Bonnie Angel
Greg Chambers
Lori Chastain
Erik Cioffi
Darren Danner
Theresa Dillard
Patricia DuBois
Robert Ensley
Michael Gwatney
Cynthia Hicks
Art Hubbard
Connie Huff
Betsy Hyde
Benny Long
Cynthia Panter @ 49%
Glenn Patterson
Wendy Reynolds
Candice Sisson
Karen Walton

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following list of certified personnel for the 2011 – 2012 school year:

Abbott, Barry
Abernathy, Gail
Allmon, Emmie
Bailey, Diane
Baker, Tegan

Ball, Melissa
Barnes, Cindi
Barnes, Rebecca
Barnstead, Julia
Barnstead, Scott
Baugh, Celeste
Bice, Diana
Birchmore, Jodi
Boyce, Pam
Brand, Ashley
Branham, Edward
Brannon, Kimberly
Breedon, Joseph
Brown, Kelly
Bruce, Pamela P.
Bryant, Scott
Bryie, Adam
Bryson, Martha
Burch, Lynn
Burke, Carol
Callihan, Amanda
Callihan, Robbi
Callihan, Terry
Callihan, Tonya
Campbell, Deborah
Cantrell, Tara
Chambers-Perry, Amanda
Chambers, Stacy
Chapman, Buffy
Clement, Myra A.
Clonts, Walter
Cochran, Debra
Collins, David 49%
Collis, Alan
Collis, Heather
Collis, Troyia
Cook, Jessica
Cooke, Crystal
Corbin, Mary
Craig, Janice

Crisp, Frank
Crubaugh, Robin
Culpepper, Kathy
Culpepper, Shannon
Danner, Alison
Davenport, Betty
Daves, Jeffrey
Daves, Penny
Davis, Sarah
Dillard, Melinda
Dixon, Amanda
Dockery, Aline
Dockery, Valdora
Drennan, William
Dyer, Brenda
Dyer, David
Eavenson, Amanda
Eisenhart, Lora
Elliott, Sharon
Ensley, Maranda
Estep, Mayra
Evans, Laura
Evans, Robert
Evans, Stephanie
Finch, Sarah
Finley, Heather
Fleeman, Shannon
Flood, Stephanie
Forney, David
Gaban, Myra
Galloway, Debbie
Garton, Amy
George, Karen
Gibbs, John
Gilliam, Cindy
Gilreath, Stacey
Gobble, Althea
Gouchnour, Thomas
Gray, Donna

Griffith, Sharon
Grubb, Michele
Hamby, Michelle
Harper, Dana
Helton, Angela Gail
Hemming, Anona
Henry, Vicki
Henson, Stacy
Herndon, Stacy
Holloway, Kathrin
Holsonback, Betty
Hood, Christina
Horton, Lawana
Hubbard, Charlene
Hughes, Danette
Ingle, Shelia
Jantti, Joan
Jenkins, Lori
Jennings, Jennifer
Jessen, Nancy
Jones, Angela
Jones, Debbie
Jones, Hannah*
Jones, Rachel
Jourdan, Katrina
Kaye, Julia
Keener, Elaine
Kendall, Jill
Kephart, Cherie
Key, Jill
King, Barbara
King, Jennifer
King, Melissa
Ladd, Donna
Lambert, Jill
Lang, Dianne
Lansing, Jenny
Lapham, Pamela
Lord, Brenda
Lowman, Kelly

Majors, Kayla
Marcrum-Burgess, Lesa
Martin, Janis
Mashburn, Chris
Mason, Tammie
Mathews, Rhonda
Mathis, Pamela
Mathis, Rita
Mauney, Walter
McAbee, Joyce
McBride, Amanda
Mills, Robert
Moates, Elden 49%
Nave, Linda
Nelligan, Beatrice
Nicholson, Raven
Nicholson, Sharon
O'Neal, Joey
Pace, Mary Jean
Pack, Kimberley
Pack, Patricia
Padgett, David
Parmer, Deborah
Parris, Angela
Pass, Blake
Pass, Suzanne
Passmore, Lena
Patterson, Kim
Payne, Lauren D.
Phillips, Steve
Pickelsimer, Courtney
Pugh, June
Putnam, Annette
Quinn, Cindy
Quintrell, Dani 75%
Redding, Dinah
Reist, Lynn
Rice, Milicent
Rich, Selena
Rittenberry, Jennifer

