

June 14, 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 April 2007.

Public Comment – None at this time.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the tentative budget for FY2008. Mrs. Mercier discussed with the board a time line for the budget and it was decided the budget would be advertised on June 22 and June 29. Then a special session would be held on June 29 to receive public comment and afterwards the budget would be approved.

Karen Walton, Principal of West Fannin Elementary, gave an update on the School Improvement process at West Fannin Elementary.

Jill Key, Fannin High School Graduation Specialist, and Marilyn Reece, Fannin Middle School Graduation Specialist, did a presentation on the job duties of a graduation specialist and the role each plays in the schools.

Sandy Acker, School Nurse, gave a presentation on the need for defibrillators at each school. The board moved, seconded, and carried to purchase seven defibrillators (one for Blue Ridge Elementary, East Fannin Elementary, West Fannin Elementary, Fannin County Middle School, Fannin County High School, Performing Arts Center, and Fannin County High School Gym).

Art Hubbard, Director of Instructional Services, gave the board an update on the various construction projects (see attachment).

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept the low bid of \$1.378 per gallon from Appalachian Propane for propane fuel for the next calendar year (bids attached).

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept the low bid of \$37,800.00 from John T. Quintrell Excavating and Paving for the site work at the borrow pit at the high school.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the FY2008 Local Plan for Improving Career, Technical, and Agriculture Education.

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

ALPHA students from all three elementary schools – Sea World in Orlando, FL for October 10 to October 14, 2007 (Fall break)

Fannin County Middle School TSA – TSA National Conference in Nashville, TN for June 24 to June 28, 2007

Fannin County High School – Boy’s Soccer in Furman University, Greenville, SC for June 28 to July 2, 2007

Fannin County High School – Boy’s Basketball in Union County for June 14, 15, and 16, 2007

Fannin County High School – Boy’s Basketball in Rome, GA for June 7, 8, and 9, 2007

Fannin County High School – Boy’s Basketball in Rome, GA for June 21, 22, and 23, 2007

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 employ Holly Boyd, Kristy Goble, and Richard J. Blood as certified teachers for the 2007-08 school year.

Moved, seconded, and carried to employ Shan Culpepper as a one-half Athletic Director at Fannin High School and one-half teacher at Fannin High School for the 2007-08 school year.

Moved, seconded, and carried to transfer Christine Ball from Fannin County High School nutrition department to Fannin County Middle School nutrition department.

Moved, seconded, and carried to employ Althea Davenport as a School Nutrition Worker.

Moved, seconded, and carried to reappoint Lynn Doss as School Board Attorney for fiscal year 2008.

Board Members' Comments:

Emily Dunn thanked Karen Walton for her presentation. Mrs. Dunn also thanked the graduation coaches for coming out and giving a presentation on what a graduation coach does. Mrs. Dunn further stated everyone was invited to attend a reception on Sunday, June 24 in honor of Mrs. Mercier.

Terry Bramlett stated he appreciated everyone who attended the board meeting. Mr. Bramlett also stated he appreciated the presentations given.

Junior Farmer stated he appreciated what Sandra Mercier has done for Fannin County Schools over the past 34 years.

Garnett Webb thanked Karen Walton for her presentation. Mr. Webb stated he has enjoyed working with Mrs. Mercier these past three years. He further stated Fannin County Schools have been very fortunate to have her as Superintendent for the past five years.

Bobby Bearden stated he was glad to be here. Mr. Bearden thanked everyone for coming out. Mr. Bearden stated he always believed in Mrs. Mercier and she had never proved him wrong.

Superintendent's Comments:

Mrs. Mercier said that she felt privileged and honored to have been Superintendent for the past five years. She thanked the board, central office staff, and the principals for their support over the years.

Public Comment:

Joe Webb asked the board to consider adding \$30,000 in the Board of Education's FY08 budget to help fund the public library. Mr. Webb also stated four former Fannin High School graduates were currently in a Blue Ridge Community Theater production and he invited everyone to attend one of the shows.

Dan Long, a bus driver for Fannin County Schools, asked the board to consider revising the accrual of sick leave policy. Mr. Long stated he was an employee who took few sick days and did not think it was fair that he would only be eligible to receive one-half of a substitute's pay for each day that he had remaining once he retires.

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.

## **NEW ITEMS FOR FY08 BUDGET**

**3% Mandatory raise for certified employees, bus drivers, and school nutrition employees** (3% increase, certificate upgrades, and step increases)

**3% increase for non-certified positions off base rate of pay**

**Above raises will result in an increase of benefits to be paid by employer**

(Employer portion on health insurance, TRS, VALIC, FICA, and workers compensation)

**Mandated increase in health insurance – employer portion.** This is in addition to the increase which is resulting from raises.

