

June 29, 2007
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The Fannin County Board of Education met in special session with the following members present: Bobby Bearden, Chairperson; Garnett Webb, Vice-Chairperson; Junior Farmer; Terry Bramlett; and Emily Dunn. All members present.

Chairperson Bearden opened the floor for comments on the FY08 budget. No one was present to speak on the budget.

Upon the recommendation of Sandra H. Mercier, Superintendent, a motion was made by Emily Dunn, seconded by Junior Farmer, to approve the budget for fiscal year 2008. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Mercier gave board members a time-line for the millage budget. All members agreed to meet on July 6, 2007 to start the process to set the millage.

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.

Bobby Bearden, Chairperson, announced no action was taken while in executive session.

Upon the recommendation of Bobby Bearden, Chairperson, a motion was made by Garnett Webb, seconded by Junior Farmer, to approve a contract for upcoming Superintendent Mark Henson. The contract is for 36 months and includes a clause that the board agrees to offer Mr. Henson a teaching or administrative position in the event that he or the board should terminate his position as Superintendent as long as Mr. Henson has not committed an offense involving moral turpitude. The contract takes effect on July 1, 2007. Mr. Henson will be paid an annual salary of \$95,000 and receive a monthly transportation allowance of \$600. Mr. Henson will also receive reimbursement of professional association expenses and personal expenses incidental to travel.

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept the resignation of LaTasha R. Sansone.

Moved, seconded, and carried to employ Lynn Reist, Stacy Burger Wade, and John "Bubba" Gibbs (upon his successful completion of requirements to be accepted into the Teacher Certification Program conducted by North Georgia RESA) as certified teachers for the 2007-08 school year.

Moved, seconded, and carried to purchase 30.38 acres located between Ada Street and Highway 515 in Blue Ridge from Kennon Davenport at a cost of \$1,500,000.00. All board members stated their excitement about the prospect of possibly building a new school at a future date and commended Mrs. Mercier on locating land within the city limits. Mrs. Mercier stated that she was also pleased with the location of the land and the reasonable price. Mark Henson, upcoming Superintendent, stated he appreciated the board for having a forward vision by buying land now versus 10 years from now when it would be much more expensive.

Mrs. Mercier reviewed three mission statements with board members. Mrs. Mercier stated Fannin County School System is preparing to adopt a mission statement that will reflect the uniting goal of all those involved in improving the student learning in our community. The three choices are as follows:

Our Guarantee	Inspiration	Developing Young Futures
Five Schools	Imagination	Learning for Tomorrow, Today
One Vision	Achievement	
Every Child	Great Thinking Grows Great Futures	
Every Day		

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the meeting adjourned.