

August 14, 2014
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.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to amend the agenda to add the following agenda items: Approval of East Fannin Elementary School salvage property, request to surplus property at East Fannin Elementary School, and request permission to receive Construction Manager at Risk proposals for the East Fannin Elementary School Re-roof project. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the following items on the consent agenda. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Approve the meeting minutes from July 10, 2014 – 6:00 p.m.; July 29, 2014 – 8:00 a.m.; August 5, 2014 – 12:00 p.m.; and August 12, 2014 – 8:00 a.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 4:15 p.m. from September 17 – October 31, 2014;

Approve the following field trip request:

Fannin County High School Audio/Video Technology Students – CNN Center, Georgia State University, and Georgia Public Broadcast Studios in Atlanta, GA, on September 22, 2014

Approve the following fundraiser requests:

Blue Ridge Elementary School Fifth Grade – Sale of snacks (snacks to comply with current “Smart Snack” guidelines) – August 15, 2014 – May 22, 2015;

Blue Ridge Elementary School Fourth Grade – Sale of snacks (snacks to comply with current “Smart Snack” guidelines) – August 19, 2014 – May 22, 2015;

East Fannin Elementary School – Spirit Day (monthly event students pay \$1.00 to participate in Spirit Day) – August 15, 2014 – May 22, 2015;

East Fannin Elementary School – Sale of individual school pictures – August 22, 2014;

East Fannin Elementary School Media Center – Sale of book fair items – September 11 – 17, 2014;

East Fannin Elementary School Accelerated Reader Committee – Sale of Christmas ornaments – December 8 – 12, 2014;

Fannin County Middle School FFA – Sale of beef sticks – August 28 – September 30, 2014;

Fannin County High School HOSA – Sale of Krispy Kreme Doughnuts – August 15 – September 5, 2014;

Fannin County High School FCCLA – Sale of school color bracelets – August 18, 2014 – May 30, 2015;

Fannin County High School FBLA – Video game tournament (student and faculty will compete or watch) – August 18, 2014 – May 30, 2015;

Fannin County High School TSA – To operate concession stand at Blue Ridge City Park for home softball games – August 20 – September 23, 2014;

Fannin County High School Skills USA – Sale of World’s Finest Chocolate – August 20 – October 31, 2014;

Fannin County High School TSA – TSA will design, make and sell t-shirts, posters, and signs – August 20, 2014 – May 30, 2015;

Fannin County High School TSA – TSA will use Fannin Rebel TV to promote academic and athletic events by selling advertising, sponsorships, and DVDs of events – August 20, 2014 – May 30, 2015; and

Fannin County High School FFA – Sale of ads for FFA calendar – September 1, 2014 – October 1, 2014.

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

Blue Ridge Elementary School PTO

Fall festival

School store

Monthly snack sales (meeting “Smart Snack” guidelines)

Valentine animal sales

Valentine lollipops

Santa pictures

Grandparent’s day pictures

Dairy Queen night

Hat day

T-shirt sales

Penny war

5-K Run

McTeacher's Night

Reading Fair
Dinner Night
Cookie Dough
Ornament Sales
Box Tops for Education

East Fannin Elementary School PTO

Chocolate sale (meeting “Smart Snack” guidelines)
Fall festival
Santa pictures
Valentine’s Day sale
Easter sale
T-shirt sale
Spirit Wear sale
Penny war

West Fannin Elementary School PTO

Fall carnival
Santa shop
Santa pictures
Papa’s Pizza
West Fannin t-shirts
Book fair
McTeacher’s Night
Domino’s pizza program
Spring Carnival
School store

Public comment:

Fannin County High School Assistant Principal Theresa Dillard stated it has been a good start to the new school year. She complimented the Board of Education staff for their support and the manner they addressed the high school staff. Also, Ms. Dillard stated the flowers planted at the entrance of the Fannin County High School are in honor of Sandra Mercier for her dedication to Fannin County High School and the Fannin County School System.

After public comment, a motion was made by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the financial report for the month ending June 2014. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated the SPLOST check received in July 2014 for the month of May 2014 was for \$374,754.25.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve a Spending Resolution for September 2014 (see attached). All members voted yes; motion carried.

Mr. Henson shared results of the 2013 Sales Ratio Study with the Board. Mr. Henson stated Fannin’s 2013 sales ratio was 35.31.