**1% increase in local supplement** (5% to 6%)

**Technology budget increase** – implement rotation plan as recommended by the state

**Energy** – increase costs

### **New positions:**

Middle School Graduation Coach

½ time Academic Coach at each school

½ time Drivers Education instructor

Language Arts position – high school

½ Math position – increase ½ position to full-time at middle school

½ time PE position – Blue Ridge Elementary

### **Land acquisition**

### **Textbook adoptions**

### **Reserves:**

Textbooks

Roof

### **Orchestra Pit – Performing Arts Center**

**Lights – Baseball field at the middle school**

## Construction Update 6/14/2007

### BRES PE Facility

Re-ordering A/C units  
Interior electrical wiring complete  
Interior plumbing fixtures complete  
Concrete walkways and entrance to be poured by 6/15/2007  
Interior painting 80% complete  
Plumbing tie-in 75% complete

### BRES Classroom Addition

Completing punch list  
Custodians have waxed floors  
Teacher materials and furniture are being moved in

### WFES PE Facility

Site preparation for paving complete  
Painting 95% complete  
Electrical wiring complete  
Lighting fixture installation underway  
Plumbing fixture installation complete  
Duct installation complete  
A/C units set and operational

### WFES Classroom Addition

Ceiling grid (Firewall) complete  
Ceiling grid panels (finished ceiling) complete  
Painting 95% complete  
Interior plumbing complete  
Electrical tie-in complete  
Site has been sowed with grass & covered with straw  
Concrete sidewalks complete

### EFES PE Facility

Exterior block work complete  
Interior block work 95% complete  
Exterior metal panels 95% complete  
Roofing 95% complete

### FCHS HVAC Renovation

Finalizing details with contractor

### BRES Gym/Cafeteria Renovation

Finalized plans to be sent to contractor within 5 days

### FCMS HVAC Renovation

Removal of old wall hung units complete  
External demolition 95% complete  
Block work 95% complete  
Insulation of existing grills complete  
Main trunk lines 60% complete

Other Projects

Replacement of the FCMS cafeteria floor complete

Site prep for expanded parking lot at BRES complete

**FANNIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
TENTATIVE BUDGET FY 2008**

	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>DEBT SERVICE FUND</b>	<b>CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND</b>	<b>SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>				
LOCAL TAXES	11,602,656.00			
LESS: COLLECTION FEES	-290,066.00			
INTANGIBLE TAX	690,000.00			
TRANSFER TAX	360,000.00			
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	287,897.00			
OTHER LOCAL	100,000.00		4,170,000.00	446,000.00
STATE REVENUES	14,796,083.00			
STATE GRANTS	162,086.00			80,000.00
FEDERAL GRANTS				2,672,091.00
FEDERAL IN LIEU OF TAXES	800,000.00			
TRANSFERS		2,139,710.00	3,758,221.00	435,000.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>28,508,656.00</b>	<b>2,139,710.00</b>	<b>7,928,221.00</b>	<b>3,633,091.00</b>
 <b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
INSTRUCTION	19,740,484.00			1,381,635.00
SUPPORT SERVICES PUPILS	986,818.00			208,454.00
SUPPORT SERVICES/INSTRUCTIONAL	495,497.00			166,737.00
SUPPORT SERVICES MEDIA	594,108.00			
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	882,040.00			13,221.00
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	1,964,682.00			
MAINTENANCE & OPERATION	2,833,167.00			
TRANSPORTATION	1,756,473.00			
SUPPORT SERVICES/CENTRAL	75,000.00			7,844.00
SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM	5,000.00			1,756,711.09
FACILITIES ACQUISITION/CONSTRUCTION	0.00		10,699,759.00	
TRANSFERS	4,193,221.00		2,139,710.00	
DEBT SERVICE		2,139,710.00		
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>33,526,490.00</b>	<b>2,139,710.00</b>	<b>12,839,469.00</b>	<b>3,534,602.09</b>
 <b>Excess of Revenues over(under) Expenditure</b>	 <b>-5,017,834.00</b>	 <b>0.00</b>	 <b>-4,911,248.00</b>	 <b>98,488.91</b>
 <b>Estimates Fund Balance 07/01/07</b>	 <b>5,017,834.00</b>	 <b>1,473.00</b>	 <b>9,365,793.00</b>	 <b>76,511.09</b>
 <b>Estimated Fund Balance 06/30/08</b>	 <b>0.00</b>	 <b>1,473.00</b>	 <b>4,454,545.00</b>	 <b>175,000.00</b>

**THE BUDGET WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL ADOPTION BY THE BOARD AT NOON, JUNE 29, 2007 AT  
2290 EAST FIRST STREET, BLUE RIDGE, GA 30513**

## PROPANE FUEL BIDS 2007-2008

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>Price Per Gallon</u>
AMERIGAS	\$1.519
APPALACHIAN PROPANE	\$1.378
BUDGET PROPANE	\$1.429
EMPIRE GAS	No Bid
FERRELLGAS	No Bid
FOLGER GAS	\$1.419
FREEMAN GAS	\$1.379
HERITAGE PROPANE	\$1.549
PROFLAME LP GAS	No Bid
TRI-STATE PROPANE	\$1.610
WOODSTOCK GAS	\$1.380



## Borrow Pit Project

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>Total Price</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Brent McHan	\$44,800	Price consists of \$26,600 labor cost + 1400' of drainfield @ \$13/ft (\$18,200)
Joey O'Neal	\$74,400	
John Quintrell	\$37,800	