

June 30, 2008  
8:00 a.m.

The Fannin County Board of Education met in special session with the following members present: Bobby Bearden, Chairperson; Terry Bramlett, Vice-Chairperson; Garnett Webb; Junior Farmer; and Emily Dunn. All members present.

Chairperson Bearden opened the floor for comments on the FY09 budget. No one was present to speak on the budget.

Upon the recommendation of Mark Henson, Superintendent, a motion was made by Emily Dunn, seconded by Junior Farmer, to approve the budget for fiscal year 2009. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of Mark Henson, Superintendent, a motion was made by Emily Dunn, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the tentative millage rate of 12.90 for 2008. Bobby Bearden, Chairperson; Junior Farmer; Terry Bramlett, Vice-Chairperson; and Emily Dunn voted yes. Garnett Webb voted against. Motion carried. Mr. Henson discussed with the board a time-line for the millage, and it was decided hearings would be held on July 15 at 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. and on July 22 at 5:00 p.m. A meeting to set the millage would be held on July 22 at 5:30 p.m. Garnett Webb stated he did not support an increase in the millage rate. Mr. Webb also stated he thought the budget was too high of a figure. Junior Farmer stated he was concerned last year when we dropped the millage rate by two mills that we would have to increase it this year. Mr. Farmer also stated he wished we had not dropped it last year and just left it alone. Terry Bramlett asked whether there was another alternative to funding the budget they had just unanimously approved other than raising the millage. Emily Dunn stated she appreciated the work on the budget and supported the increase. Bobby Bearden, Chairperson, pointed out that the board had cut the millage rate last year and had cut this year's budget as much as possible. Mr. Bearden stated he supported the increase.

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

Fannin County Recreation Department – use of West Fannin Elementary Football Field and Concession stand (for storage) for recreation department football practices, July 28 – November 13, 2008

The following field trips were presented for informational purposes only since the trip dates have already passed:

Fannin County High School Football – Offensive Line Challenge at Gilmer High School in Ellijay, GA for June 23, 2008

Fannin County High School Girls Basketball – Team Camp at North GA College in Dahlonega, GA for June 27 – 28, 2008

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

West Fannin Elementary Schools – Sale of Lifetouch Portraits, September 19, 2008

West Fannin Elementary Schools – Sale of QSP Reader’s Digest Gift Items, August 29 – September 12, 2008

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept the resignation of Ora Lou Harkins.

Moved, seconded, and carried to employ Charlene Jackson as an elementary school teacher for the 2008-09 school year.

Moved, seconded, and carried to employ Heather Finley as an Academic Coach at Fannin County High School for the 2008-09 school year.

Moved, seconded, and carried to employ Robert Mills (contingent on his release from his current contract with Pickens County Board of Education) and David Shively (contingent upon his acceptance and enrollment in the North Georgia College and State University/Post-Baccalaureate program) as teachers at Fannin County High School for the 2008-09 school year.

Mr. Henson presented for informational purposes only the transfer of Julie Caudill from Blue Ridge Elementary School Nutrition to West Fannin Elementary School Nutrition.

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

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Bobby Bearden, Chairperson

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Sandra H. Mercier, Superintendent

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