

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

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 December 2006.

Todd Keys, Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) Area School Safety Coordinator, presented the board with certificates recognizing that Fannin County School System's safety plans are in compliance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. §20-2-1185.

Art Hubbard, Director of Instructional Services, gave the board an update on the various construction projects (see attachment).

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following facility use requests:

Blue Ridge Scenic Railway – use of Fannin County High School media room – February 3 and 17, 2007

Eastside Baseball Association – use of East Fannin Elementary ball fields and concession stands – February 17 – July 15, 2007

Fannin County High School Soccer Booster Club – use of concession stand at Fannin County High School football field – February 10 – April 17, 2007

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

Fannin County High School/United Community Bank Junior Board of Directors – Federal Reserve Bank – Atlanta, GA for March 2, 2007

Fannin County High School FFA – Greenhand Jamboree and Success Conference – Covington, GA for March 2 - 3, 2007

Fannin County High School FFA – Extemporaneous Public Speaking and Creed Speaking Career Development Event – Dalton, GA for March 5, 2007

Fannin County High School Skills USA – Skills USA Region Conference/Competition – Appalachian Tech - Jasper, GA for March 9, 2007

Fannin County High School FFA – State Poultry Career Development Event Contest – Athens, GA for March 10, 2007

Fannin County High School Vision Quest – State Capital – Atlanta, GA for March 15, 2007

Fannin County High School FBLA – FBLA State Leadership Conference & Competition – Athens, GA for March 16 – 17, 2007

Fannin County High School Band – Annual Dolly Parade & Band Competition/Clinic – Pigeon Forge, TN for April 13 – 15, 2007

Fannin County High School Chorus – State Capital – Atlanta, GA for March 1, 2007

West Fannin Elementary Fifth Grade – Stone Mountain, GA for May 11, 2007

Blue Ridge Elementary Fifth Grade – Zoo Atlanta/Capital/World of Coke – Atlanta, GA for May 16 – 17, 2007

East Fannin Elementary Fifth Grade – TN Aquarium/Southern Belle Riverboat/IMAX – Chattanooga, TN for May 18, 2007

Fannin County High School Band – District Band Clinic – Woodstock High School for February 15 – 17, 2007

Fannin County High School Mock Trial – Mock Trial Region Competition – Dalton, GA for February 16 – 17, 2007

Fannin County High School FFA – Georgia Jr. National Livestock Show – Perry, GA for February 21 – 25, 2007

Fannin County High School Chorus – Honor Chorus – Lee University – Cleveland, TN for February 23 – 24, 2007

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following fundraiser requests:

Blue Ridge Elementary PTO – Sale of chocolate candy bars, March 2 – 16, 2007

East Fannin Elementary – Sale of homeroom class pictures, February 26, 2007

Fannin County High School Skills USA – Skeet Shooting Tournament at Noontootla Creek Farms – students will serve lunch, pass out and collect score cards, and clean up after lunch, March 24, 2007

Fannin County Middle School Chorus – Sale of t-shirts, February 2007

Fannin County Middle School – Sale of DVDs of 2006 Christmas program, February 2007

Mrs. Mercier informed the board that Calendar Option #1 was chosen by staff for the 2007-2008 school year. Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Calendar Option #1 (see attached).

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the FY2008 budget calendar (see attached).

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.

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept the resignations of Tom E. Hamby, Sr. effective April 1, 2007 and Janna N. Pelfrey effective February 28, 2007.

Moved, seconded, and carried to employ Casey Elizabeth Gooch as a teacher for the hearing impaired for the remainder of the 2006-07 school year.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following substitutes:

Substitute School Nutrition Workers:

Matthew Jones

Durinda Ratcliff Sexton

Substitute Teachers:

Amy Beth Akins
Mary W. Deal
Rebecca Ann Nicholson
Tamatha Ware

Substitute Custodian:

Durinda Ratcliff Sexton

Board Members' Comments:

Garnett Webb stated he was pleased with the crowd that showed up for the meeting.

Emily Dunn stated she enjoyed the Teacher of the Year Banquet and appreciated all the hard work that went into organizing it. Ms. Dunn also stated she commended Mr. Henson and the administrators working with him on pursuing the district wide SACS accreditation. She further stated a good decision was made in using the Georgia School Standards as the tool to measure our performance.

Junior Farmer stated he appreciated everyone who came out for the meeting. Mr. Farmer also stated he visited Blue Ridge Elementary earlier in the week and appreciated the hospitality he was shown.

Bobby Bearden stated he appreciated GEMA and the work they do for our school system. Mr. Bearden further stated he attended the high school football banquet and he appreciated the hard work of the football players and coaches. Mr. Bearden also stated he enjoyed the Teacher of the Year Banquet and the chorus performance.

Superintendent's Comments:

Mrs. Mercier congratulated our system-wide spelling bee winners: Samantha Satterfield (FMS), first place; Bryce Sneathen (EFE), second place; Zain Siddiqui (WFE), and Hunter Darrington (BRE). Mrs. Mercier also congratulated Connie Huff for being selected the Teacher of the Year.

Public Comment:

None

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.