

October 13, 2011
6:00 p.m.

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

By motion of Sandra Mercier, seconded by Steve Stanley, a unanimous affirmative vote was given to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

Approve the agenda.

Approve the board minutes from September 8, September 22, and October 11, 2011.

Annual School Council Reports were presented to board members for their review.

Approve the following facility use requests:

Fannin County Recreation Department – use of Blue Ridge Elementary School gymnasium on Tuesday & Thursdays, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on November 1, 2011 – February 14, 2012; and

Good Samaritans of Fannin County – use of Fannin County High School cafeteria and kitchen on Wednesday, November 23, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and on Thursday, November 24, 2011 from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Approve the following field trip requests:

Blue Ridge Elementary School Third Grade – Ruby Falls and Chattahoochee Nature Center in Chattanooga, TN, on December 2, 2011;

Blue Ridge Elementary School Fourth Grade – Fernbank Natural History Museum in Atlanta, GA, on December 7, 2011;

East Fannin Elementary School Fifth Grade – Tennessee Aquarium & IMAX in Chattanooga, TN, on November 4, 2011;

Fannin County High School GACHE Students – Dalton College & State University, in Dalton, GA, on October 28, 2011;

Fannin County High School Art Students – High Museum of Art, in Atlanta, GA, on November 8, 2011; and

Fannin County High School Special Education Students – Town Center Mall/PBIS reward field trip, in Kennesaw, GA, on November 29, 2011.

Approve the following fundraiser requests:

Blue Ridge Elementary School Kindergarten and Fifth Grade – Sale of Krispy Kreme doughnuts, October 14 – November 18, 2011;

Blue Ridge Elementary School Accelerated Reader Committee – Sale of pre-packaged snacks, October 14, 2011 – May 25, 2011;

Blue Ridge Elementary School PBIS – Sale of holiday suckers, October 14, 2011 – May 25, 2011;

Blue Ridge Elementary School PBIS – Raise money to have Shannon Miller, Shannon York, Josh Jordan, and Tyler Banister kiss a pig, October 17 – October 20, 2011;

East Fannin Elementary School PBIS – Sale of mini photo shoot CDs from Ann Lambert Photography, October 14 – 31, 2011;

Fannin County Middle School FFA – Sale of beef sticks, October 17 – November 11, 2011;

Fannin County Middle School TSA – Sale of candy canes, December 5 – 16, 2011;

Fannin County Middle and High School Wrestling Team – Sale of citrus fruit, October 14 – November 1, 2011;

Fannin County Middle and High School Wrestling Team – Car wash on October 15 and 22, 2011;

Fannin County High School HOSA – Sale of Gourmet Cookie Dough on October 14 – November 18, 2011;

Fannin County High School Baseball Team – Sale of raffle tickets for 10 prizes, October 14 – 28, 2011;

Fannin County High School TSA – Sale of advertisements to be displayed on a flat screen monitor in the commons area, October 14, 2011 – May 31, 2012;

Fannin County High School Student Council – Sale of class t-shirts, October 17 – November 18, 2011;

Fannin County High School FCCLA – Donation of ten percent of Zaxby's food sales from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m, November 8, 2011;

Fannin County High School Student Council – Sale of tickets to winter formal dance, October 31 – December 17, 2011;

Fannin County High School Thespians – Sale of Krispy Kreme products, November 1 – 7, 2011;

Fannin County High School FFA – Sale of meat sticks and jerky, November 1 – 30, 2011;

Fannin County High School Key Club – Sale of discount cards, November 1, 2011 – January 31, 2012;

Fannin County High School HOSA – Sale of \$1.00 chocolate bars, November 15, 2011 – March 5, 2012;

Fannin County High School Foreign Language Club – Sale of hot chocolate and cookies, November 26, 2011;

Fannin County High School Thespians – Talent show for students, February 25, 2012; and

Fannin County High School Foreign Language Club – Pumpkin carving contest, October 31, 2011.

Mark Henson, Superintendent, also presented the board with the following fundraiser requests for the Blue Ridge Elementary School PTO. This information was presented as information only. No vote was necessary.

Fall Festival – November 11, 2011

Penny War – November 7 – 11, 2011

Santa Pictures – November 30, 2011

Holiday Ornament Shop – December 5, 7, and 9, 2011

Valentine Grams and Stuffed Animals – February 10, 2012

Spirit Day – once a month

Proposed events with no specific date

Spring Fun Run
Dance
Cookie Dough Fundraiser
Candle Fundraiser
Popcorn Day
Snow Cone Day
Cook Book Fundraiser

Mark Henson, Superintendent, also presented the Board with the following fundraiser requests for the West Fannin Elementary School PTO. This information was presented as information only. No vote was necessary.

