

July 10, 2008
6:00 p.m.

The Fannin County Board of Education met in regular session with the following members present: Bobby Bearden, Chairperson; Garnett Webb; Junior Farmer; Terry Bramlett, Vice-Chairperson; and Emily Dunn.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the agenda.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes from all previous meetings.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the financial report for the month ending May 2008. Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated the SPLOST check received in June for the month of April was \$270,129.06.

Dr. Michael Gwatney, Technology Director, 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.

Art Hubbard, Assistant Superintendent, gave the board an update on the various construction projects (see attachment). Mr. Hubbard expressed concerns to the board on the slow SPLOST collections. Mr. Hubbard asked the board to consider including the field house as an add alternate due to the slow SPLOST collections.

Approved, seconded, and carried to approve the Graduation Requirements – 2008-09+ Policy/Descriptor Code: IHF (6) and the Financial Reports Policy/Descriptor Code: DIB. These policies were presented to the board for review on June 12 and were tabled for a month.

Upon the recommendation of Mark Henson, Superintendent, the Bids and Quotations Policy was presented to the board for review. This policy will be tabled and then voted on at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following fund raiser requests:

Blue Ridge Elementary School – QSP Gift Catalog Sales, August 27 – September 10, 2008

Fannin County Middle School Chorus – Sale of Chorus T-Shirts, August 7, 2008 – May 22, 2009

Fannin County Middle School Chorus – Sale of Chorus Concert DVDs, August 7, 2008 – May 22, 2009

Fannin County Middle School Chorus – Sale of Valentine Flowers/Serenade Activity, August 7, 2008 – May 22, 2009

Fannin County Middle School Chorus – Fannin County Middle School Talent Show at Performing Arts Center, March 26, 2009

Fannin County Middle School Art, Music, and Chorus Connections – Contest Entry Fees/Book Sale/Bake Sale/Lunch Concessions/Art Supplies/Student Craft Sales, September 27, 2008

Fannin County High School FBLA – School Dance, August 11 – 23, 2008

Fannin County High School FBLA – Sale of Photo Ornaments, August 11, 2008 to May 22, 2009

Public Comment:

Doug Hall asked the board if they would swap a piece of property with him or sell him a zigzag piece of property so he could put a fence up and clean up an area that has brush in it that neighbors his carport.

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept the resignations of Marilyn L. Dockery-Reece, Sharon Crenshaw, and Richard Hincke.

Moved, seconded, and carried to employ Jenny Gaither Ragsdale as a high school teacher for the 2008-2009 school year and Cheri Cochran and Steve Dillard as bus drivers for the 2008-2009 school year.

Board Members' Comments:

Terry Bramlett stated he appreciated Art Hubbard for keeping a watchful eye on the total amount we spend on our construction projects. Mr. Bramlett also stated he was pleased with Dr. Gwatney's performance as Director of Technology and Media Services.

Junior Farmer stated he appreciated all the hard work Art Hubbard, Michael Gwatney, and all central office staff did.

Garnett Webb stated he felt like the school system is in very capable hands with Dr. Gwatney and Art Hubbard handling the technology and construction.

Bobby Bearden stated he appreciated Joe DiPietro from *The News Observer*. Mr. Bearden stated he appreciated the honesty and integrity Joe has shown the school system.

Superintendent's Comments:

Mr. Henson reminded board members of the upcoming millage hearings: July 15, 2008 at 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. and July 22, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Henson also told board members the millage would be set at 5:30 p.m. on July 22, 2008.

Mr. Henson stated he was pleased with how smoothly summer school went at the high school. He stated this was the first year the Mountain Education Center offered

summer school at our high school, and that it was a great success. Out of forty-six students, thirty-seven received a credit and one student received two credits. Mr. Henson thanked Wendy Reynolds, CTAE Principal, for coordinating this effort. Mr. Henson also pointed out that Mountain Education Center paid the salaries and transportation costs associated with this effort.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, 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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Construction Update 7/10/2008

BRES Gym/Cafeteria Renovation

Final cleaning complete

Final setting of fixed equipment complete

Must install a sprinkler system in the cooler/freezer

Equipment demo 7/31/2008

Repaving of parking lot to be complete by July 31

FCHS Stadium Complex

Site prep 60% complete

Check set prints in hand

Power lines to be moved 7/21/2008