

August 9, 2007
6:00 p.m.

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

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the agenda.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes from all previous meetings.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the financial report for the month ending June 2007.

Public Comment:

Dan Long, a bus driver for Fannin County Schools, stated he wanted to see if the board had considered his request from June regarding revising the policy on paying out sick days when a PSERS employee retires. Mr. Long stated he was an employee who took few sick days over the past 28 years with Fannin County Board of Education he stated that he would like to receive full pay for each sick day that he had remaining once he retires.

Mike Earley, spoke on behalf of the Fannin County Quarterback Club. Mr. Earley stated that he, along with other members of the Quarterback Club, were concerned about the plans for the football stadium. Specifically they are concerned about the size of the proposed field house, weight room, and concessions stands. Mr. Earley stated he had a letter for the board addressing these issues, and, after talking to other concerned citizens, he would revise this letter and present the revision to the board with the specific concerns.

Angela Berrong, Director of School Improvement and Instructional Services, gave an update on the School Improvement process for the system and introduced the "Keys to Quality – Unlocking Continuous Improvement" manuals and software that the Georgia Department of Education has provided school systems to help with the school improvement process.

Betsy Hyde, Director of Student Services, shared with the board the results of the latest Special Education Compliance which was performed by the Georgia Department of Education. This review states the Fannin County School System meets requirements of Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

Art Hubbard, Assistant Superintendent, gave the board an update on the various construction projects (see attachment). Mr. Hubbard also discussed options with the board on the upcoming football stadium project.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following facility use request:

Fannin County Masonic Quarry Association - use of Fannin County Middle School Gym (rain out plan only) – August 25, 2007

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

Fannin County High School FFA – FFA area floral design training in Woodstock, GA for August 22, 2007

Fannin County High School FFA – FFA area natural resources career development event training in Cartersville, GA for August 23, 2007

Fannin County High School FFA – FFA area floral design training in Woodstock, GA for September 13, 2007

Fannin County High School FFA – FFA north region rally in Covington, GA for September 7 and 8, 2007

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

West Fannin Elementary – Sale of yearbook ads, October 1 – 31, 2007

ALPHA students at all three elementary schools – Sale of Nature's Purest Water, August 31 – October 4, 2007

Fannin County Middle School – Sale of fall student pictures through Lifetouch, school year 2007-2008

Fannin County Middle School Cross Country – Sale of Fannin vs. Gilmer t-shirts, August 20 – 24, 2007

Fannin County Middle and High School Cross Country/Track/Middle School PE – Sale of Fannin car magnets, September 1 – 30, 2007

Fannin County Middle School Art & Chorus – Silent art auction, sale of food concessions, art supplies, and entry fee, September 15, 2007

Fannin County High School FFA – Sale of meat sticks, August 20 – October 1, 2007

Fannin County High School Football Cheerleaders – Sale of Krispy Kreme doughnuts, August 10 – 17, 2007

Fannin County High School Football Cheerleaders – Raffle of gift baskets at football games, August 10 – November 4, 2007

Fannin County High School Girls Soccer/Football Cheerleaders – Sale of banners to hang at football games and in the new gym during basketball season, August 15, 2007 – May 23, 2008

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve a maximum class size resolution authorizing the Superintendent to establish maximum class sizes in grades 9 to 12 at the maximum limits allowed by law (see attached).

Mark Henson, Superintendent, gave the board summary discipline reports for school year 2006-07 for the middle and high school.

Moved, seconded, and carried to go into executive session to discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee; (O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(6)); and to discuss the future acquisition of real estate; (O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(4)).

Moved, seconded, and carried to resume regular session.

Bobby Bearden, Chairman, announced no action was taken while in executive session.

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept the resignation of Patsi Brantley and Pat Holloway.

Moved, seconded, and carried to employ Melissa Beaver, Margie Kolesky, and John Sellars as bus drivers.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Pat Holloway as a substitute teacher for the 2007-08 school year.

Moved, seconded, and carried to authorize Mark Henson, Superintendent, to condemn the minimum amount of additional land at fair market value that will be required to complete the stadium complex project. Listed are the reasons for doing this:

- The Grand Jury, in November, 2004, recommended that we renovate the stadium which does not meet current standards.
- We feel that the students and citizens of Fannin County will benefit in many ways from a new stadium.
- The existing stadium track is too short to qualify for regional and state events.

