

February 12, 2009

6:00 p.m.

The Fannin County Board of Education met in regular session with the following members present: Terry Bramlett, Chairperson; Bobby Bearden, Vice-Chairperson; Lewis DeWeese; and Emily Dunn. One member absent: Junior Farmer (Mr. Bramlett stated Mr. Farmer was not present because he had triple bypass heart surgery, and he was home recuperating).

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 2008. Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated the SPLOST check received in January for the month of November was \$256,964.48. Mr. Henson brought to the board's attention the fourth quarter 2008 and first quarter 2009 TVA payments were past due and had not been received. Mr. Henson stated Lynn Doss, School Board Attorney, had discussed this matter with Representative Nathan Deal's office and Susan Jackson, Finance Director, had made several calls to the Department of Revenue inquiring on the payment status. Mr. Henson further stated the Department of Revenue assured Ms. Jackson the fourth quarter 2008 payment was in the mail, and they were still waiting on numbers from TVA so they could process the first quarter 2009 payment.

Public Comment:

None

Candice Sisson, Director of School Nutrition, gave a presentation on "School Lunch – It's Not What It Used To Be". She explained that it is much healthier now.

Michael Gwatney, Director of Technology & Media Services, gave a presentation on the FCSS Infinite Campus implementation update.

Angela Berrong, Director of School Improvement and Instructional Services, gave a presentation on arena scheduling vs. computer generated scheduling.

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

YBOA or AAU Basketball, Use of Fannin County Middle School Gym, February 13 - June 2009 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. each day

Eastside Baseball League Association – Use of upper and lower baseball fields at East Fannin Elementary, February 22 – June 20, 2009 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. each day

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

Blue Ridge Elementary School Fifth Grade – Turner Field, State of Georgia Capital, Atlanta Zoo, Cyclorama, and Atlanta Civic Center in Atlanta, GA for May 12 – 13, 2009

Fannin County High School Honor Chorus – Lee University School of Music in Cleveland, TN for February 13- 14, 2009

Fannin County High School FFA – Georgia Jr. National Livestock Show in Perry, GA for February 18 - 22, 2009

Fannin County High School Anatomy, AP Biology, Family Consumer Sciences, Nursing, and Healthcare students – Bodies Exhibit in Atlanta, GA for February 23, 2009

Fannin County High School Technology Students – DeVry University in Alpharetta, GA for February 26, 2009

Fannin County High School FFA – Greenhand Jamboree/Success Conference in Covington, GA for February 27 – 28, 2009

Fannin County High School HOSA – HOSA State Competition in Athens, GA for March 5 – 7, 2009

Fannin County High School National Arts Honor Society – National Arts Honor Society State Conference in Atlanta, GA for March 20 – 21, 2009

Fannin County High School FBLA – FBLA State Conference/Competition in Atlanta, GA for March 27 – 29, 2009

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

Blue Ridge Elementary School PTO – Sale of candy bars, March 2 – 13, 2009

Fannin County Middle School MOID – Hat Day, March 24, 2009

Fannin County High School Khalisa Taylor’s class – Sale of homemade dog biscuits, February 13 – May 15, 2009

Fannin County High School Chorus – Presale of concert tickets, February 13 – 28, 2009

Fannin County High School Skills USA – Sale of World’s Finest Chocolate Bars, February 16 – May 15, 2009

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 approve the FY2010 budget calendar (see attached).

Art Hubbard, Assistant Superintendent, stated he spoke with Elaine Horne who is with GSBA, our risk management insurance carrier, and she recommends that the board contract with an experienced and licensed contractor for all construction.

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept the resignation of Joan Denton at the end of the 2008-2009 school year.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Robert Bailey as a substitute bus driver.

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

Tracy Harkins
Theresia L. Johnson
Linda Pack
Sandra Orlinski

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

Kelly Carter
Rebecca Gibbs Crawford
Jennifer Davenport
Phyllis Koennecke
Sherry Rogers

Moved, seconded, and carried to appoint Lynn Doss as school board attorney for the 2009 calendar year. Bobby Bearden stated Mrs. Doss was always willing to find answers. Emily Dunn thanked Mrs. Doss for attending the meetings.

Moved, seconded, and carried to hold a work session to discuss the FY10 budget options on Tuesday, March 10, 2009 starting at 8:00 a.m.

Superintendent's Comments:

Mr. Henson congratulated Donna Gray for being selected Fannin County Teacher of the Year (TOTY). Mr. Henson stated Ms. Gray exemplifies what we all strive to be.

Mr. Henson thanked Candy Sisson and her staff for all of the hard work they put into the TOTY banquet.

Mr. Henson thanked Candy Sisson, Dr. Michael Gwatney, and Angela Berrong for their presentations.

Mr. Henson stated we are facing difficult financial times, and there are many uncertainties ahead, but the thing that he is certain of is tough times define the type of character an organization possesses. With the dedicated people who work in our system and the team atmosphere that is displayed by all of our employees, he knows that the Fannin County School System will not only survive the tough economic times ahead, but will emerge as a stronger system. He knows that time will show that our character, as a system, was strong and selfless.

Mr. Henson polled board members and everyone was in agreement that they would like to visit the legislators at the capital on Wednesday, February 25, 2009.

Board Members' Comments:

Emily Dunn thanked Candy Sisson for her presentation and the dessert. Ms. Dunn also thanked Dr. Michael Gwatney and Angela Berrong for their presentations. Ms. Dunn stated she appreciated the work Susan Jackson and Mark Henson had already put into the budget.

Bobby Bearden thanked Candy Sisson for her presentation. Mr. Bearden also thanked Blue Ridge Elementary for the Valentine's Day cookies. Mr. Bearden stated he

received a phone call from a constituent who told him if he did not stop spending money they were going to get a group together and have him voted out. Mr. Bearden stated he would continue to make decisions that were best for the students.

Lewis DeWeese apologized for missing the Teacher of the Year Banquet. Mr. DeWeese stated he appreciated Mr. Henson being fair and impartial to every employee in the school system.

Terry Bramlett stated the Teacher of the Year Banquet was a wonderful event. Mr. Bramlett stated he agreed with Mr. Henson that in difficult economic times we will come out a stronger more efficient system.

Lynn Doss, School Board Attorney, invited everyone to attend the Mock Trial walk through to be held on Monday, March 2 @ 5:30 p.m.

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.

Terry Bramlett, Chairperson

Mark Henson, Superintendent

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