

February 11, 2016
6:00 p.m.

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

The meeting was called to order by Bobby Bearden, Chair.

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

Approve the consent agenda.

Approve the Agenda.

Approve the meeting minutes from January 14, 2016, 6:00 p.m.

Approve the following field trip requests:

Mountain Education Charter High School – North Georgia Technical College – Clarksville, GA, March 15, 2016, for College Open House.

Public Comment:

Theresa Dillard, Assistant Principal of Fannin County High School, introduced Shayna Bowyer to the Board for being selected for the State Ambassador Program and the Student Council.

Brianne Collar, with the News Observer, stated she enjoyed the strawberries that were sold by East Fannin Elementary School for a fundraiser.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Steve Stanley, to approve the financial report for the month ending December 31, 2015. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Mr. Henson stated the SPLOST check received in January for the month of December was \$411,664.53.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the FY 2017 Budget Calendar for the Fannin County School System (see attachment). All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, Seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to modify the Fannin County High School New Gym Lighting Project from Code Plus Electrical Services, LLC to WRD Services, LLC. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the bid for a new maintenance vehicle at a cost of \$42,698.10 contingent upon North GA Ford completing the E-verify process (see attachment). All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve board policy DJEAC – Purchasing or Credit Card Use (see attachment). All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve Board Policy JB Student Attendance (see attachment). All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Steve Stanley, to lay Board Policy DJED- Bids and Quotations on the table for public view until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting pending approval. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Steve Stanley, to approve the purchase of Blue Ridge Elementary School Computer Lab furniture from Cooperative Purchasing Agency in the amount of \$29,032.65 to be paid with Local funds. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Quantity	Description	Unit Price	Extended Price
45	Computer Tables for 2 students 30"x60"	502.80	22,626.00
3	Computer Tables 30"x36"	196.25	588.75
138	18" Black Chairs	39.15	5,402.70
3	48" Round Activity Table	138.40	415.20
Total			\$29,032.65

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve the window replacement for West Fannin Elementary School to be completed by Southeastern Window Concepts in the amount of \$27,470.00 to be paid out of SPLOST funds. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve CM at Risk for Fannin County High School Science Classroom Renovation Project by Buddy Benefield Construction for a percentage fee of 7.5% (see attachment). All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve Blue Ridge Elementary School Network Hardware to be purchased from GovConnection for \$30,826.00 to be paid from SPLOST funds. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to declare salvage property – Transportation department. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Year	Description	Serial Number
1996	Chevrolet Truck	VIN 1GCEK14W0TZ190452

Cynthia Panter, Executive Director, provided the Board with the guidelines for the Board to earn Exemplary Board status. They will discuss this further at the March meeting. No action was taken at this time.

Karen Walton, Director of School Improvement and Instructional services, reviewed local board training selections with the Board. The selected training session “Planning for Boards of Education” will be held on March 10, 2016, at 2:30 p.m. with Justin Old from Pioneer RESA.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Steve Stanley, to accept the resignation of Barry M. Abbott effective at the end of SY2016. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to accept the resignation of Molly Davenport Conklin effective February 11, 2016. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden to approve Robin Hilton as a paraprofessional. All members voted yes; motion carried.

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

Superintendent's Comments:

Mark Henson, Superintendent, presented the Board with the 2015 GSBA Distinguished School Board award to honor their achievement and the pursuit of higher standards in the local governance of public schools. Mr. Henson stated it was a big honor for the Board. Mr. Henson told the Board he appreciates everything they do. Mr. Henson shared pictures of Shannon Miller, Principal of Blue Ridge Elementary school, and Bobby Bearden, Chair, laying brick on the new computer/technology lab at the school. Mr. Henson commended Benny Long, Director of Transportation and Safety, for having a seamless pick-up and drop-off this morning. Due to the weather the transportation department had to abbreviate and change bus routes along with bus drivers reaching out to families to make alternate pick-ups and all done without one hiccup. Mr. Henson thanked Benny for his hard work and a job well done.

Board Members' Comments:

Bobby Bearden commended the workers that laid the brick in the rain at Blue Ridge Elementary. He said they had built a tarpaulin over their work area to be able to complete the job during inclement weather. He stated he saw them working at 8:30 p.m. and they would continue working through the night until the job was completed. Mr. Bearden thanked Mr. Henson and Mr. Long for their hard work and always giving 120% to keep the students safe.

Terry Bramlett thanked Benny Long and Mark Henson for their diligence in making sure the roads are passable and safe for the students. He also thanked Susan Holloway, Finance Director, for her diligence and keeping the finances on track. Mr. Bramlett thanked Shannon Miller for her hard work and dedication to her school.

Lewis DeWeese wanted to tell all the teachers how valuable they are, and he was impressed with Shannon Miller laying brick at her school.

Steve Stanley thanked Benny for a great job during bad weather conditions. Mr. Stanley said it was an honor to be here.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, a motion was made by Steve Stanley, 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.

Bobby Bearden, Chairperson

Mark Henson, Superintendent