

April 14, 2011  
6:00 p.m.

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

By motion of Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Steve Stanley, a unanimous affirmative vote was given to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

Approve the agenda.

Approve the board minutes from March 10 and April 12, 2011.

Approve the following facility use requests:

7 & 8 year old Fannin County Baseball – use of East Fannin Elementary School lower field from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. from March 28 – May 10, 2011 (Mr. Henson requested preapproval from board members);

Fannin County High School Baseball Team – use of Fannin County High School baseball field or Fannin County High School old gym from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 31 - June 1, 2011; and

Fannin County High School Baseball Team – use of Fannin County High School baseball field or Fannin County High School old gym from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on June 6-7, 2011.

Approve the following field trip requests:

Fannin County School System ALPHA students – Premier Exhibition Center in Atlanta, GA, on May 3, 2011;

Blue Ridge Elementary School WBLU students – CNN tour in Atlanta, GA, on May 4, 2011;

Blue Ridge Elementary School kindergarten students – Tennessee Aquarium in Chattanooga, TN, on May 10, 2011;

East Fannin Elementary School third grade – Tellus Science Museum in Cartersville, GA, on May 5, 2011;

East Fannin Elementary School kindergarten students – Atlanta Zoo in Atlanta, GA, on May 10, 2011;

Fannin County Middle School FFA – State Convention in Macon, GA, on April 29, 2011;

Fannin County Middle School FFA – Area I awards banquet and area officer elections in Fairmount, GA, on May 9, 2011;

Fannin County High School Special Education students – reward trip to Town Center Mall in Kennesaw, GA, on April 29, 2011;

Fannin County High School Interactive Media Pathway students – DeVry University in Alpharetta, GA, on April 25, 2011;

Fannin County High School Advanced Placement Biology, Calculus, and Physics students – Six Flags Math and Science Day in Atlanta, GA, on April 29, 2011;

Fannin County High School TSA – TSA Joint Meeting in Macon, GA, on May 13 – 14, 2011;

Fannin County High School football players – Quarterback/Receiver Camp at Middle Georgia College in Cochran, GA, on June 4 – 8, 2011;

Fannin County High School football players – Offensive Line camp at Middle Georgia College in Cochran, GA, on June 11 – 15, 2011;

Fannin County High School football players – Passing League Tournament at Pickens County High School in Jasper, GA, on July 12 – 13, 2011;

Fannin County High School 9/11 Memorial Chorus – Perform for World Trade Center Reunion Ceremony in Fort Benning, GA, on September 1, 2011;

NorthStar students – Tennessee Aquarium & IMAX theater in Chattanooga, TN, on May 6, 2011.

Approve the following fundraiser requests:

Blue Ridge Elementary School Fifth Grade – Sale of popcorn and juice to students, April 15 – May 17, 2011;

Fannin County High School FFA – Sale of plants, April 11 – 30, 2011 (Mr. Henson requested preapproval from board members);

Fannin County High School football team – Quarterback Club Golf Tournament, April 15 – 30, 2011;

Fannin County High School baseball team – Sale of tickets to Brent Paterline Hypnosis Show, April 15 – May 13, 2011;

Fannin County High School FFA – Sale of BBQ dinner plates, May 1 – 22, 2011;

Fannin County High School Key Club – Sale of receptacle for recycling made from empty soda cans, May 1, 2011 – May 25, 2012;

Fannin County High School Chorus – Yard sale, May 7, 2011;

Fannin County High School National Arts Honor Society – Sale of stickers to participate in hat day on May 13, 2011, May 9 – 13, 2011;

Fannin County High School Wrestlers – Concessions and parking fee for Grappling Tournament, May 13 – 14, 2011;

Fannin County High School FBLA – Talent Show during fourth block, May 20, 2011;

Fannin County High School Wrestlers – Car Wash, May 28, 2011;

Fannin County High School Wrestlers – Car Wash, June 18, 2011;

Fannin County High School Wrestlers – Car Wash, July 16, 2011;

Fannin County High School Baseball team – Baseball camp for sixth and eighth grade students, May 31 – June 1, 2011;

Fannin County High School Boys and Girls Soccer Team – 6 vs. 6 Soccer tournament for players 11 to 18, June 4, 2011; and

Fannin County High School Baseball Team – Baseball camp for third and fifth grade students, June 6 – 7, 2011.

Approve the request from Fannin County Recreation Department to use four school buses for the Summer Day Camp program from June 6 through July 15, 2011.

Art Hubbard, Assistant Superintendent, stated the West Fannin Elementary HVAC and Fannin County High School reroof projects have been completed. He further stated demolition for the Fannin County High School cafeteria expansion project is scheduled to begin the last week of school, and the contractor is scheduled to start on the Saturday before the end of the school year. Mr. Hubbard says he has reviewed the designs for the Fannin County High School Field House project with the architect for any changes, and the project is scheduled to begin in August. Once the field house project is completed, the next step is to convert the old field house into classrooms for NorthStar students. After the students are transitioned, the trailers will be removed, and work will begin on the construction of six classrooms. Mr. Hubbard also stated lights had been replaced in the hallways at all of the schools, and the next phase was to install lights in the classrooms.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the financial report for the month ending February 28, 2011. Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated the SPLOST check received in March for the month of January was \$262,511.22.

Moved, seconded, and carried to seek bids from area banks for the board of education checking accounts.

Moved, seconded, and carried to award a bid for lawn mowing to Gary Stanley for Blue Ridge Elementary, \$370.00 per month, East Fannin Elementary, \$760.00 per month, West Fannin Elementary, \$460.00 per month, Fannin County Middle School, \$736.00 per month, and Fannin County High School, \$1,412.00 per month from April 15 – October 15, 2011.