School Wide Snack Days
Fall Carnival
Santa Shop
Santa Pictures
Papa's Pizza
Chick-Fil-A Cow Calendars
Penny War

Georgia School Nutrition Association 2011 – 2012 school year requests:

Banquets
Sale of Candles
Food Sale
RADA Knives Sale
Donations for a Gift Card Giveaway
Donations for a Cake Giveaway Once a Month
Yard Sale

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the financial report for the month ending August 31, 2011. Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated the SPLOST check received in September for the month of July was \$305,110.38.

Public Comment:

None

After public comment, the Board moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following Fannin County School Nutrition surplus property bids:

Lot 1 – Harvest on Main, \$417.00

Lot 2 – Betty Reece, \$251.00

Lot 3 – Betty Reece, \$127.00

Lot 4 – Earnest Watkins, \$425.00

Lot 5 – Betty Reece, \$427.00

Lot 6 – Harvest on Main, \$225.00

Lot 7 – Harvest on Main, \$175.00

Lot 8 – Harvest on Main, \$100.00

Lot 9 – Sisson Log Homes, \$300.00

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the purchase of two Blodgett 10-pan convection steamers from Owens Equipment Company, Inc. for a total of \$25,452.00 to be purchased out of SPLOST funds.

Moved, seconded, and carried to table revised policy JB – Student Attendance.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve revised policy DJED – Bids and Quotations.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Mundy’s HVAC for the East Fannin Elementary School roof top heating project at a cost of \$69,902.00 to be paid out of SPLOST funds.

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

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Janet McDonald as the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Coordinator.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Lorin Culbertson as a substitute bus driver.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following substitute school nutrition workers:

Kendra Cash
Brian Coloantropo
Maddalena Colletti

Paul Estey
Patricia Kennedy
Rhonda Lamb
Misty Lewis
Darlene Pittman
Lisa Stacy

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following substitute teachers:

Allison Carlton
Kelly Gonzales
Janet McDonald
Lucia Miller

Superintendent's Comments:

Mr. Henson provided the Board with a copy of the Veterans' Day program schedule for each school. Mr. Henson encouraged Board members to attend these events if their schedule would allow them to do so.

Mr. Henson presented Lewis DeWeese with a 15-year service pin from the Georgia School Board Association (GSBA) for his years of service on the Board. Mr. Henson stated Mr. DeWeese was actually in his 19th year of serving, but GSBA just sent his pin for 15 years. Mr. Henson stated it was a pleasure to work with him.

Mr. Henson reminded members of the local whole-board group training session, which is scheduled for Friday, October 14. Mr. Henson stated breakfast would be served at 7:30 a.m., and the training session is from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Henson asked Karen Walton, Director of Curriculum & School Improvement, to explain the Georgia Accrediting Commission (GAC) process. Mrs. Walton stated Fannin County Schools recently went through the accrediting process with GAC and all five Fannin County Schools, as well as the district, are renewed as "Accredited with Quality." Mrs. Walton stated this is the highest level of accreditation that GAC awards and for this level to have been met, 241 standards had to be met.

Mr. Henson stated Board members would receive open enrollment packets at the end of the meeting for health insurance and flexible benefits.

Mr. Henson handed out a schedule for the marching festival to be held this weekend at Fannin County High School. Mr. Henson encouraged board members to drop in if time permitted.

Mr. Henson invited Board members to observe the Fannin County High School Georgia Appalachian Center for Higher Education (GACHE) bus tour on November 14, 2011. Mr. Henson stated other school systems would be coming to visit Fannin on this

date to review the district's program strategies to increase post-secondary enrollment rates.

Board Members' Comments:

Terry Bramlett stated it was good to be in Fannin County. Mr. Bramlett stated it was an honor to be a part of such a great team. Mr. Bramlett commended the system for being accredited with quality from GAC. Mr. Bramlett stated he continued to be pleased with the positive impact the Fannin County High School sports facility had on the community. He stated the upcoming band festival was just another example of how this facility was contributing back to the community.

Steve Stanley stated he appreciated everyone for their contribution to such a great school system.

Lewis DeWeese stated it was an honor, and he was humbled to be presented with a 15-year service pin. Mr. De Weese said he had a dream that all of the people in Washington, D.C., vacated their positions, and the Fannin County Board of Education administrators replaced them. In his dream, two years later, the United States was financially sound, and there was peace and love all over the land. Also, there would be rifle ranges all over the United States.

Bobby Bearden stated he was blessed and honored to be present.

Sandra Mercier stated it was good to be present.

There being no further business to come before the Board, 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