

December 7, 2010
1:00 p.m.

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

Board members, central office staff, and members of the press traveled via school bus to Blue Ridge Elementary and visited three classrooms in three different grade levels to observe the use of technology with standards-based instruction.

Cynthia Panter, Associate Superintendent, shared with board members the results of the board's self-assessment, which was recently conducted online. Ms. Panter stated all eight of the standards were rated satisfactory, and all indicators of the eight standards were rated satisfactory with the exception of the following:

Standard IV – Board Operations: Policy Development

3. The board has adopted policies or procedures for emergency adoption of policy.

Standard VI – Board Operations: Personnel

4. The board reviews the evaluation processes utilized by the superintendent to evaluate all personnel in the district.

Standard VIII – Board/Staff/Community/Relations

7. The board communicates with the community using forums, groups, the media and/or other vehicles.

Ms. Panter reviewed each of the indicators with board members and discussed possible strategies to address each item.

Karen Walton, Director of Curriculum & School Improvement, presented board members with the current eleven belief statements for review. A request was made to modify number four: “high school graduation is the key to lifelong success” to include all students. Also, a request was made to modify number nine: “all schools should be accountable for improving student achievement” to include all personnel. Providing several options to review for number four and number nine was also requested. Mrs. Walton stated she would rewrite the beliefs to incorporate the board suggestions and present them to the board in January for their approval.

Principals from each school presented the board with accolades and updates of activities occurring at each of their schools.

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

Terry Bramlett, Chairperson

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Mark Henson, Superintendent