

March 10, 2016  
4:30 p.m.

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

The meeting was called to order by Bobby Bearden, Chair.

Justin Old, Executive Director of Pioneer RESA, conducted the local Board training session on "Planning for Board of Education." This completed the third of the four trainings to be completed this year. No action was taken.

By motion from Terry Bramlett, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve the following items on the consent agenda. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Approve the meeting minutes from March 8, 2016, 8:00 a.m., and February 11, 2016, 6:00 p.m.

Approve the following field trip requests:

Mountain Education Charter High School – North Georgia Technical College – Clarksville, GA, March 15, 2016, for College Open House.

Mountain Education Charter High School – Bulloch Hall & Main Event-Roswell, GA, June 7, 2016.

Review of Local Board Training:

Conflict of interest  
Code of Ethics

Public Comment:

None.

After Public comment, a motion was made by Steve Stanley, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to approve the financial report for the month ending January 31, 2016. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Mr. Henson stated the SPLOST check received in February for the month of January was \$319,955.78.

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the Federal Grant Budget Amendments for FY 2016. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Steve Stanley, to rescind Board Policy BBFA-Local School Council to lay on table for public view until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting pending approval. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve Board policy DJED-Bids and Quotations. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve Fannin County High School computer purchase from GovConnection in the amount of \$36,482.08 to be paid out of Charter funds. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to rescind February's bid for a new maintenance vehicle at a cost of \$42,698.10 from North Georgia Ford. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve the bid for a new maintenance vehicle to be purchased from Wade Ford in the amount of \$40,250.00 to be paid out of local funds. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the purchase of an activity bus from Thomas Built Buses in the amount of \$48,975.00 to be paid out of SPLOST funds. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Steve Stanley, to approve the following technology hardware as salvage. All members voted yes; motion carried.

FCSS Technology Center:	2 Scanners
1 desktop computer	3 VCRs
1 Laptop Computer	5 CD Players
1 Projector	5 Tape Recorders
3 Printers	
2 Monitors	Blue Ridge Elementary School:
	17 Computers
Fannin County High School:	2 Printers
60 Desktop Computers	1 Projector
6 Projectors	
18 Printers	East Fannin Elementary School:
1 Fax Machine	36 Desktop Computers
5 Laptop Computers	2 Document Cameras
2 Network Switches	2 Printers
1 Document Camera	4 Projectors
1 Copier-Ricoh LTD Savin 9021D	1 SMART Table
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Fannin County Middle School:	West Fannin Elementary School:
8 Projectors	46 Computers
14 Computers	7 Printers
3 Printers	2 Monitors
2 LCD Monitors	5 Projectors

Motion by Sandra Mercier, Seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the purchase of 64 Desktop Computers for Fannin County High School from Arey Jones Educational Solutions in the amount of \$41,074.56 out of SPLOST funds. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to award mowing bids to Sean Queen at East Fannin Elementary School in the amount of \$1,774.00 per month and West Fannin Elementary School in the amount of \$932.00 per month. Gary Stanley was awarded mowing bids at Blue Ridge Elementary School for \$684.00 per month, Fannin Middle School for \$1,150.00 per month, and Fannin County High School in the amount of \$2,124.00 per month. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to approve surplus elementary school property. All members voted yes; motion carried.

The surplus property to be sold:

Lot 1: Portable stage & ramp (Blue Ridge Elementary School)

Lot 2: Portable stage & ramp (East Fannin Elementary School)

Lot 3: Portable stage & ramp (West Fannin Elementary School)

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the maximum price for Fannin County High School science classroom renovation project by Buddy Benefield Construction Company in the amount of \$461,981.00 to be paid out of SPLOST funds (see attached). All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to set the 2016 Fannin County High School Prom for Saturday, April 23, 2016, at North Georgia Technology College from 7:00-11:00 p.m., and to set the graduation date for the 2015 – 2016 school year for Friday, May 20, 2016, at 8:00 p.m. in the football stadium. The rain date will be Saturday, May 21, 2016, in the Fannin High Football Stadium at 10:00 a.m. If necessary, due to weather, the graduation ceremony will be moved to the new high school gym. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Karen Walton, Director of School Improvement and Instructional Services, discussed the next topic for the local Board training. She encouraged them to bring calendars to the April meeting to set a date. The topic will be Legal Issues.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to accept the resignation of Christine Ball effective May 31, 2016. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to accept the resignation of Daphney Cash effective March 13, 2016. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to accept the resignation of Portia Falls effective May 25, 2016. All members voted yes, motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to accept the resignation of Patti Sosebee effective the end of the SY 2015-2016. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Steve Stanley to approve Reuben Battle, Sherri Burton, Martisha Douglas, Charlotte Fannin, Alexis Noe and Terry Stuart as substitute teachers. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve Curtis D. Weldy as a substitute teacher pending criminal background check and fingerprints. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded Steve Stanley, to approve Terry Brown, Buck Rodgers, and John Travis Sinard as substitute Custodians. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to approve Adam Roper as a substitute bus driver. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Superintendent's Comments:

Mark Henson, Superintendent, presented certificates to the Board members for Board Appreciation Week. He stated the main agenda of the Board was to take care of the students. Mr. Henson stated out of all the elected officials, the Board members have the hardest job and that's making decisions for constituents who are under the voting age. Mr. Henson said the Board members have a tough job, but they make it look easy. Mr. Henson told the Board he appreciates what they do, and they always go above and beyond their requirements. They are making a choice to become an exemplary Board, which is not required.

Board Members' Comments:

Bobby Bearden thanked everyone for coming to the Board meeting. He stated it was a blessing to be able to work for the students and the tax payers. Mr. Bearden stated Fannin County has the best schools in the State of Georgia. He also recommended everyone go out and look at the baseball field at the middle school.

Terry Bramlett stated it was an honor to serve as a Board member. He thanked everyone for attending. Mr. Bramlett stated it was a noble endeavor to provide our young people with a solid education so they can obtain gainful employment following graduation. The lack of that status often times leads to desperation, and desperation leads to criminal activity. Mr. Bramlett said they were going to keep pushing until the graduation rate reaches 100%.

Lewis DeWeese welcomed everyone and stated it was a good meeting.

Sandra Mercier agreed with Mr. Bramlett and stated "It's better to educate than incarcerate." Mrs. Mercier showed the plaque that was made in Mr. Terry Callihan's class using the CNC router. Mrs. Mercier had Betsy Hyde, Associate Superintendent, to stand and tell the Board about the Special Education Award she received at Pioneer RESA for going above and beyond. Mr. Henson added Betsy was the heart of the school system. Mrs. Mercier stated she was impressed with Benny Long's bids for the buses. She stated she was impressed with Mr. Cioffi's presentation on school happenings he presented on Tuesday morning at the workshop meeting. It opened the Board's eyes to all the activities going on at the high school. Mrs. Mercier spoke about the Rebel Radio station 92.7 being played in downtown Blue Ridge.

Steve Stanley thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He stated Mr. Cioffi did an excellent job on his presentation with school happenings at the work session on Tuesday morning. Mr. Stanley thanked Mrs. Miller for attending the meeting.

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

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Bobby Bearden, Chairperson

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Mark Henson, Superintendent