Roberson, Katy
Robinson, Lora
Rose, Christie
Rowse, Maria
Satterfield, Melanie
Scarth, Gwen
Scearce, Yevette
Scott, Diane
Seber, Lauren
Sellers, Donna
Shinpaugh, April*
Shively, David
Sims, Lori
Slagle, Patricia
Sloan, Harriett
Smith, Susan
Smith, Lois
Smith, Stacey Lee
Sowers, Hope
Sparks, Ashley
Stanley, Jason
Stanley, Sharon
Stone, Mark
Stone, Travis
Strickland, Frances
Strobel, Erica A.
Summers, Tami
Tamberino, Ashley
Tate, Teresa
Taylor, Karen
Taylor, Khalisa B.
Taylor, Lisa
Taylor, Peggy Susie
Tesoriero, Brian
Thomas, Amanda
Thomas, Dewayne
Thomas, Michelle
Thomas, Tammy
Tichler, Anthony
Totherow, Miranda

Underwood, Kristi*

Walden, Sandra

Walker, Jennifer

Ware, Beth

Warren, Rosemary 50%

Watkins, Nancy

Watkins, Serena

Weaver, Jeffrey

Weaver, Vanessa

Weeks, Krystal

Weeks, Lynn

Welch, Sarah

West, Traci*

White, Elizabeth Ann

Wilbanks, Jeff

Williams, Martha

Wilson, Dennis

Wilson, Robert

Workman, Jennifer

York, Shannon

Young, Angela

Young, Mark

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Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Betty J. Garland as a teacher for the 2011 – 2012 school year. Bobby Bearden, Lewis DeWeese, Terry Bramlett, and Sandra Mercier voted yes. Steve Stanley abstained.

Superintendent's Comments:

Mr. Henson stated a career fair would be held in the parking lot at Fannin County Middle School on Friday, May 20, 2011. Mr. Henson invited board members to attend.

Mr. Henson reminded board members graduation would be held on Friday, May 27, 2011, at 8:00 p.m. at the Fannin County High School Stadium. The rain date will be Saturday, May 28, 2011, in the Fannin County High Football Stadium at 10:00 a.m. If necessary due to weather, the graduation ceremony will be moved to the new high school gym.

Mr. Henson stated he attended the fifth grade student/parent night transition held at the Fannin County Middle School with his daughter, and he was impressed with the information shared with students and parents.

Mr. Henson asked Karen Walton, Director of Curriculum & School Improvement, to give board members an update on the system's SACS-CASI accreditation status with the AdvancED Accreditation Commission. Mrs. Walton explained the AdvanceEd Accreditation Commission is the group responsible for SACS-CASI accreditation. Mrs. Walton stated that on February 2, 2011, AdvanceEd Accreditation Commission accepted the accreditation progress report submitted from the school district and granted continuation of the district's accreditation term.

Board Members' Comments:

Terry Bramlett thanked Mrs. Walton for sharing the good news about the continuation of the district's accreditation term with SACS-CASI. Mr. Bramlett stated it was exciting to be a part of team of such high-quality performers. Mr. Bramlett commended Dr. Gwatney on his work on the three-year technology plan. Mr. Bramlett thanked Mr. Hubbard for his assistance in getting so many construction projects completed over the past six years. Mr. Bramlett recognized that the end of the school year was stressful and encouraged all staff to finish strong.

Steve Stanley congratulated senior students and their parents for their upcoming graduation. Mr. Stanley stated he was proud of their accomplishments, and he looked forward to seeing them at graduation.

Lewis DeWeese stated he appreciated all of the work school employees put into this school year being a good, safe, uneventful year at the worst of financial times.

Bobby Bearden thanked Art Hubbard for all he does for the school system. Mr. Bearden stated he was pleased with the new lighting that has been installed in the schools. Mr. Bearden stated he is excited about the improvements the cafeteria renovation project at the high school will make. Mr. Bearden asked Dr. Gwatney to share with all of the technology personnel present at the work session on Tuesday his appreciation for a job well done. Mr. Bearden stated he attended his first trout release earlier in the day, and it was a wonderful experience. Mr. Bearden stated he was pleased to have Mrs. Mericer as part of the board.

Sandra Mercier stated she was pleased the Fannin County School System was currently not having to consider furloughs and reduction in salaries like some of the neighboring school boards. Mrs. Mercier commended Ms. Jackson, as well as Mr. Henson and Mr. Hubbard, for the efficiency and competency of the financial management of the system. Mrs. Mercier stated she was excited with the GHSGT test scores: 200 out of 208 students passed English, 199 out of 208 passed science, 172 out of 208 passed math, and 85% passed social studies. Mrs. Mercier stated scores like this made her proud to be a part of the board and school system.

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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