

April 11, 2013  
6:00 p.m.

The Fannin County Board of Education met in regular session with the following members present: Sandra Mercier, Chair; Steve Stanley, Vice Chair; Bobby Bearden; Terry Bramlett; and Lewis DeWeese. All members present.

By motion from Terry Bramlett, seconded by Steve Stanley, to approve the following items on the consent agenda. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Approve the meeting minutes from March 14, 2013, and April 9, 2013.

Approve the following facility use requests:

Fannin County Recreation Softball eight and under team – Use of East Fannin Elementary School upper ball field on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from March 26 – May 19, 2013, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Fannin County Recreation Baseball 10 and under team – Use of East Fannin Elementary School lower ball field on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from April 1 – May 31, 2013, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Approve the following field trip requests:

East Fannin Elementary Fourth Grade – Funk Heritage Center at Reinhardt College in Waleska, GA, on May 8, 2013;

West Fannin Elementary Third Grade – Zoo Atlanta in Atlanta, GA, on May 6, 2013;

Fannin County Middle School FFA – State FFA Convention in Macon, GA, on April 26 – 27, 2013;

Fannin County Middle School Seventh & Eighth grade girls' basketball teams - Pickens County School System Gyms, on June 10, 11, and 12, 2013;

Fannin County Middle School Seventh & Eighth grade girls' basketball teams – Union County School System Gyms, on June 28 and 29, 2013;

Fannin County High School Special Education Students – Town Center Mall in Kennesaw, GA, on May 3, 2013;

Fannin County High School Honors Physics, AP Calculus, and Engineering Applications Students – Six Flags over Georgia in Atlanta,

GA, on May 3, 2013;

Fannin County High School FFA – Area I Awards Banquet in Sonoraville, GA, on May 7, 2013; and

Fannin County 4-H Club – 4-H Cloverleaf Summer Camp in Tybee Island, GA, on June 10 – 14, 2013.

Approve the following fundraiser requests:

Fannin County Middle School FFA – Sale of meat sticks – April 12 – May 7, 2013;

Fannin County Middle School FFA – Sale of summer/fall flower bulbs and seeds – April 12 – May 13, 2013;

Fannin County Middle School Relay for Life Team – Yard sale/back sale – April 20, 2013;

Fannin County Middle School Relay for Life Team – Benefit motorcycle ride “Rumble for Relay” – April 20, 2013;

Fannin County Middle School Relay for Life Team – Students pay \$1.00 to wear a hat – May 21, 2013;

Fannin County High School Girls Basketball – Sale of Krispy Kreme Donuts – April 12 – May 10, 2013;

Fannin County High School Girls Basketball – Sale of Coke Products – April 12 – May 10, 2013;

Fannin County High School FBLA – Sale of candy – April 15 – May 17, 2013; and

Fannin County High School FCCLA – Father-Daughter dance – April 30, 2013.

Public comment:

Susan Kiker, 2013 Fannin Leadership participant, commended the school system on the education tour given to Fannin Leadership participants on April 10, 2013. Mrs. Kiker stated how impressed she and classmates were with the schools and facilities.

After public comment, a motion was made by Bobby Bearden, second by Lewis DeWeese, to approve the financial report for the month ending February 28, 2013. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated the SPLOST check received in March 2013 for the month of January was \$305,077.97.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Steve Stanley, to award a bid for lawn mowing to Gary Stanley for Blue Ridge Elementary at \$428.00 per month, West Fannin Elementary at \$772.00 per month, and Fannin County Middle School at \$832.00 per month from April 15 – October 15, 2013; and Adam Garland for East Fannin Elementary at \$795.00 per month and Fannin County High School at \$1,395.00 per month from April 15 – October 15, 2013. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Lewis DeWeese to approve a maximum class size resolution for the 2013 – 2014 school year authorizing an increase in class size from 1 to 4 students in grades K-12 in Regular Education, 1 to 4 students in English Language Learners (ELL), 1 to 8 students in Gifted, 1 to 4 students in Early Intervention Program (EIP), 1 to 4 students in Remedial Education Program (REP), 1 to 4 students in Vocational (CTAE), 1 to 4 students in Alternative Education Program (AEP), and 1 to 4 students in Special Education (see attached resolution). All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to seek bids from area banks for the Fannin County Board of Education's checking accounts. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the purchase of carpet from Big Jim's Floors, Inc. to replace carpet in the Fannin County School System Performing Arts Center in the amount of \$18,321.07 and Ed Houston \$4,500.00 to install the carpet to be paid out of SPLOST funds. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve the items in the West Fannin Elementary field house as salvage. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve the request for approval of maximum price for the Blue Ridge Elementary School re-roof project at \$367,049.00 to be paid out of SPLOST funds. Buddy Benefield Construction was approved as Construction Manager at Risk at a previous Board meeting. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to revise the 2012-2013 school calendar in accordance with O.C.G.A. 20-2-168, which provides the option of students to attend 176 days for the 2012-2013 school year. Subsequently, the last school day for students in Fannin County schools will be May 24, 2013 (see attached resolution). All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve the attached list of items as salvage at East Fannin Elementary (see attached). All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Steve Stanley, to approve revised policy DJED – Bids and Quotations (see attached). All members voted yes; motion carried.

Karen Walton, Director of Curriculum and School Improvement, gave Board members an overview of the five AdvanceEd Standards for Quality School Systems. Mrs. Walton reviewed the five standards along with the indicators for each.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Steve Stanley, to accept the resignation of Steven R. Harp effective May 31, 2013, Kristi Tipton effective April 5, 2013, and Marie Traylor effective March 20, 2013. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve Melissa Stanley as a substitute teacher. All members voted yes; motion carried.

#### Superintendent's Comments:

Mr. Henson stated he was proud to host the Fannin County Leadership Education Day on April 10. He said it was a great day, and it was a reminder of the good things happening in our schools.

Mr. Henson stated the Health Science Program had met the stringent requirements and received the Industry Certification. He said when a program becomes industry certified, it receives a "stamp of excellence." He also stated the Health Science Program will receive a \$10,000 Industry Certification Grant to make the program improvements required to meet the industry standards.

Mr. Henson stated the Trout-in-the-Classroom Project would be releasing trout on Friday, May 3, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. at Tammen Park in Blue Ridge, GA. He invited everyone to attend.

Mr. Henson stated a response had been received from the Governor's Office of Student Achievement on the 2012 CRCT erasure analysis investigation. He said the State's concern is satisfied, and the investigation is closed.

#### Board Members' Comments:

Bobby Bearden thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Mr. Bearden stated he was proud to see a resource officer had been hired for Blue Ridge Elementary School.

Terry Bramlett stated it was an honor to serve on the Board, and he was proud to be here.

Lewis DeWeese stated he appreciated the Fannin Leadership students for their attendance at the meeting. He said the Fannin County Chamber of Commerce does a lot for Fannin County's schools, community, and SPLOST. Mr. DeWeese also stated when SACS comes for their review of the school system in 2014, they will think they came to heaven.

Steve Stanley stated he was pleased resource officers are now in place at all five schools. Mr. Stanley stated the Board would continue to work on improving security within the schools.

Sandra Mercier stated kudos to the high school for receiving the Health Science Program Industrial Certification.

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

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Sandra Mercier, Chairperson

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Mark Henson, Superintendent

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