

November 11, 2010  
6:00 p.m.

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

Moved, seconded, and carried to add the approval of special education technology purchases to the agenda.

By motion of Emily Dunn, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, a unanimous affirmative vote was given to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

Approve the agenda.

Approve the board minutes from October 14 and November 9, 2010.

Approve the following facility use requests:

Feed Fannin & Good Samaritans Community Thanksgiving Open Table Meal – use of Fannin County High School and cafeteria on Wednesday, November 24, and Thursday, November 25, 2010;

Fannin County High School Baseball – use of Fannin County High School Old Gym on December 21 and 22, 2010; and

Fannin County High School Golden Glove – use of Fannin County High School Old Gym on December 21 and 22, 2010.

Approve the following field trip requests:

Blue Ridge Elementary Second Grade – Fox Theatre – Nutcracker in Atlanta, GA on December 9, 2010;

Fannin County Middle School FFA – Discovery Conference at State FFA Center in Covington, GA on December 4 – 5, 2010;

Fannin County High School FACS – Bodies...The Exhibition & Dialog in the Dark in Atlanta, GA on November 30, 2010;

Fannin County High School – David Dyer’s class – Federal Reserve Bank in Atlanta, GA on December 3, 2010;

Fannin County High School TSA – TSA state officer training in Eatonton, GA on January 7 – 8, 2011;

Fannin County High School TSA – TSA executive committee and advisory council joint meeting on January 29, 2011; and

Fannin County High School Thespians – Georgia Thespian Conference at Columbus State University in Columbus, GA on February 10, 2011.

Approve the following fund raiser requests:

Fannin County Middle School TSA – Sale of Capri Sun juice pouches, November 11, 2010 – May 27, 2011;

Fannin County Middle School FFA – Sale of Country Neat meat sticks, November 29 – December 13, 2010;

Fannin County Middle School TSA – Sale of Candy Grams, December 6 – 10, 2010;

Fannin County Middle School TSA – Penny Wars to benefit Leukemia Lymphoma Society, January 10 – February 11, 2011;

Fannin County High School Band – Sale of apples, November 15 – December 1, 2011;

Fannin County High School Rebel Review – Sale of Christmas ornaments, November 15 – December 17, 2010;

Fannin County High School TSA – Recycling used electronic devices as part of a “Green Fundraiser”, November 22, 2010 – June 30, 2011;

Fannin County High School TSA – Sale of VEX Bugs, November 22, 2010 – June 30, 2011;

Fannin County High School Foreign Language Club – Sale of cookies and hot chocolate downtown around the park, November 27, 2010;

Fannin County High School Baseball – Pitching, catching, and hitting camp, December 21 – 22, 2010;

Fannin County High School Softball – Pitching, catching, hitting, and fielding camp, December 21 – 22, 2010;

Fannin County High School Skills USA – Sale of candy bars, January 10 – April 29, 2011; and

Fannin County High School FBLA – Sale of World’s Finest Chocolate Bars, January 17 – March 31, 2011.

Mark Henson, Superintendent, also presented the board with the following fundraiser requests. This was presented as information only. No vote was necessary.

Blue Ridge Elementary PTO – sell of Chick-fil-A calendars, November 11 – December 31, 2010; and

Fannin County High School Wrestling Booster Club – raffling off a 44” plasma television and other prizes at the Rumble on the Ridge Wrestling Tournament on December 11, 2010.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the financial report for the month ending September 30, 2010. Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated the SPLOST check received in October for the month of August was \$276,287.06.

Public Comment:

None

Moved, seconded, and carried to table until the next regular meeting revised board policy JBC – School Admissions.

Moved, seconded, and carried to table until the next regular meeting revised board policy BH – Board Code of Ethics.

Moved, seconded, and carried to table until the next regular meeting revised board policy JGI – Child Abuse or Neglect.

