

January 8, 2009

6:00 p.m.

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

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the agenda.

Bobby Bearden, Chairperson, relinquished the chair to Mark Henson, Superintendent, for reorganization of the Board.

Superintendent, Mark Henson, called for nominations for chairperson for the calendar year 2009.

Bobby Bearden nominated Terry Bramlett. There were no other nominations. Bobby Bearden, Lewis DeWeese, Junior Farmer, and Emily Dunn voted in favor of Terry Bramlett for chairperson. Terry Bramlett abstained. Motion carried.

Superintendent, Mark Henson, turned the meeting over to the newly elected 2009 chairperson, Terry Bramlett.

Mr. Bramlett called for nominations for vice-chairperson for the calendar year 2009.

Emily Dunn nominated Bobby Bearden. Lewis DeWeese nominated Junior Farmer. Lewis DeWeese and Junior Farmer voted in favor of Junior Farmer being vice-chairperson. Motion failed. Bobby Bearden, Terry Bramlett, and Emily Dunn voted in favor of Bobby Bearden for vice-chairperson. Motion carried.

Mr. Bramlett announced that Bobby Bearden would be the Vice-Chairperson for 2009.

Upon the recommendation of Mark Henson, Superintendent, a motion was made by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Emily Dunn, to set the Board of Education meeting date for the calendar year 2009 on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. to be held at the Board of Education office. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of Mark Henson, Superintendent, a motion was made by Emily Dunn, seconded by Bobby Bearden to approve the minutes from all previous meetings. Bobby Bearden, Junior Farmer, Terry Bramlett, and Emily Dunn voted yes. Lewis DeWeese abstained. Motion carried.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the financial report for the month ending November 2008. Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated the SPLOST check received in December for the month of October was \$233,776.38.

Public Comment:

None

Danny Shinpaugh, Maintenance Lead, gave the board an overview of the responsibilities that his department handles. (See attachments)

Angela Berrong, Director of School Improvement and Instructional Services, presented board members with the annual report.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following field trip requests:

Fannin County Middle and High School TSA – GA TSA State Competition in Athens, GA for March 11 – 13, 2009

Fannin County High School FFA – Poultry Evaluation Career Development Event Training in Calhoun, GA for February 3, 2009

Fannin County High School FFA – CTSO Legislative Breakfast and Day at the Capitol in Atlanta, GA for February 12, 2009

Fannin County High School Thespians – GA Thespian Conference in Columbus, GA for February 26 – 28, 2009

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

West Fannin Elementary School – Sale of World’s Finest Chocolate, January 23 – February 27, 2009

West Fannin Elementary School – Sale of Yearbooks, February 2 – March 31, 2009

Fannin County High School HOSA – Sale of gourmet cookie dough, January 13 – 30, 2009

Fannin County High School HOSA – Sale of gourmet lollipops, January 23 – February 13, 2009

Fannin County High School FBLA – Sale of Valentine stuffed animals, February 2 – 12, 2009

Junior Farmer left at this point.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve an amendment to the 403(b) Plan Document. Cynthia Panter, Associate Superintendent, explained this was necessary because we were unable to get the necessary paperwork recommended by our attorneys from one of the venders.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Anthony Walden as a School System Resource Officer for a six month probationary period. Mr. Henson noted Mr. Walden would be an employee of the Fannin County Sheriff’s Department, and we would reimburse them for his salary and benefits.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following substitute bus drivers contingent on the employees being able to pass background checks and be able to complete the required training:

Kiley Brown
Rick Ledford

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following Substitute Teachers:

Pamela L. Chastain
Peggy-Lynn Flowers
Jodi Graves
Stanley Hamm
Sandra Orlinski
Patricia Rozzelle
Sandra Wilbanks
Wendy Willaims

Superintendent's Comments:

Mr. Mark Henson welcomed Lewis DeWeese back as a board member. Mr. Henson thanked Bobby Bearden for serving as board chairperson the past two years. Mr. Henson stated he looked forward to working with Terry Bramlett in the capacity of board chairperson for the 2009 year. Mr. Henson thanked Angela Berrong for compiling the annual report and the balanced score card. Mr. Henson stated it was good to see the successes the system has had and the opportunities the system has for improvement to reach our vision of 100% graduation. Mr. Henson thanked Danny Shinpaugh for sharing with the board the many duties the maintenance department performs for the school system.

Mr. Henson shared with the board members some New Year's Resolutions the staff has made:

1. Identify specific targets for Fannin County's Response to Intervention Plan that will allow teachers to better serve the needs of all students whether it be through remediation or enrichment
2. Continue to meet the Fannin County School System's three strategic goals through data analysis and collaborative teamwork while being good stewards of the taxpayers' money

Mr. Henson stated the staff has reviewed the system's mission, vision, and strategic plan and believe that these resolutions are things they can do to help the board to most effectively meet the system goals.

Board Members' Comments:

Emily Dunn thanked Danny Shinpaugh and Angela Berrong for their presentations. Ms. Dunn stated she was impressed with the new format of the annual report. Ms. Dunn further stated the information in the report laid the ground work for our future. Ms. Dunn welcomed Lewis DeWeese back as a board member.

Bobby Bearden welcomed Lewis DeWeese to the board. Mr. Bearden stated it is exciting to be able to monitor facilities from home via cameras and also to monitor the temperatures throughout the facilities including the freezers in the cafeterias. Mr. Bearden stated this was the beginning of his seventh year serving on the board and his commitment continued to be able to offer a quality education to all children, be accountable to the taxpayers, and anything else is a blessing.

Terry Bramlett thanked Bobby Bearden for being the board chairperson for the past two years and Emily Dunn for being the board chairperson the previous two years.

Mr. Bramlett stated he had the opportunity to serve as vice chairperson under both Mr. Bearden and Ms. Dunn. Mr. Bramlett complimented the board as being a functional board. He believes everyone is here for the right reason. Mr. Bramlett stated he was thankful to Mrs. Berrong for all the hard work she does. Mr. Bramlett also thanked Mr. Shinpaugh for the work he and the maintenance department did. Mr. Bramlett commented that their work was critical to the operation of the school system.

Lewis DeWeese thanked Dr. Michael Gwatney, Mary Ann Sneed, and Scott Mathis for their assistance in getting him up to speed with E-Board. Mr. DeWeese stated he was pleased to come back to a team that compliments each other. Mr. DeWeese stated everyone worked together well.

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.

Terry Bramlett, Chairperson

Mark Henson, Superintendent

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