Moved, seconded, and carried to revise the 2010-2011 school calendar in accordance with O.C.G.A. 20-2-168, which provides the option of students to attend 178 days for the 2010-2011 school year. Subsequently, the last school day for students in Fannin County schools will be May 27, 2011. (See attached resolution.)

Public Comment:

Jim Bennett expressed concerns about the baseball facility.

Jim Thompson, a member of the 2011 Fannin Leadership class, stated he appreciated the tour school personnel gave his class in March. Mr. Thompson stated he was impressed with the dedication of the teachers and staff and the attentiveness of the students.

Cline Bowers expressed concerns about the baseball facility.

After public comment, Betsy Hyde, Director of Student Services, gave board members an update on the gifted/advanced content programs, home school program, and number of special education students. Ms. Hyde explained subgroups and the plans for summer acceleration with students. Ms. Hyde gave board members examples of what

schools are already doing to address bullying. Ms. Hyde asked Mary Corbin, ESOL teacher, to give board members an update of the type of services she provides students.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve board policy JCDAG – Bullying.

Moved, seconded, and carried to give tentative approval for the Fannin County High School to see if there is interest in students attending a trip to Europe during the summer of 2012.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the quote of \$1,937.85 from Dell Marketing L.P. for three laptop computers to be paid out of SPLOST II funds.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the quote of \$5,808.00 from GovConnection, Inc. for a Hewlett Packard server to be paid out of SPLOST II funds.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the quote of \$6,029.00 from GovConnection, Inc. for 12 bundles of Lexmark printers (3 per bundle) and a document camera to be paid out of SPLOST II funds.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the quote of \$9,321.00 from GovConnection, Inc. for 15 computers.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the quote of \$19,868.94 from Progressive Communications, Inc. for an e-mail server to be paid out of SPLOST II funds.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the use of SPLOST II and III funds on an as-needed basis to acquire technology equipment that is otherwise qualified per the approved SPLOST referendums and needed to address any related issue requiring an expedited solution.

Moved, seconded, and carried to appoint Sandra Mercier as the GSBA Delegate for the GSBA Summer Conference & Delegate Assembly to be held in Savannah, GA, on June 17 – 18, 2011 and to approve the travel expenses associated with this conference.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the resignations of Shirley Weldon and Sharon Cole effective May 31, 2011. Kaytie Dilbeck and Richard Redding effective June 2, 2011. Travis Hodges and Blake Turner at the end of the 2010 – 2011 school year. Johnny Farmer effective June 30, 2011.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Renee Bramlett, Brooklyn Corinn Campbell as substitute school nutrition workers.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Melissa Long and Elania Thomas as substitute teachers.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Stacey Postell as a substitute custodian.

Superintendent's Comments:

Mr. Henson stated Fannin Regional Hospital is providing a no-cost EKG for all students that are signing up for Fannin County High School's football program. This will be offered before football practice begins, done at the school by health care professionals, and interpreted by a licensed doctor of medicine. An EKG is a non-invasive procedure that checks for problems with the electrical activity of the heart. This is not mandatory but offered as an extra service to your student's health in addition to the yearly physical. If you have any questions, please contact school nurse Sandy Acker, RN, at 706-632-2081.

Mr. Henson stated he would like to make plans for a strategic planning session either the last week of April or the first week of May. Mr. Henson stated he would check with board members individually to see what dates work best for them.

Mr. Henson asked Karen Walton, Director of Curriculum & School Improvement, to give board members an update on spring benchmark data. Mrs. Walton explained students had been tested three times this year and the results she handed out showed the improvement students were making as the year progressed. Mrs. Walton stated benchmarking allowed teachers to identify areas students needed additional instructional time on.

Board Members' Comments:

Sandra Mercier thanked all of the stakeholders for coming to the meeting. Mrs. Mercier stated she was pleased to see how the Fannin County School System embraced the use of technology. Mrs. Mercier complimented Betsy Hyde on the great job she does for the school system. Mrs. Mercier stated Mary Corbin was an exemplary teacher, and she found her presentation interesting.

Terry Bramlett stated he was appreciative of everyone who spoke and shared their concerns. Mr. Bramlett stated he supported all student athletes. Mr. Bramlett stated he attended the basketball banquet, and Coach Johnny Farmer was recognized for his many years of service to the Fannin basketball program. Mr. Bramlett stated Attorney George Weaver of Jasper roasted Mr. Farmer, and by the end of his speech, Mr. Farmer was "well done." Mr. Bramlett stated one of things Attorney Weaver said was the Fannin County administration and school system was one of the best around.

Steve Stanley thanked everyone for their attendance. Mr. Stanley congratulated the baseball team for their outstanding record of 15-0-1. Mr. Stanley stated Coach Dyer has done a wonderful job with the baseball program. Mr. Stanley also commended the band for their recent performance in Orlando, FL.

Lewis DeWeese stated it was good to see so many people attend the meeting.

Bobby Bearden stated the board always strived to provide students with a quality education. Mr. Bearden stated the board is not perfect, but they are trying to get there. Mr. Bearden stated he appreciated the job Mr. Henson and his staff does. Mr. Bearden invited everyone to attend some of the year end events at the schools.

Benny Long, Director of Transportation, invited everyone to come out for the annual bus Road-E-O on Wednesday, April 27. Mr. Long stated the theme for this year's Road-E-O is "Safety One Stop at a Time".

There being no further business to come before the board, upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the meeting adjourned subject to being called into special session by the chairman when deemed necessary.

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Bobby Bearden, Chairperson

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Mark Henson, Superintendent

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