

July 9, 2015  
6:00 p.m.

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

The meeting was called to order by Steve Stanley, Chair.

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

Approve the meeting minutes from June 11, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. and July 7, 2015, at 8:00 a.m.

Approve the following field trip requests:

Fannin County High School Band – Drum Corps International Regional at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, GA, on July 25, 2015.

Approve the following fundraiser requests:

Blue Ridge Elementary School Fourth Grade – Sale of snacks (snacks to comply with current “Smart Snack” guidelines) – August 6, 2015 – May 25, 2016;

East Fannin Elementary School – Sale of Great American Opportunities Catalog items – August 14 – 28, 2015;

East Fannin Elementary School – Fall and Spring pictures and yearbooks, August 20, 2015 – March 2016;

West Fannin Elementary School Media Center – Scholastic Book Fair – August 31 – September 4, 2015;

Fannin County Middle School FFA– Sale of Country Meat Sticks, August 7, 2015;

Fannin County High School Golden Glove Booster Club - Softball – Sale of raffle tickets for a chance to win iWatch (Apple Watch) – July 14, 2015 – August 18, 2015;

Fannin County High School Cross Country – Ten percent of Dairy Queen sales – July 23, 2015;

Fannin County High School Cheerleaders – Sale of Domino’s Pizza Cards  
– August 11 – September 4, 2015; and

Fannin County High School Future Georgia Educators – Sale of “The  
Trailer” Biscuits to staff only once a week – August 2015 – May 2016.

Public Comment:

None.

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the financial report for the month ending May 31, 2015. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Mr. Henson stated the SPLOST check received in June for the month of May was \$364,260.53.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the August Spending Resolution for School Year 2015-2016 (see attached). All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to approve the tentative budget and millage timeline (see attached). All members voted yes; motion carried.

Mark Henson, Superintendent, shared the 2014 Sales Ratio Study (see attached).

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve Policy JGJA - Suicide Prevention (attached). All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to approve Policy DJEAC – Purchasing or Credit Card Use (attached). All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve Policy JCDAG – Bullying (attached). All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve Policy JCDAE – Weapons (attached). All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to approve Policy JCDAC – Student Drug Use (attached). All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve Policy JGI – Child Abuse or Neglect (attached). All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve Policy JGCD – Medication (attached). All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to approve the Fannin County High School Baseball Field Upgrade to be completed by Reliant Construction, Inc., Alpharetta, GA, for the amount of \$139,000 to be paid out of SPLOST funds (see attached). All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to approve the Fannin County High School Track Upgrade to be completed by Competition Athletic Surfaces, Inc., Chattanooga, TN, for the amount of \$361,250 to be paid out of SPLOST funds (see attached). Sandra Mercier, Lewis DeWeese, Terry Bramlett, and Bobby Bearden voted yes; Steve Stanley opposed; motion carried.

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the Five-Year Perkins IV Local Plan and One-Year Funding for FY16 (see attached). All members voted yes; motion carried.

Karen Walton, Director of School Improvement and Instructional Services, gave an overview of Local Board Training options for the upcoming year. The window for SY 2015 – 2016 school board member training opened on July 1, 2015. The Fannin County Board of Education selected four courses to be provided by Pioneer RESA. The courses are as follows: 1) Curriculum and Instructional Leadership for Boards of Education, 2) Board Roles and Responsibilities, 3) Planning for Boards of Education, and 4) Legal Issues & Ethics for BOE Members. The trainings will be completed prior to the deadline of June 30, 2016.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to accept the resignation of Frank Collis effective August 1, 2015. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve Michael Lee Johnson as teacher. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve Tamara Martin as media specialist. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve William “Tripp” Ritchie III, Pamela Ritter, and Sara Stewart as paraprofessionals. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve Jill Holloway as bookkeeper. All members voted yes; motion carried.

#### Superintendent’s Comments:

Mark Henson stated the Board has shown great interest in the school governance teams, and as of July 1, 2015, Fannin County Schools became a Charter system. Mr. Henson asked Cynthia Panter, Associate Superintendent, to share with the Board school governance team information (see attachment).

Board Members' Comments:

Steve Stanley thanked Cynthia Panter for the hard work she has done and thanked everyone for coming out to the Board meeting. Mr. Stanley said it was a pleasure to work with such good people.

Sandra Mercier wanted to brag on the new radio station 92.7 WXFC. Mrs. Mercier sees great potential with the technology and commends Dr. Michael Gwatney and Mr. Scott Barnstead for their work well done.

Lewis DeWeese stated it was a pleasure to be a Board member and appreciated everyone that came out to visit.

Terry Bramlett said he was very pleased with Mr. Greenway's impression of the governance teams and states it's a privilege to be a part of this system. Mr. Bramlett is thankful for the bus drivers, certified personnel, and everyone involved in the system that wants to do their job to the best of their ability.

Bobby Bearden appreciated everyone being at the meeting. Mr. Bearden stated in his opinion, when the citizens of Fannin County voted yes for SPLOST, they voted for it to be used for the school system. He said the resurfacing of the track at the high school is a lot of money but feels it will worth the investment in the long run. Mr. Bearden stated Ms. Panter surprises him in a good way with the knowledge she has and always keeping the Board informed with updates and useful information. He said it was appreciated.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, a motion was made by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett, 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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Steve Stanley, Chairperson

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Mark Henson, Superintendent

