

October 9, 2008
6:00 p.m.

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

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the agenda.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes from September 23, 2008 and October 7, 2008.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the financial report for the month ending August 2008. Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated the SPLOST check received in September for the month of July was \$317,885.80.

Public Comment:

None

Lori Jenkins, Art Teacher at Fannin County Middle School, gave the board a presentation on the Contemporary Community Quilt Project she did with eighth grade students in the 2007-2008 school year.

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

Blue Ridge Elementary School – Sale of Blue Ridge Elementary School Car Tags, October 13, 2008 – May 28, 2009

East Fannin Elementary School Kindergarten Students – Sale of Ingle’s Glazed Doughnuts, October 13 – 14, 2008

Fannin County High School Skills USA – Sale of Glow Sticks and Bracelets, October 10 – December 19, 2008

Fannin County High School Skills USA – Sale of Senior Class T-Shirts, October 10, 2008 – May 22, 2009

Fannin County High School HOSA – Sale of Southern Gourmet Coffee, October 13 – November 13, 2008

Fannin County High School FBLA – Sale of Valentine Stuffed Animals, February 2 – 13, 2009

Fannin County High School Thespians – Ticket Sales at Door for Fannin’s Got Talent Show, February 21, 2009

Fannin County High School Thespians – Laughter & Latte, March 6, 2009

Fannin County High School Thespians – Masquerade Ball, April 18, 2009

Fannin County High School Thespians – Backstage Passes for Cinderella, April 23 – 26, 2009

Fannin County High School FBLA – Talent Show, May 11 – 15, 2009

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

Fannin County Recreation Department – use of Blue Ridge Elementary Gym, November 3 - December 31, 2008 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for youth basketball practice

Fannin County Recreation Department – use of Blue Ridge Elementary Gym, January 1 – February 28, 2009 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for youth basketball practice

Fannin County Recreation Department – use of East Fannin Elementary Gym, November 3 - December 31, 2008 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for youth basketball practice

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Fannin County Recreation Department – use of Fannin County High School Old Gym, November 3 - December 31, 2008 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for youth basketball practice and games

Fannin County Recreation Department – use of Fannin County High School Old Gym, January 1 – February 28, 2009 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for youth basketball practice and games

Fannin Thrashers Softball – use of Fannin County High School Old Gym, Tuesdays and Thursdays in October 2008 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the Gideons International request to distribute New Testament Bibles to fifth grade students and graduating seniors.

Mark Henson, Superintendent, presented board members with annual school council reports from each of the schools.

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.

Bobby Bearden, Chairperson, announced no action was taken while in executive session.

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept the resignation of Leslie James McFarland.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following substitute bus drivers:

Teresa Lampton
Don Thomas

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following substitute custodians:

Dana Foster
Marcus Hanie
Phyllis Koennecke
Teresa Lampton
Arvill McClure
Dennis Young

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following substitute teachers:

Linda Baker
Marilyn Lynn Chastain
Regina Gaeta
Lucia Miller
Meredith Ploetz

Karen Reece
Christine Wiggins

Bobby Bearden, Board Chairperson, announced the Superintendent's evaluation was performed while in executive session, and his performance was found to be excellent. Mr. Bearden stated the evaluation was done in accordance with our district-wide accreditation process. Mr. Bearden stated Mr. Henson was to be commended on bringing the system through the SACS accreditation, making Adequately Yearly Progress (AYP), lining up all of the school visions and missions with the systems, his conservative approach to budgeting, and his good interaction with community and stakeholders.

Superintendent's Comments:

Mr. Henson shared with the board a letter from Jeff Wilbanks, Principal of Fannin County High School, commending Brett Reid for his willingness in taking initiative and stepping up when a fellow student was choking. Brett performed the Heimlich Maneuver on the student, dislodging a piece of food from the student's windpipe.

Mr. Henson also stated the official SACS report had been received and noted Fannin School System was rated highly functional in 3 out of 7 of the standards.

Mr. Henson gave board members a Veteran's Day Program Schedule for all of the schools. Mr. Henson also stated a newsletter from Blue Ridge Elementary was in their packets.

Mr. Henson presented school board members with School Board Member Training Certificates for training activities attended between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2008.

Mr. Henson asked Ms. Jackson to explain the open enrollment process to board members for insurance. Mr. Henson also stated he was proud of the system for making AYP.

Board Member Comments:

Emily Dunn stated she was glad the final report from SACS had arrived. Ms. Dunn also thanked Mr. Henson for his hard work in making this happen.

Terry Bramlett stated he appreciated Mr. Henson and the entire staff for all the hard work that went into the accreditation process.

Junior Farmer stated he is glad SACS is behind us. He was nervous like everyone else.

Garnett Webb stated he was happy the board interviews with the SACS team went well. Mr. Webb stated he was pleased everyone in the school system knew 100%

graduation was the school system's mission. Mr. Webb stated he was very pleased with how Angela Berrong, Director of School Improvement and Instructional Services, guided everyone through the accreditation process.

Bobby Bearden stated he appreciated the four board members working with him. Mr. Bearden also stated he wanted to give our system a round of applause for all of the hard work that has been put into making it a system of excellence. Mr. Bearden then presented Mrs. Berrong with a sawmill blade portrait for all that she did to get the Fannin County School System accredited.

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

Bobby Bearden, Chairperson

Mark Henson, Superintendent

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