

February 10, 2009
noon

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

Motion, seconded, and carried to place item number one at the bottom of the work session agenda.

Dr. Michael Gwatney, Director of Technology and Media Services, introduced the system student information coordinator and school level student information clerks for all five schools to board members. Dr. Gwatney commended these employees on the seamless transition they have provided the system from SASI to the Infinite Campus information system.

Jacob Day, a senior at Fannin County High School, gave a presentation on homelessness and how it affects students. Several board members commented on how informative Mr. Day's presentation was.

Superintendent Mark Henson stated Gary Stanley, Vice-President of the Fannin County High School Band Booster Club, asked him if the booster club could install a director's podium on the band practice field and build a storage shed near the practice field. Mr. Henson explained that in the past these items had not been brought before the board, but since the batting cage fell down at the baseball field that was built by baseball boosters, he felt the board should have some say so in what was built on school grounds. Mr. Henson stated Mr. Stanley would be providing him with more specific information as to what they would like to erect before the board meeting on Thursday, and he would share that information with the board on Thursday evening. Mr. Bramlett stated it was important that safety codes be met.

Art Hubbard, Assistant Superintendent, gave the board an overview of the stadium project. Mr. Hubbard stated the underground storm water system is 95% complete, the new field house retention wall is complete, and the old field house retention walls are 95% complete.

Mr. Henson discussed possible dates for a board work session. Mr. Henson suggested the board meet on Tuesday, March 10 at 8:00 a.m. Ms. Dunn asked if board members could meet with principals at a later date and use March 10 to primarily discuss the budget. All members were in agreement.

Mr. Henson presented board members with a Phase I and II election schedule for a third SPLOST. This timeline would allow the election to be held on September 15, 2009.

Superintendent Mark Henson reviewed the agenda for the regular meeting to be held on Thursday, February 12, 2009.

Moved, seconded, and carried to go into executive session to discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee; (O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(6)).

Moved, seconded, and carried to resume regular session.

Terry Bramlett, Chairman, announced no action was taken while in executive session.

Superintendent Mark Henson discussed possible dates with board members to visit the capital. It was decided board members would visit on Wednesday, February 25, 2009.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the meeting adjourned.

Terry Bramlett, Chairperson

Mark Henson, Superintendent

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