Moved, seconded, and carried to table until the next regular meeting board policy JGF (2) – Seclusion or Restraint of Students.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the quote of \$42,000.00 from Reeves Electrical, Inc. for installing a Notifier fire alarm replacement system at Fannin County High School to be paid out of SPLOST II funds.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve permission to secure bids/quotes for 3 72-passenger school buses. The Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) has allotted three busses for Fannin County Schools with bond funding. The GaDOE is allotting \$76,292.00 per bus.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the purchase of 3 72-passenger school buses from Nalley Motor Trucks at \$78,165.00 per bus. This price is for a state base bus bid of \$76,292.00 that all three manufacturers are providing for the bond program with the addition of LED lighting, heavy duty front axles, air drivers door, and air ride suspension.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the quote of \$39,612.00 from Seneca Data Distributors, Inc. for the purchase of 63 desktop computers and 48 monitors with speakers to be

paid out of SPLOST II funds.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the quote of \$42,771.00 from Multi Media Services for the purchase of 7 regular smart boards with projector arms, 2 regular smart boards without projectors, and 3 portable smart boards that have the ability to be moved so students in wheelchairs would have accessibility. This purchase is to be paid out of Special Education VI-B ARRA funds.

Cynthia Panter, Associate Superintendent, presented board members with the three operational system structures board members will need to consider for the future of Fannin County School System as per the Georgia Department of Education Office of Policy and External Affairs. Ms. Panter explained the three options were Investing in Educational Excellence (IE2), Charter Systems, and Status Quo. Ms. Panter stated the board would have to choose one of these options by June 2013.

Karen Walton, Director of Curriculum and School Improvement, stated the current vision, mission, and goals had been reviewed by each of the schools and their stakeholders and everyone was in agreement to keep these items the same. Motion, second, and carried to continue with the current vision, mission and goals. Mission – The Fannin County School System will be recognized as a world class school system that holds a vision of excellence for all students with successful student progression at each level and a 100% graduation rate. Mission – Developing young futures – learning for tomorrow, today. Goals – Attaining high level of student achievement, develop organizational effectiveness, and ensure stakeholder support and satisfaction. Mrs. Walton stated she would have the board to review the beliefs at the December meeting.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the resignation of Jeff Ledford as bus driver.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Jeff Ledford as a substitute bus driver.

Superintendent's Comments:

Mr. Henson gave board members two date options for the Teacher of the year banquet (TOTY). Either Thursday, January 20, or Thursday, January 27, 2011.

Mr. Henson asked board members about a day in December to have a board retreat. Everyone was in agreement to have the retreat after the noon work session on Tuesday, December 7, at the central office.

Mr. Henson congratulated Colin Daniels, a student at Fannin County High School, for being selected by Georgia Superintendent of Schools Brad Bryant to serve as a member of a special state Student Advisory Council. Mr. Henson stated Mr. Daniels was recommended by Fannin High School Principal Erik Cioffi and was selected from among 450 names submitted. Mr. Daniels is one of 50 students on the council.

Mr. Henson stated he was proud of the programs offered at each of the schools to honor Veterans. Mr. Henson stated he wanted to thank all of the Veterans for making it possible to

have local government and local control.

Board Members' Comments:

Emily Dunn stated she appreciated all of the work schools put into the Veterans' Day programs. Ms. Dunn also stated she wanted to remind central office administration that she would like to see lights installed on the baseball fields with SPLOST II funds.

Bobby Bearden thanked everyone for their attendance. Mr. Bearden stated he was blessed, and it was an honor to be here.

Junior Farmer stated he noticed at the Veterans' Day program at Fannin County Middle School, there were three participants of World War II. Mr. Farmer stated the Veterans' Day programs were a great learning opportunity for the students.

Lewis DeWeese stated it had been a good day and a good week.

Terry Bramlett stated he wanted to salute all Veterans. Mr. Bramlett stated he was thankful the school system honors the Veterans with the Veterans' Day programs. Mr. Bramlett stated he agrees the programs are a great learning opportunity for students.

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.

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Terry Bramlett, Chairperson

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Mark Henson, Superintendent

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