

July 31, 2013
5:00 p.m.

The Fannin County Board of Education met in a special meeting with the following members present: Sandra Mercier, Chair; Steve Stanley, Vice Chair; Bobby Bearden; and Lewis DeWeese. Terry Bramlett was absent. All other members present. Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated Mr. Bramlett was unable to attend due to a business meeting he was unable to rearrange.

Sandra Mercier, Board Chair, stated the purpose of this meeting was to approve the Board of Education's budget for the 2013 – 2014 school year. Mrs. Mercier stated, as required, the Board is conducting this hearing to ensure that the community has an opportunity to provide the Board input regarding the budget.

Mrs. Mercier opened the floor for public comment on the fiscal year 2014 budget.

Joe Webb thanked the Board for managing the budget well in hard times and requested the Board pass a resolution asking that the State of Georgia be more fiscally responsible for funding education.

Delmar Yoder stated his concern was not primarily with the increased taxes citizens would be paying under the proposed budget. Rather, his concern was whether or not the families and children of the county are going to be better off because of the increase. Mr. Yoder also stated he urged Board members to either not propose a further extension of SPLOST or limit use of these funds to those things that directly and actually contribute to the education of Fannin County's children, especially for children from families that have extraordinary needs and/or limited resources.

Upon the recommendation of Mark Henson, Superintendent, a motion was made by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve the budget for fiscal year 2014 based on a millage rate of 13.90 and to reduce the Board's contribution from the full single premium on health and dental insurance to \$75.00 towards employee's single health insurance and \$21.94 towards employee's single dental insurance during open enrollment. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of Mark Henson, Superintendent, a motion was made by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Steve Stanley, to transfer \$221,768 from the committed funds for capital project funds to the general fund. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Mark Henson stated since the special session ran over seven minutes the public hearing that was to begin at 6:00 p.m. on the tax increase would be extended an extra eight minutes.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, a motion was made by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Steve Stanley to adjourn subject to being called into special session by the Chair when deemed necessary. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Sandra Mercier, Chairperson

Mark Henson, Superintendent

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