

August 12, 2010
6:00 p.m.

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

Moved, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

Approve the agenda.

Approve the board minutes from July 27, 2010 and August 10, 2010.

Approve the following field trip requests:

Fannin Middle FFA – North Region Rally at Covington, GA, on September 10 – 11, 2010

Fannin Middle and High School TSA – TSA Chapter Officer Retreat at Clayton, GA, on September 10 – 12, 2010.

Fannin Middle School TSA– TSA Tech Day at Perry, GA, on October 11, 2010.

Fannin Middle and High School TSA – TSA Fall Leadership Conference at St. Simons Island, GA, on November 12 – 14, 2010.

Fannin High School FFA – FFA North Region Rally Competition at Covington, GA, on September 10 – 11, 2010.

Fannin County High School Skills USA – Leadership Conference and Competition at St. Simons Island, GA, on September 16 – 17, 2010.

Fannin County High School HOSA – Fall Leadership Conference at Atlanta, GA, on October 15 – 17, 2010.

Approve the following fund raiser requests:

Blue Ridge Elementary – Sale of School Spirit T-shirts, September 1, 2010 through May 28, 2011.

Fannin Middle School – Sale of baked goods, August 27, 2010 through May 27, 2011.

Fannin High School – Sale of spirit banners, August 13, 2010 through May 30, 2011.

Fannin High – Sale of silly bands bracelets, August 23, 2010 through October 8, 2010.

Fannin High School – Sale of Christmas trees, September 10, 2010 through December 15, 2010.

Fannin High School – Benefit Golf Tournament, October 2, 2010.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the financial report for the month ending June 2010. Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated the SPLOST check received in July for the month of May 2010 was \$288,101.34.

Public Comment:

T. C. Dillard, assistant principal at FCHS, wanted to express the appreciation of the high school teachers to the Board and administrators for being so fiscally conservative in their decision-making the last few years. This has enabled us to be in a better position than many systems in these hard economic times. They appreciate that we have maintained our instructional time and not given furlough days - yet.

Anthony Walden, school resource officer, wanted to thank the board for the new cameras that have been installed at the schools. He says these will make our campuses even safer.

Mr. Henson gave a copy of our Audit Report – Year Ending June 30, 2009 letter to the board. He explained that there were no findings and/or questioned costs. The auditor's opinion was that our system's audit was "unqualified," which is the best you can be.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve an Annual Calendar of Board Activities.

Mark Henson, Superintendent, gave the board summary discipline reports for school year 2009-10 for the middle and high school. He stated that in the past the board had only requested these two schools; however, if requested, the elementary schools could submit one, too.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve a maximum class size resolution authorizing an increase in class size from one to three students per class (see attached). Cynthia Panter explained that we are going to try to maintain our class size based on county-wide averaging.

Moved, seconded, and carried: To rescind the approval for the suspended ceiling and energy efficient lighting proposals as presented by Mr. Hubbard at the 8/10/2010 meeting. To approve the energy efficient lighting proposal for T-8 lighting with programmable ballasts to be installed at a cost of approximately \$145.00 per light. Mr.

Hubbard believes the hallways and media center lighting can be replaced at each elementary school for less than \$10,000 each.

It was determined there was no need for an executive session.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following substitute custodians for the 2010-11 school year:

Chad Clemmons
Mark Clemmons
Christopher Guay
Billy Joe Rice
Jeff Taylor

Superintendent's Comments:

Mark Henson explained that school boards now have training sessions that are mandatory. He stated that he has never had to ask our board members to go to trainings; they are always ready and willing to avail themselves of any such opportunity. He said that Fannin County was lucky to have board members who strive to make our school system a better place for our children. Mark Henson then passed out certificates for completion of this training from the Georgia School Board Association to Terry Bramlett, Emily Dunn, Bobby Bearden, Lewis DeWeese, and Junior Farmer.

Mr. Henson then handed out a system-wide attendance sheet for the sixth day of school. At the current time we have 2,989 students present. We are down by 69 students from last year.

Mr. Henson stated that he felt school has gotten off to a very successful start. He wants to thank the entire system for their part in making this happen.

Board Members' Comments:

Mr. Bramlett asked that the members consider what date to move next month's work session to. Our county office will be in all-day training, so we had asked them to move the date. The board determined that there would be no work session next month, just the monthly board meeting.

Emily Dunn stated that she didn't want anyone to think she wanted to do away with work sessions. She feels they are very valuable. She also appreciates the smooth start.

Bobby Bearden stated that he felt blessed and honored to be here.

Junior Farmer stated that it was good to be here. He is proud to be a part of the system. He also feels that students need the teachers here.

Lewis DeWeese stated that he enjoyed the open houses. He thought the interactive boards were very impressive and were money well spent.

Terry Bramlett thanked everyone for being here. He feels it is exciting to be a part of this system. He is proud of our 90.3% graduation rate. He is also proud of the fact that we have the number one bus technician in the state working in our bus garage, which is also the only ASE Blue Sealed Certified Shop in the state. He also thanked the newspaper for communicating between the board and the public.

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.

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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.

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