- Southern A & E, our architectural consultant, has determined that the only viable option fiscally and environmentally is to extend the stadium complex in a southeast direction.
- The cost to relocate the stadium would be a huge financial burden to the taxpayers of Fannin County.
- If the stadium had to be relocated, students would have to leave the campus to use the stadium, and we believe that that is not acceptable.
- We do not want the liability of two stadiums.
- We have offered to buy the land needed for the new stadium for fair market value by registered letter from the owners, Sharon A. Rogers and Brenda Denise Lambert, and have received no response.
- No residents will be displaced from their home.

Board Members' Comments:

Emily Dunn stated she was excited about the upcoming school year.

Terry Bramlett stated he appreciated the presentations given by Angela Berrong, Betsy Hyde, and Art Hubbard.

Junior Farmer stated he was thankful for a good start to the school year.

Garnett Webb stated he appreciated Dan Long for coming out and for his comments. Mr. Webb further stated he personally had a good week because he was able to visit all five schools.

Bobby Bearden stated he appreciated the article Cynthia Panter did on Senate Bill 10 that appeared in *The News Observer*.

Superintendent's Comments:

Mr. Henson stated he was thankful to the entire school system staff (teachers, paraprofessionals, school nutrition workers, bus drivers, secretaries, and administrators) for a smooth start to the school year. Mr. Henson also stated he appreciated the job Betsy Hyde performed as Special Education Director. Mr. Henson asked Benny Long to review Fannin's outdoor activities: extreme weather condition plan with board members. After Mr. Long reviewed this plan with board members, Mr. Henson stated that even if the wet bulb temperature was below 82 Fahrenheit, the administrator could still request children be moved inside or the event cancelled if the administrator felt conditions were too hot. Mr. Henson also presented board members with certificates from The Georgia School Boards Association stating they had successfully completed board member training activities sponsored by the Georgia School Boards Association.

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.

Bobby Bearden, Chairperson

Mark Henson, Superintendent

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Mark Henson

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Official Code of Georgia Annotated § 20-2-182(i)(2) authorizes a local board of education to set and determine the maximum class size in certain subjects for grades 9 through 12; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Education wishes to exercise the authority provided by Georgia law in a way that will best utilize the resources available to provide education of students in the District;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to establish maximum class sizes at the maximum limits allowed by law for all grades and courses set forth in Official Code of Georgia Annotated § 20-2-182(i)(2) or in applicable rules of the State Board of Education. A copy of this resolution shall be provided to the State Board of Education and to each school council in the school system.

Bobby Bearden, Board Chair

Garnett Webb, Board Vice-Chair

Terry Bramlett

Emily Dunn

Clarence Jr. Farmer

Construction Update 8/9/2007

BRES PE Facility

A/C installed and operational

Interior painting complete

Stage on site and assembled

Bleachers on site

Awaiting moisture test approval to install flooring and bleachers

Final grading and grass sowing complete

BRES Classroom Addition

Occupied

60 day Certificate of Occupancy on site

Final network connections complete

WFES PE Facility

Parking Lot paving complete

Awaiting striping of parking lot

Painting complete

A/C units set and operational

Flooring installation to be complete by 8/15/2007

WFES Classroom Addition

Occupied

60 day Certificate of Occupancy on site

Some door issues still to be resolved

EFES PE Facility

Fire water system in place

HVAC ducting 90% complete

Interior painting primary coat complete

Fire ceiling complete

Finish ceiling 60% complete

Goals installed

Door frames installed

FCMS HVAC Renovation

All classroom and office units installed and operational
Gym ducting installed and painted
Gym units to be delivered and installed by 8/15/2007

BRES Gym/Cafeteria Renovation

Demolition 90% complete
Block work of existing doorways complete

Other Projects

Borrow Pit

Complete

BRES Paving

Curb and gutter complete
Paving complete
Striping complete

FCHS Paving

Curb and gutter complete
Paving complete
Striping complete

WFES Paving

Curb and gutter complete
Paving complete