

November 12, 2015
6:00 p.m.

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

The meeting was called to order by Steve Stanley, Chair.

Motion from Terry Bramlett, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to approve the following items on the consent agenda. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Approve the agenda.

Approve the meeting minutes from November 10, 2015, 10:00 a.m., November 10, 2015 8:00 a.m., October 8, 2015, 2:00 p.m. and October 8, 2015, 6:00 p.m.

Approve the following field trip requests:

Mountain Education Charter High School – Fox Theater in Atlanta, GA on December 3, 2015.

Public Comment:

None.

After public comment, motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve the financial report for the month ending September 30, 2015. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Mr. Henson stated the SPLOST check received in October for the month of September was \$411,088.17.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve salvage equipment for the school nutrition program (see equipment below). All members voted yes; motion carried.

Minolta Dialta Di351 Multi-functional Copier- serial number 31728274 (SN Office)

Whirlpool-Portable Heat/Air Unit – Model ACPE102PSO, serial number QCT1301849 (FCMS)

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve a request to secure bids for school surplus equipment. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Date	ID #	Sch	Item Description	Make	Model	Serial #
04/03/08	0400231	BRE	IceBin w/ Bin top water filter	Scotsman	Ice Maker: CME456A5-32H208V-1PH Ice Bin: HTB55	Ice Maker: 0711320017080 Ice Bin: 07101320015936
08/31/92	0000425	FCMS	Steam Table	Colorpoint	5E4-CPA-MOD	L91B0108
		FCMS	Cold Serving Line from GWINNETTE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (078400)			

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to request permission to secure bids/quotes for a new maintenance vehicle. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Cynthia Panter, Executive Director, gave an update on school governance teams' meetings for information only (see attached).

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to accept the resignation of Cynthia D. Rhodes effective October 12, 2015. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve Jerrica Green as a paraprofessional. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded Terry Bramlett, to approve Steven C. Woody, Jr. as a substitute custodian. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Superintendent's Comments:

Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated he is proud of the entire school system. The Georgia graduation rates have been posted and the state average is 78.8. Our graduation rate is 92.1% which is well above the state average but we are still striving for 100%.

Mr. Henson stated he is very proud to be superintendent during the week of Veterans Day because of how well the schools honor our veterans.

Karen Walton, Director of School Improvement and Instructional Services, announced because of House Bill 91 50 adults/former students have been able to obtain a high school diploma from Fannin County High School.

Board Members' Comments:

Steve Stanley stated the Veterans Day program at the high school was an emotional thing for him. In the future he plans to attend a Veterans Day program at each of the schools. Mr. Stanley thanked the principals for attending the meeting and thanked Robert Ensley for his hospitality during their STEM visit at West Fannin Elementary School.

Sandra Mercier talked about the history of Veterans Day and how it started in the school system. Robert Foster, former Fannin County school superintendent & army veteran, and Lucy McKinney from Blue Ridge Elementary are the two individuals who started the program. Ms. Mercier stated she was humbled and proud of the school system for their respect to the veterans.

Lewis DeWeese stated he was impressed with the cafeterias for the meals they prepared for Thanksgiving. He was able to attend two Thanksgiving meals at the schools, and they were both excellent. He commended the schools on the Veterans Day programs and stated he was proud to be able to be a part of the system.

Terry Bramlett stated it was an honor to be a part of the system. The Veterans Day program was superb and the performance of the chorus and the band at the Veterans Day program was exceptional as always. Mr. Bramlett was honored to be a part of a community that honors the veterans.

Bobby Bearden thanked Ron Bolin for the opening prayer. Mr. Bearden was very happy to be able to go to West Fannin Elementary School to see their STEM projects. Mr. Bearden thanked all who attended the meeting including the principals and school resource officers. Mr. Bearden commended Dr. Connie Huff from the middle school for ensuring the safety of the students as they walk to their buses in the afternoon.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, a motion was made by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to adjourn subject to being called into special session by the Chair when deemed necessary. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Steve Stanley, Chairperson

Mark Henson, Superintendent