

August 9, 2012
6:00 p.m.

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

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

Approve the consent agenda.

Approve the meeting minutes from July 12, July 19, and the three separate meetings (4:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., and 5:30 p.m.) on August 7, 2012.

Approve the following facility use request:

Fannin County Recreation Department – use of Fannin County High School stadium, concession stand, and press box on Saturdays: August 25 – November 3, 2012, from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Approve the following school field trip requests:

Fannin County High School FFA – Floral Design Career Development Event Training at Etowah High School in Woodstock, GA, on August 20, 2012; and

Fannin County Middle & High School TSA – TSA Core Officer Training Retreat at Tumbling Waters Retreat & Conference Center in Clayton, GA, on September 7 – 9, 2012.

Approve the following fundraiser requests:

Blue Ridge Elementary School PBIS – Sale of lollipops – August 10, 2012 – May 24, 2013;

Blue Ridge Elementary School PBIS – Students will bring in coins to reach a goal to have teachers/staff kiss a pig or some other student choice activity – January 1 – February 14, 2013;

Fannin County Middle School FFA – Sale of Southern Farms meat and beef jerky sticks – August 10 – September 14, 2012;

Fannin County Soccer Booster Club – Back to school dance – August 10 – 25, 2012;

Fannin County High School Soccer Booster Club – Sale of doughnuts – August 10 – September 2, 2012;

Fannin County High School – Sale of school calendars – August 13 – December 14, 2012;

Fannin County High School Cross Country – Donations per lap – September 1 – 18, 2012;

Fannin County High School FCCLA & FBLA – Sale of candy – September 3 – 28, 2012; and

Fannin County High School Soccer Booster Club – Car wash – September 8, 2012.

Mark Henson, Superintendent, also presented the Board with the following fundraiser requests for the East Fannin Elementary School PTO. This information was shared as information only with no specific date(s) referenced; no vote was necessary.

Chocolate sale
Fall festival
Santa pictures
Bingo
Valentine's Day sale
Easter sale
T-shirt sale
Penny war

Public Comment:

None.

After public comment, Mr. Henson delivered a presentation on “What Georgia Citizens Should Know about House Resolution 1162 and House Bill 797, the Constitutional Amendment that Will Affect Local Public Schools.”

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Steve Stanley, to approve the financial report for the month ending June 30, 2012. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Mr. Henson stated the SPLOST check received in July for the month of May was \$327,740.39.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve a bid from Appalachian Propane to purchase propane fuel for one calendar year from the date of BOE approval at the rate of \$1.197 per gallon (see attached). All members voted yes; motion carried.

Mr. Henson shared the 2012 – 2013 annual planning calendar with the Board (see attached). This was presented as information only, and he explained no action was required.

Mr. Henson provided the Board with summary discipline reports for both Fannin County Middle School and Fannin County High School for the 2011-2012 school year.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve permission to secure bids/quotes for one 72-passenger school bus. The Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) has allotted one bus for Fannin County Schools with bond funding. The GaDOE is allotting \$76,219.50 per bus. The difference will be paid out of local funds. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to accept the resignations of Janis Martin effective July 1, 2012, and Tammye Beck effective August 1, 2012. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve Scott Mealer as a custodian. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Steve Stanley, to approve Melissa Long as a half-time teacher for the 2012 – 2013 school year. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve Marie Traylor as a part-time 4-H Instructor. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Steve Stanley, to approve the following substitute teachers:

Rebecca “Brandi” Allen
Tasha Barton
Molly Davenport
Brittany Newton
Anthony Glenn Patterson
Sydney Robinson

All members voted yes; motion carried.

Superintendent’s Comments:

Mr. Henson stated he was happy to be here.

Mr. Henson asked Karen Walton, Director of Curriculum and School Improvement, to share with Board members the options for 2012 – 2013 board governance training course offerings. Mrs. Walton explained the Board was required to participate in a total of nine hours of training. Mrs. Walton stated the December session presented by GSBA on legal issues would be

a six-hour session. Mrs. Walton gave board members a list of other course titles offered by Pioneer RESA and asked members to rank in order of priority what training they may need. Mrs. Walton said she would set up training options to complete the nine required hours based on the identified needs.

Mr. Henson asked Mrs. Walton to share with members a report from the College Board showing the results of the past five years of Advanced Placement results for Fannin County High School. The report compared our students with the results for both Georgia and globally. Mrs. Walton pointed out 47 students had scores of 3 or more for 2008 versus 64 students in 2012.

Board Members' Comments:

Bobby Bearden stated he appreciated Mr. Henson's comments at the beginning of the year meeting. Mr. Bearden stated education was here to stay and some people need to get their head where it should be. Mr. Bearden also stated he thought a reception was in order in December to show appreciation to the members who had been reelected.

Terry Bramlett stated it was an honor to be here. Mr. Bramlett referenced a Chinese proverb: "A man (or woman) never stands as tall as when he (or she) kneels to help a child." Mr. Bramlett said he was pleased with the Advanced Placement scores and the broader base of knowledge students were receiving. Mr. Bramlett stated the Advanced Placement credits in high school allow students to be HOPE eligible longer in college and be able to pursue advanced degrees.

Lewis DeWeese stated he was happy the school year had started off safely and everything was going well.

Steve Stanley stated the Advanced Placement scores for Fannin County students were a good example of why there was no need for charter schools. Mr. Stanley stated that if it is not broken, it should not be fixed.

Sandra Mercier said it was an honor to be a member of the Board. She stated her reelection to the Board made her feel more legitimate. Mrs. Mercier said she appreciated Mr. Henson's informative presentation on the charter school ballot amendment. She said the message needed to be sent throughout the state to vote against this amendment and all educators needed to be a mouthpiece against this legislation. Mrs. Mercier stated it takes a village to meet this accomplishment.

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.

Sandra Mercier, Chairperson

Mark Henson, Superintendent

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