

August 13, 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; Junior Farmer; 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 June 2009. Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated the SPLOST check received in July for the month of May was \$273,762.86.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the tentative budget for FY10 (see attached). Emily Dunn stated she appreciated the hard work that went into controlling the budget and being conservative with the taxpayer's money.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve a spending resolution for the month of September 2009 (see attached).

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the tentative 2009 millage at 12.90.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the 2009 millage timeline (see attached).

Public Comment:

None.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve a resolution requesting waivers from seven State Board Rules for the 2009 – 2010 and 2010 – 2011 school years (see attached).

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the surplus of property at East Fannin Elementary School (see attached).

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the facility use request:

Alpha Delta Kappa Honorary Teacher Organization – use of Fannin County High School on the first Tuesday of each month from 4:10 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Fannin County Quarterback Club – use of Fannin County High School Stadium and Fannin County Middle School field on November 26 – 29, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

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

Fannin County High School & Middle School TSA, TSA Chapter Officer Retreat for Excellence in Clayton, GA on September 18 – 20, 2009

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

Blue Ridge Elementary School Guidance/Counseling – Sale of School T-Shirts from August 17, 2009 to May 25, 2010

East Fannin Elementary School – Sale of Dough Raisers – Coupons for Discounted Pizzas from Papa's Pizza To go Of Blue Ridge from August 2009 – May 2010

East Fannin Elementary School – QSP Gift Catalog Sale, August 14, 2009 – September 10, 2009

East Fannin Elementary School – Sale of Fall Individual Pictures, August 25, 2009

Fannin County Middle School – Sale of White Tee Shirts with Fannin County Middle School Rebels Emblem and a Design – 2 Color Print, August 14 – September 10, 2009

Fannin County High School Chorus – Sale of Southern Gospel Concert for "3 for ONE" tickets, August 30, 2009

Fannin County High School Girls Soccer & Cheerleaders – Sale of Pro-Ban Banners to be hung at football and basketball games, August 2009 – June 2010

Discipline reports for the 2008 – 2009 school year for Fannin County High School and Fannin County Middle School were presented for information only.

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept the land swap as requested by Douglas Keith Hall and referenced in the quitclaim deed prepared by Lynn Doss, School Board Attorney (see attached).

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Miranda Totherow as a middle school teacher for the 2009 – 2010 school year.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Angela Berrong as a part-time School Improvement Specialist for the 2009 – 2010 school year.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following substitute teachers:

Pamela Ausman
Richard Bentivegna
Darryl Brixius
Shannon Carver
Kathy Cochran
Kevin Cochran
Julie Conley

Linda Cortis
Joy A. Culver
Stephanie Daves
Lisa Deal
Dixie Fitzgerald
Ronald Foresman
Catherine Foster
Tara W. Garland
Tracey Gazaway
Shelia Hernandez
David Hill
Vicki Johnston
Jonathan Ledford
Hugh D. Mullin
Joseph O'Neal
Samantha Lewis Pugh
Patricia Ratcliff
Michael Reneau
Jacob Reuse
Susan Rhodes
Helen Sandonato
Holly Shuler
Lisa Stacy Carolyn Thomas
Dawn Thompson
Kelly White

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following substitute custodians:

Joy A. Culver
Julia G. Dales

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Wendi Weigle as a substitute bus driver.

Superintendent's Comments:

Mr. Henson asked for a count of who all planned on attending the Georgia School Board Association (GSBA) Winter Conference. All five board members and Lynn Doss, School Board Attorney, all stated they planned to attend. Mr. Henson presented all five board members with certificates from GSBA stating in fiscal year 2008 – 2009 each board member had participated in GSBA board training and fulfilled their annual training requirement as specified in O.C.G.A. 20-2-230.

Mr. Henson also wanted to thank board members for a smooth start for the 2009 – 2010 school year.

Board Members' Comments:

Emily Dunn stated she visited two schools during open house and several teachers commented on their appreciation of the board not taking any of the preplanning days away to

satisfy the three day furloughs. Ms. Dunn stated custodians and maintenance outdid themselves, the grounds and schools looked great. Ms. Dunn also stated she was excited to approve the first fundraiser for the new stadium.

Bobby Bearden stated he was glad to be here.

Junior Farmer stated he was glad school opening this year went more smoothly than last year. Mr. Farmer stated he had received positive feedback on the new drug testing policy.

Lynn Doss, School Board Attorney, stated the presence of board members and staff was noticed by the judicial system, and she had received several comments on how much the board and staff cared about the outcome of this hearing. Mrs. Doss stated the support was appreciated and noted even though it was a forgone conclusion.

Lewis DeWeese stated he was relieved with the results of the FY10 budget and millage. Mr. DeWeese stated he was thankful we were financially sound going into this economic downturn.

Terry Bramlett thanked Susan Jackson, Finance Director, and the Finance Department for the hard work they put into the budget. Mr. Bramlett stated he appreciated Dr. Hall Rogers of Georgia Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI) for coming up on Tuesday and presenting the board with a plaque in recognition of achieving District Accreditation Quality Achievement. Mr. Bramlett commended Art Hubbard, Assistant Superintendent, for his continued efforts of getting the stadium completed on time and correctly. Mr. Bramlett also stated it was wonderful to have a cohesive board who are all good stewards of taxpayer dollars.

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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