

August 13, 2015  
6:00 p.m.

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

The meeting was called to order by Steve Stanley, Chair.

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

Approve the meeting minutes from August 11, 2015, 8:00 a.m.; August 7, 2015, 8:30 a.m.; August 7, 2015, 8:00 a.m.; and July 9, 2015, 6:00 p.m.

Approve the following facility use requests:

Child Evangelism Fellowship of Northeast Georgia – Use of East Fannin Elementary School classroom on Wednesdays from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. from August 6, 2015 - May 20, 2015;

Approve the following fundraiser requests:

West Fannin Elementary School - \$1.00 to wear a hat and/or bring a stuffed animal to school one day each month – August 6, 2014 – May 20, 2015;

West Fannin Elementary School – Sale of fall student pictures through Lifetouch Portraits, August 21, 2015.

West Fannin Elementary School – Sale of Great American Candy – September 25, 2015 – October 9, 2015;

West Fannin Elementary School – Sale of school yearbooks – December 1, 2015 – May 20, 2016;

West Fannin Elementary School – Sale of Great American Candy – January 22, 2016 – February 5, 2016;

West Fannin Elementary School – Sale of spring student pictures through Lifetouch Portraits, February 5, 2016.

Fannin County Middle School FFA – Sale of Fall bulbs/plants – September 1, 2015 – September 30, 2015

Fannin County Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Sale of shirts – September 14, 2015 – September 28, 2015

Mark Henson, Superintendent, presented the Board with the following fundraiser requests for Blue Ridge Elementary School PTO. This information was presented as information only. No vote was necessary.

Blue Ridge Elementary School PTO

Fall festival, School Store	5-K Run
Monthly snack sales (meeting “Smart Snack” guidelines)	McTeacher's Night
Valentine Lollipops and stuffed animals	Reading Fair
Santa pictures	Dinner Night
Grandparent’s day pictures	Cookie Dough
Dairy Queen night	Ornament Sales
Hat day	Outdoor movie & concession
T-shirt sales	Box Tops for Education
Penny war	

Public Comment:

None.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to approve the financial report for the month ending June 30, 2015. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Mr. Henson stated the SPLOST check received in July for the month of June was \$402,801.49.

Karen Walton, Director of School Improvement and Instructional Services, presented the Annual Calendar to the Board. This information is shared to give an overview of upcoming events and responsibilities to the Board.

Mr. Henson provided the Board with summary discipline reports for both Fannin County Middle School and Fannin County High School for the 2014-2015 school years (see attached).

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve the replacement of 3 HVAC units at the Performing Arts Center. Mundy's Heating & Air Inc. will be replacing a 20-ton unit for \$19,330.00 and replacing two 15-ton heat pumps for \$24,912.00 (see attached) to be paid out of SPLOST. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to approve the following Item for the transportation department salvage property. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Year	Description	Serial Number
1996	Blue Bird TC2000	VIN 1BAAHCSA2TF067831

Mr. Mark Henson discussed items at Fannin County Middle School to be declared salvage (see attached). No action was taken.

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve transportation department surplus property – Buses.

Description	Serial Number
1994 Blue Bird Handy Bus	VIN 1BAADCSA2RF056574
1995 Blue Bird Handy Bus	VIN 1BAADCSA4SF064021
1998 Blue Bird TC2000 Bus	VIN 1BAAHCSA7WF079106
2000 Blue Bird All American Bus	VIN 1BABHCPA0YF094224
2000 Blue Bird All American Bus	VIN 1BABHCPA9YF094223

All members voted yes; motion carried.

Mark Henson, Superintendent, discussed items located at Fannin County Middle School to be declared surplus. (see attached). No action was taken.

Karen Walton, Director of School Improvement and Instructional Services, presented the Vision, Mission and Beliefs for the Fannin County School System. These items are reviewed at the beginning of each school year to provide an opportunity to collect feedback and make possible revisions to the documents.

Karen Walton, Director of School Improvement and Instructional Services, presented the FCSS Strategic Plan to the Board. This living document outlines the school system plan for the upcoming school year. An opportunity was provided for discussion of items making up the plan.

Karen Walton, Director of School Improvement and Instructional Services, presented the FCSS system-wide goals for the upcoming school year. These system-wide goals focus on the direction of the school system in meeting the needs of our students.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to approve the 4-H agreement (see attached). All members voted yes; motion carried.

Karen Walton, Director of School Improvement and Instructional Services, discussed possible Local Board Training meeting dates and times for the 2015-2016 school year.

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve Erin Carver as a technology specialist. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve Sarah Farner as a Paraprofessional. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded Terry Bramlett, to approve the following as substitute teachers. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Amanda Bell	Connie Hewatt
Chris Bradburn	Bernard Hodskins
Hilary Carter	Douglas Jordan
Margery Turbinar-Dallas	Erika Lalak
Bobbie DeWolf	Carol Sumner
Bruce Fowler	Garnett Web
Richard Helms	Yvette Welch
Sara Helms	

Cynthia Panter, Executive Director, gave an update on school governance teams for 2015-2016 for information only (see attached).

#### Superintendent's Comments:

Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated it has been a great start to the school year with a lot of enthusiastic teachers and students returning to schools, and moving into the new year with the STEM and College and career academy. Mr. Henson stated he attended the ribbon cutting for the North Georgia University for the Blue Ridge Campus. They have 20 students enrolled for the upcoming semester, and 16 of those attend the high school. The great thing with that is that if you attend one class, you are automatically enrolled with the University of North Georgia. Mr. Henson said this is going to be a great opportunity for the students of Fannin County. Mr. Henson encouraged everyone to go by and visit the Campus. It is a learning facility and a very nice place.

Board Members' Comments:

Steve Stanley stated he agreed with Mr. Henson and believes the community should take interest in the North Georgia University Campus. It is a great opportunity for the students at the high school and for students that are not able to commute to other campuses. Mr. Stanley stated he is looking forward to a great school year and appreciates the principals for attending the meeting.

Sandra Mercier commended Candice Sisson, Director of Nutrition, for getting through the school lunches and breakfasts at the start of the school year. She commended Benny Long, Director of Transportation, for getting the students to and from school safely. Mrs. Mercier appreciates their hard work, as well as that of their staff members. Mrs. Mercier stated the University of North Georgia is a great opportunity for the students and also an opportunity for jobs in Fannin County.

Lewis DeWeese stated this was one of the most upbeat and happiest groups of teachers and students he had seen to be back at school. He stated it was great to see such good-natured, down-home people.

Terry Bramlett said thanks to all the principals for their hard work and dedication. He said it was encouraging for the students to know they now have a local college to attend.

Bobby Bearden agreed with his fellow board members on their comments and appreciated everyone for coming to the meeting. Mr. Bearden referenced a large factory on Highway 515 and how that could be a good opportunity for college and career readiness.

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

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Steve Stanley, Chairperson

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Mark Henson, Superintendent

