

September 8, 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.

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

A motion was made by 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 August 31, 2016, 8:00 a.m.; August 23, 2016, 5:30 p.m.; and August 11, 2016, 6:00 p.m.

Approved members of the Gideons International request (see attached).

Approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Fannin County Department of Public Health to provide a facility, if needed, should a possible health emergency occur. This MOU is effective from October 1, 2016, through October 1, 2017, and may be renewed on an annual basis if mutually agreed upon by both parties.

Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Fannin County Department of Public Health to provide scoliosis screenings of public school children in the at-risk population, ages 10 – 15 years. The terms of this agreement shall be for the period of one year commencing on October 1, 2016.

Approve the Fannin County School System homeless procedures as presented by Assistant Superintendent Karen Walton (see attached).

Approve the following field trip requests:

MEC to Lanier Technical College – Dawsonville, Georgia, September 21, 2016, for College/Career open house.

Public Comment:

None.

After public comment, motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the financial report for July 31, 2016. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Mr. Henson stated the SPLOST check received in August for the month of July was \$447,535.85.

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve West Fannin Elementary School property as salvage property:

- 4- 84" pull down screen in poor condition
- 1- 60" pull down screen in poor condition
- 1- 36" wooden cart in poor condition
- 2- 30"X144" fold-out tables (broken)

200- student desk (rusted)
1- rolling metal cart # 9000404
1- rolling metal cart 24X16

All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Steve Stanley, to approve technology hardware as salvage. All members voted yes; motion carried (see attached memos).

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve Board Policy DFC-Federal Funds. All members voted yes; motion carried (see attached).

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve Board Policy DIE-Fraud Protection. All members voted yes; motion carried (see attached).

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve Board Policy GAE-Complaints and Grievances. All members voted yes; motion carried (see attached).

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to approve the addendum to Americorps Service Site Agreement. All members voted yes; motion carried (see attached).

Bernie Hodskins presented the Fannin County Middle School student exchange program to the Board for review. The Board will vote on the program at the next regular scheduled meeting. No action was taken.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to approve the GSBA Exemplary Board Application. All members voted yes; motion carried (see attached).

Karen Walton, Assistant Superintendent School Improvement & Curriculum, reviewed the local Board training selections for the Board to vote on at the meeting in October. No action was taken.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to accept the resignation of Jerry Bradburn effective September 30, 2016. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to accept the resignation of Carl Curtis effective September 30, 2016. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve Thomas Jourdan for the transportation department. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve Linda Richards as assistant payroll and finance bookkeeper. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Steve Stanley, to approve the following as substitute teachers: All members voted yes; motion carried.

Marisol Acevedo
Georgia Allen
Ashley Barton
Pamela Chandler

Betty Jean Jourdan
Jenessa KuyKendall
Joyce Pelfrey
Melinda Paige Waddell

Jessica Craig	Amanda Ware
Clarence “Buck” Denton	Glenda Waters
Michelle DeSimone	Adam Wilcher
Jessica Ferguson	James Woolm
Tamela Harper	Susan Youngman

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve Jessica Craig as a substitute custodian. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve Ashley Barton as a nutrition substitute. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve Jessica L. Craig as a nutrition substitute. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve Thomas Andrew “Andy” Mashburn as a nutrition substitute. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve Doris Jean Towe as a nutrition substitute. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve Amanda Ware as a nutrition substitute. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve Shawn Kepley as a substitute bus driver. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Superintendent’s Comments:

Superintendent Mark Henson asked Principal Erik Cioffi to introduce the Fannin County High School Student Council members that were attending the Board meeting: Logan Fitts, Amanda McDaniel, and Isabell Wanner.

Mr. Henson commended the community for the support shown towards the REACH scholarship students. Five students were chosen for the scholarship, and only five calls were made to volunteers to be REACH Mentors. Karen Walton, Assistant Superintendent, announced the mentors to the Board: Pam Chandler, Sharon Cole, Tammy Arp Jones, Nichole Potzauf, and Elizabeth Ann White. Mr. Henson stated he was humbled to serve such a great community and great kids; there is so much support for the school system.

Mr. Henson announced the REACH ceremony will be on September 20, 2016, at Fannin County Middle School.

Mr. Henson announced the Teacher of The Year ceremony will be on September 27, 2016, at Willow Creek Falls.

Board Members’ Comments:

Bobby Bearden thanked everyone for being at the meeting and stated this is a great place to live. He said he was blessed to go on a missionary journey in 1984, and 80% of the population lived in tents, so we are blessed immeasurably.

Terry Bramlett continued with the community theme. He has lived in other places and is worried at times that other people that have not experienced living in other places might take some of things about living in Fannin County for granted. The quality of the people in this county is exceptional. Mr. Bramlett said it was a blessing to live here. He is excited for the exchange that Mr. Hodskins is working on; it is a good thing for the students to see how other cultures live.

Lewis DeWeese stated the REACH scholarship is one of the most beautiful things the school system has done. It changes the lives of the students who get to participate. Mr. DeWeese commended the high school student council members for all they are doing. He also complimented the news media for their positive interest on the Governor's takeover for failing students, which is a "no-no." Mr. DeWeese said to please vote against that Bill.

Sandra Mercier said "GO BIG BLUE!" She then congratulated each of the Teachers of Year nominees, and she reiterated that she is pleased to be a part of the system. She also said "GO DAWGS!"

Steve Stanley stated we should be thankful for what we have in our community. Sunday is the anniversary of something very tragic in our country (9/11), and we should all take a moment and be thankful for our community, students, families, and everyone we love.

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.

Bobby Bearden, Chairperson

Mark Henson, Superintendent

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