

April 14, 2016  
6:00 p.m.

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

The meeting was called to order by Bobby Bearden, Chair.

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

Approve Agenda.

Approve the meeting minutes from April 12, 2016, 8:00 a.m., and March 10, 2016, 4:30 p.m.

Public Comment:

None.

After public comment, motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Steve Stanley, to approve the financial report for February 29, 2016. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Mr. Henson stated the SPLOST check received in March for the month of February was \$323,969.49.

Cynthia Panter, Executive Director, presenting on behalf of Susan Holloway, Director of School Finance, stated that our FY15 audit results were very good. There were no findings or questioned costs, which has been the case for our district for the past 11 years (see attached).

Cynthia Panter presented information on behalf of Susan Holloway related to this year's legislation that may become law and will affect either the FY17 school system budget or bookkeeping procedures (see attached).

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to resend Board Policy BBFA-Local Schools Councils. All members voted yes; motion carried (see attached).

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Steve Stanley to approve the Feed Fannin well and irrigation system. All members voted yes, motion carried (see attached).

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to approve the acoustical panel project at the Fannin County High School new gym. The project will be completed by Atlanta Soundworks in the amount of \$48,658.14 to be paid out of SPLOST funds. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Steve Stanley, to approve surplus elementary school property. Bidders will be required to remove the items purchased from property within five working days. Items not removed after the five-day period will become property of the Board and will be resold or salvaged. All members voted yes; motion carried.

## Portable Stage and Ramp for Elementary Schools

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	Lot 1: Portable Stage and Ramp (BRES)	Lot 2: Portable Stage and Ramp (EFES)	Lot 3: Portable Stage and Ramp (WFES)
1. Steve Shamblin MACA	706-374-6222	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded Sandra Mercier, to approve for Dr. Michael Gwatney, Director of Technology & Media Services, to proceed with application for a Category 2 E-Rate project for network related upgrades at each of the district’s five schools from CDW Government for a total amount at all schools of \$412,817.00 and then proceed with the purchases after approval of anticipated E-Rate funding (as described on the attached memorandum) with the local costs being paid with local funds. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve the purchase of five network switches and related connectivity hardware from CDW Government for \$31,860.00 to be paid out of SPLOST funds budgeted (and previously approved by the Board) for technology equipment. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the Fannin County Middle School computer hardware purchase of 66 desktop computers and monitors from Arey Jones Educational Solutions in the amount of \$45,380.94. This purchase will be made out of SPLOST funds budgeted (and previously approved by the Board) for technology equipment. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to approve the Fannin County High School computer equipment purchase of 125 “Chromebook” computers with licensing and protective sleeves purchased from GovConnection for \$35,500.00. This purchase will be made with SPLOST funds budgeted (and previously approved by the Board) for technology equipment. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Fannin County Board of Education (FCBOE) and the Fannin County Board of Commissioners (FCBOC) to construct a road on Ada Street between the FCBOE and the FCBOC and for the FCBOE to allow the FCBOC to connect to the sewer line on the FCBOE property on Ada Street. All members voted yes; motion carried (see attached).

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Steve Stanley, to request to secure bids for school nutrition surplus equipment. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Lot #	Local Inventory #	Serial #	Description (Brand and Model #)
1 - FCMS	0000433		Can Rack purchased 08/31/1992
2 - FCMS	0000434		Can Rack purchased 08/31/1992

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve a resolution supporting the Seamless Summer 2016 program (see attached resolution). All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to revise the 2015-2016 school calendar in accordance with O.C.G.A. 20-2-168, which provides the option of students to attend 176 days for the 2015-2016 school year. Subsequently, the last school day for students in the Fannin County Schools will be May 20, 2016 (see attached resolution). All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to approve "Option 1" recommendation for the School Calendar for SY 2016-2017. All members voted yes; motion carried (see attachment).

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve the Georgia Vision Project Recommendations. All members voted yes; motion carried. (see attachment)

Karen Walton, Director of School Improvements and Instructional Services, shared the next Local Board Training date. It will be Legal Issues on May 12, 2016, at 4:30 p.m.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Steve Stanley, to accept the resignation of Gail R. Abernathy effective the end of SY 2015-2016. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to accept the resignation of Ashley Brisbay effective the end of SY 2015-2016. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Bobby Bearden to accept the resignation of Lesa L. Burgess Effective June 1, 2016. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to accept the resignation of Annette Clement effective the end of SY 2015-2016. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to accept the resignation of Jane Gaitanoglou effective May 31, 2016. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Steve Stanley, to accept the resignation of Cheryl Hayes effective May 20, 2016. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to accept the resignation of Gregory Hood effective the end of SY 2015-2016. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to accept the resignation of Lora Lewis effective May 31, 2016. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Steve Stanley, to accept the resignation of Jessica M. Threet effective the end of SY 2015-2016. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to accept the resignation of Sharon Watkins effective June 1, 2016. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to approve Carrie Graham, Rebecca Green, Scott Ellis, Christie Holtman, Amanda Plavich, Cynthia Rhodes, Courtney Sanders, and Kerry "Reid" Barron as teachers for SY 2016-2017. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Steve Stanley, to approve Buck Rodgers as a custodian. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve Jessica Ferguson as a substitute in the nutrition department. All members voted yes; motion carried.

#### Superintendent's Comments:

Mark Henson, Superintendent, and Heather Finley, Director of Special Programs & Teacher Quality, talked about the new Pre-K program at Blue Ridge Elementary School and how it will impact our students and the good it will bring to our community.

Mr. Henson introduced the student advisory council from Fannin County High School that was attending the meeting. Attending and participating in various community functions has given them a greater understanding in which they live.

Erik Cioffi, Principal of Fannin County High School, announced the High School Band was selected to play in Philadelphia in the Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Mr. Henson announced the annual Trout release is scheduled for May 6, 2016, at 10:30 a.m. at Tammen Park in Blue Ridge, Georgia.

#### Board Members' Comments:

Bobby Bearden thanked everyone for being at the meeting. He appreciated all the cards he received for School Board appreciation week. Mr. Bearden stated Fannin County has the best school system and the best citizens in Georgia. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Terry Bramlett stated he has served on a school council, and that was one of his introductions to operating a school system, and he and was very thankful for that opportunity. Mr. Bramlett is thankful for having the school governance teams who are engaged at a greater level. Mr. Bramlett stated he would attend the Board meetings even if he wasn't a Board member because of the fact they are so uplifting, and it is a joy for him to be a part of it.

Lewis DeWeese encouraged everyone to thank a teacher if your child makes it school safely on the bus, has a good breakfast and a good lunch, has a clean environment, and is protected by a school resource officer. He encouraged all to thank someone in the education system. Mr. DeWeese stated educators are some of the most caring and dedicated people he knows.

Sandra Mercier gave kudos's and accolades to the Fannin County School System for all the positive items spoken.

Steve Stanley thanked everyone for everything that was done for School Board Appreciation week. Mr. Stanley thanked the teachers for all the work they do in the classrooms with their students and said it was an honor to work with everyone on the Board.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, a motion was made by Sandra Mercier, 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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Bobby Bearden, Chairperson

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Mark Henson, Superintendent

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