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the following items at Fannin County Middle School as salvage:

- 38 Desks
- 5 Bookshelves
- 4 Teacher Desks
- 1 Round Table
- 3 Teacher Chairs
- 2 Light Trees
- 2 Tables
- 6 Wooden Pallets
- 1 Storage Box
- 2 Sets of Broken Bleachers

All members voted yes; motion carried

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve the following items at East Fannin Elementary School as salvage:

- 2 Inoperable Risographs
- 4 Rolling Chairs
- 1 Aluminum Ladder
- 1 Classroom Divider
- 1 Typewriter

All members voted yes; motion carried

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve Policy JCDAE – Weapons (attached). All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to secure bids/quotes for a driver's education vehicle to be purchased out of SPLOST funds. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden to offer the following Fannin County School System surplus property for sealed bid:

- Lot 1: 3 teacher desks
- 2 metal filing cabinets
- 12 plastic student chairs
- 1 wooden card catalog

- Lot 2: 3 teacher desks
- 2 metal filing cabinets
- 35 flat-topped student desks
- 23 small wooden student chairs

All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion made by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve a request by Art Hubbard, Assistant Superintendent, for permission to pursue Construction Manger at Risk proposals for the East Fannin Elementary re-roof project out of SPLOST funds. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Karen Walton, Director of Curriculum and School Improvement, reviewed the annual calendar of Board activities, as well as the FCSS Strategic Plan, the Mission, Beliefs, and Strategic Objectives and system goals.

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.

Cynthia Panter, Associate Superintendent, reviewed standards for effective Governance of Georgia School Systems.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve Carrie Dunn as a paraprofessional. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve Jessica Heaton as a bookkeeper/secretary. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve Tiffany Ann Liner as a substitute teacher. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Superintendent's Comments:

Mr. Henson stated he has been at the Board of Education Office for 15 years, principal for 3 years, and served as assistant principal so he has been in areas to see the start-up of the school system. Mr. Henson stated this was the smoothest start-up the school system has ever experienced.

Mr. Henson stated those children riding the bus for the first time are a huge responsibility for both getting off the bus at school and getting home in the afternoon. Bus routes on a normal day end at 4:45. Mr. Henson stated on the first day of school the bus routes were complete at 4:50, and they have only gotten better since then. Mr. Henson stated the Transportation Department does an excellent job getting their students to school and back home.

Mr. Henson stated the Fannin County High School Open House for the freshmen students was a success. Parents and students gathered in the cafeteria with standing room only – All 330 seats occupied. Mr. Henson stated the students were able to meet their homeroom teacher, and then visited each classroom and teacher on their schedule for 20 minutes. Mr. Henson commended Mr. Cioffi and his staff for a successful Open House and states it is something that will be done again.

Mr. Henson stated he commends the Transportation Department, teachers, and staff on such a great school system and for making the students their number one goal and priority.

Board Members' Comments:

Steve Stanley thanked the teachers, staff, and everyone who attended the board meeting and taking an interest in the students. Mr. Stanley stated it is a community affair, and we are all in this together.

Sandra Mercier stated she is humbled and proud to be a part of the school system. Mrs. Mercier stated she had heard positive comments regarding the Open House from her granddaughters who are very pleased with the school year. Mrs. Mercier stated she realized how much work goes into it and the hard work that is done from the central office, teachers, and the entire school system. Mrs. Mercier stated we have one of the finest school systems around, and she is proud to be a part of it.

Lewis DeWeese reiterated Mrs. Mercier's statement of how proud he is of how hard everyone in the school works to do the right thing for our students.

Terry Bramlett stated it was an honor to be a part of the school system, and hats off to Mr. Cioffi for the success of the Open House. Mr. Bramlett thanked Mr. Long for running a successful transportation department and getting students home safely. Mr. Bramlett thanked Ron and Cecilia Scherer for giving up a portion of their land and the City of Blue Ridge for doing the work to make the entrance at the Middle School more visible and safer.

Bobby Bearden stated he agreed with his fellow board members' comments. Mr. Bearden also commended Doug Collins for his support of the football coach from Chestatee High School.

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

Steve Stanley, Chair

Mark Henson, Superintendent

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