

March 8, 2011
Noon

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

Art Hubbard, Assistant Superintendent, explained the Construction Manager at Risk process with board members. Mr. Hubbard explained the Fannin County High School Cafeteria Expansion project was bid to use a Construction Manager at Risk. Mr. Hubbard stated the bid proposal stated the Construction Manager at Risk fee could be from 8 to 12 percent of the total project cost, and the sole bidder, Buddy Benefield Construction's bid was 8 ½ percent. Mr. Hubbard stated he would recommend on Thursday night the board approve this bid.

Michael Gwatney, Director of Technology & Media Services, presented information on E-rate, a federal program that provides financial assistance to schools and libraries for telecommunications and Internet access. Dr. Gwatney explained there are two types of funding: Priority 1 and Priority 2. Priority 1 is funded first and includes telecommunications and bandwidth. Priority 2 includes internal connections, and it is funded next starting with the greatest need based on discount level, which is determined by the poverty and the urban/rural status of the population served. The upcoming Priority 1 discount for our entire school district will be 85%. Dr. Gwatney discussed a proposed Priority 2 project to install wireless network access at the three elementary schools and middle school. If the board approves on March 10, Dr. Gwatney will proceed with the process to apply for E-rate funding on this project.

Mark Henson, Superintendent, reviewed the agenda for the Thursday meeting.

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)).

Moved, seconded, and carried to resume regular session.

Bobby Bearden, Vice – Chairperson acting as Chair, announced no action was taken while in executive session.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Bobby Bearden, Vice – Chairperson acting as Chair

Mark Henson, Superintendent