

March 13, 2008  
6:00 p.m.

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

Terry Bramlett, Vice Chairperson, conducted the meeting.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the agenda.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes from all previous meetings.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the financial report for the month ending January 2008. Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated the SPLOST check received in February for the month of December was \$301,070.35.

Art Hubbard, Assistant Superintendent, gave the board an update on the various construction projects (see attachment).

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the proposal from Atlanta Closed Circuit Television for the purchase of color digital video recording camera equipment for the Fannin County Bus Garage in the amount of \$5,625.00 and the purchase of an access control system for the exterior doors between the new building and the old building at West Fannin Elementary School in the amount of \$3,525.00.

Steve Phillips, Energy Manager for Fannin County Board of Education, gave the board an update on the amount of money the system saved from November 2005 to December 2007.

Dr. Connie Huff, teacher at Fannin Middle School; Carol Burke, teacher at Fannin Middle School; and Brenna Weaver, Austin Vest, Sally Jones, and Will Patterson (who was unable to attend tonight's meeting but is a part of this project), Fannin Middle School Technology Students (TSA), gave the board a presentation on what their classes are doing and information they shared on their recent visit to the State of Georgia Capitol. These teachers and students have been participating in the 2007 ITEE Grant which provided technology and training for Dr. Connie Huff's and Mrs. Carol Burke's classes. They were chosen by Kennesaw State ETTC to represent their region because of the quality of their work.

Mark Henson, Superintendent, informed the board that Calendar Option #1 was chosen by staff for the 2008-2009 school year. Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Calendar Option #1 (see attached).

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following field trip requests:

West Fannin Elementary School Fifth Grade Class – Stone Mountain Park in Stone Mountain, GA for May 16, 2008

Fannin County High School FFA – Horse Evaluation Training in Athens, GA for April 5, 2008

Fannin County High School Inclusion Students – Inclusion Trip to Town Center Mall in Kennesaw, GA for April 11, 2008

Fannin County High School FCCLA – FCCLA State Leadership Meeting in Athens, GA for April 17 – 19, 2008

Fannin County High School Art Students – GA Renaissance Festival in Fairburn, GA for April 24, 2008

Fannin County High School Thespians – International Thespian Festival/Conference in Lincoln, Nebraska for June 23 – 28, 2008

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following fund raiser request:

East Fannin Elementary School – Sale of Spring pictures, March 24, 2008

Fannin County Middle School PE Students – Spring King and Queen Penny contest, April 21 – 25, 2008

Fannin County Middle School – Hat Day to raise money for Special Olympics, April 25, 2008

Fannin County High School FFA – Sale of Vidalia Onions, April 1 – May 1, 2008

Fannin County Middle School – Sale of t-shirts designed by 7<sup>th</sup> grade students for the Trout in the Classroom (TIC) project, March 19 – April 24, 2008

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve a memorandum of understanding with The Board of Regents of the University of Georgia on behalf of The University of Georgia Cooperative Extension for the County Extension Personnel.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the request to use Fannin County buses to transport fifth grade students to the Shrine Circus.

Moved, seconded, and carried to set the 2008 Fannin County High School Prom for May 3, 2008 at North Georgia College and Technology School and the graduation date for the school year 2007-2008 for May 23, 2008, at 8:00 p.m. The rain date will be Saturday, May 24, 2008, in the Fannin High Football Stadium at 10:00 a.m. If at that time the weather is not cooperating the graduation ceremony will be moved to the new high school gym.

Public Comment:

Sidnah Doby stated this was the first Fannin County Board of Education meeting she had attended. Ms. Doby stated she applauded the board on how they conduct the BOE business. Ms. Doby also stated she wished more people attended the meetings.

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)) and to discuss the future acquisition of real estate; (O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(4)).

Moved, seconded, and carried to resume regular session.

Terry Bramlett, Vice-Chairperson, announced no action was taken while in executive session.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the swap of .24 acres+/- road frontage owned by Fannin County Board of Education with .50 acres+/- ravine owned by Sharon Rogers and Brenda Denise Lambert (see attached plat).

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept the resignations of Tracy Dillard, Jane Kimzey, Carol Shields, Michelle Wheat, and Donna Farmer effective at the end of the school year.

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept the resignation of Tammy Thomas's half-day position as an Academic Coach effective at the end of the school year. Mrs. Thomas stated she would like to return to the classroom teaching full time.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following administrators for the 2008-2009 school year:

Patricia Adams	Benny Long
Bonnie Angel	Pete Manuel
Angela Berrong	Cynthia Panter
Lori Chastain	Glenn Patterson
Robert Ensley	Brenda Payne
Randy Gambrell	Wendy Reynolds
Michael Gwatney	Candice Sisson
Cynthia Hicks	Karen Walton
Art Hubbard	Jeff Wilbanks
Betsy Hyde	Shannon York

Moved, seconded, and carried to employ Wayne Woody as a custodian and Keith Gilliam as bus driver.

Moved, seconded, and carried to employ Glen Lewis as a substitute bus driver.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following Substitute School Nutrition Workers:

Janet Clore

Darrell McKinney

Marnie Lynn Fain	Tina Nevling
Sue Holden	Nancy Ritchie
Crystal Hughes	Judy Rogers
Alexandria B. Kurtzman	Jennifer Trent
Anna Ledford	

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following Substitute Teachers:

Robert Anderson	Misty Lord
Tashina Anderson	Michael Mullin
Victoria Blas-Valdes	Wendy Norris
Jerry Boyer	Bruce Pack
Tom Dougherty	Arlene Prescott
Dana Hawkins	Kathy Sisson
Susan Ledford	Sandra Winkler

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following Substitute Custodians:

Phillip Barker	Randall Patterson
Tammy Brooks	Billy Ray Queen
Shaun Cole	Christopher Sisson
Jerimy Lisinski	Fred Thies
Scott Mealer	

Moved, seconded, and carried to extend Mark Henson's Superintendent contract for three years, July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2011. Terry Bramlett, Vice Chairperson, stated Mr. Henson received satisfactory on his Superintendent's evaluation last month and pointed out that satisfactory is the highest level that can be given.

Mr. Henson discussed possible dates for a board work session. It was agreed to do this on Thursday, March 27, 2008 starting at 8:00 a.m.

Board Members' Comments:

Emily Dunn stated she apologized for missing the work session which was held on Thursday, March 11, 2008. Ms. Dunn stated she was out of town on business.

Bobby Bearden stated he appreciated everyone who was in attendance. Mr. Bearden also stated he wished everyone in the county could have attended the Teacher of the Year (TOTY) banquet which was held earlier in the week. Mr. Bearden stated this was a real eye opener as to what all our teachers do for the students. Mr. Bearden also stated next week was School Board Appreciation Week, and he wanted to let his fellow board members know he appreciated all that they do for Fannin County Schools.

Junior Farmer stated he appreciated what all the Fannin County Board had accomplished over the past couple of months.

Garnett Webb stated he was glad Sidnah Doby was here for the meeting, and he was in agreement with her that it would be good to have more public participation at the Board of Education meetings.

Terry Bramlett thanked Sidnah Doby for her comments and pointed out the administration is making an effort to improve public participation. Having public access to E-Board from our Internet homepage is the first step. Mr. Bramlett also stated he is continually impressed with the school system administration and staff and the fact they are always willing to do whatever it takes to advance our school system. Mr. Bramlett thanked everyone for their dedication to the children and the future of Fannin County Schools.

Superintendent's Comments:

Mr. Henson stated he had the opportunity this past Monday evening to observe the Mock Trial practice. Mr. Henson stated he was amazed at the performance the students gave and he commended all of the hard work that had been put into this effort. Mr. Henson further stated he was appreciative of the assistance given to these students from Fannin High School staff, local attorneys, and local judges. Mr. Henson announced that the Mock Trial team had won region and was headed to state.

Mr. Henson stated the week of March 17-21 has been proclaimed *School Board Appreciation Week* in Georgia. The weeklong observation calls attention to the contributions of local boards of education. The Fannin County School System is joining in this statewide celebration to salute the efforts of local school board members.

Mr. Henson further stated he appreciated the trust the board has shown in him. Mr. Henson presented board members with certificates of appreciation which Denise Messer had prepared. Mr. Henson also thanked Mrs. Messer for the excellent job she did on preparing the certificates.

Mr. Henson reminded board members of the upcoming training on Saturday, March 15, 2008 at Brasstown Valley Resort in Young Harris.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, 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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Bobby Bearden, Chairperson

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Mark Henson, Superintendent

## Construction Update 3/13/2008

### BRES Gym/Cafeteria Renovation

Water Heaters installed  
Re-roofing 90% complete  
Concrete pad for cooler/freezer to be poured 3/14/2008  
Freezer Cooler units to be delivered 3/17/2008  
Stucco work 60% complete  
Ceiling grid system 90 % complete  
Dining room lighting 90% complete  
Additional drywall work 80% complete  
HVAC unit installed  
Kitchen Hood installed

### FCHS Football Stadium

Architects working on modifications to stadium design

### BRES Cafeteria – Classroom Renovation

Finished plans have been sent to the contractor  
Projected start date 4/1/2008

### WFES PE Facility

Final payment made  
Project Complete

### WFES Classroom Addition

Final payment made  
Project Complete

### EFES PE Facility

Project complete  
Awaiting final paperwork from contractor