

June 11, 2009

6:00 p.m.

The Fannin County Board of Education met in regular session with the following members present: Bobby Bearden, Vice-Chairperson; Lewis DeWeese; Junior Farmer; and Emily Dunn. One member absent: Terry Bramlett, Chairperson. Mr. Henson stated Mr. Bramlett was out of town on business.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the agenda.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes from all previous meetings.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the financial report for the month ending April 2009. Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated the SPLOST check received in May for the month of March was \$315,383.33.

Public Comment:

None.

Motion, seconded, and carried to approve the five-year Perkins IV Local Plan for Career and Technical Education and one-year funding application for FY10 (see attached).

Motion, seconded, and carried to approve the Retirement Management Agreement and the Addendum for VALIC Retirement Services Company (VRSCO) to provide a centralized database and associated methodology through which Retirement Plan remittances and plan compliance data may be remitted (see attached).

Moved, seconded, and carried to rescind the budget timeline approved on May 14, 2009.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve a spending resolution for the month of July 2009 (see attached).

Moved, seconded, and carried to give the vice chairman the authority to sign the spending resolution in the absence of the chairperson. Mr. Henson stated a new budget timeline would be presented at the July 7<sup>th</sup> work session.

Jim Pannell of Gray & Pannell LLP out of Savannah, GA reviewed the resolution for the board of education to reimpose, levy, and collect the special purpose local option sales tax (SPLOST) for educational purposes. Mr. Pannell pointed out that the date of this third SPLOST election will be September 15, 2009, the maximum amount that can be collected is \$23,000,000, and the maximum amount that can be bonded is \$10,000,000.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve a resolution for the board of education to reimpose, levy, and collect the special purpose local option sales tax (SPLOST) for educational purposes.

Moved, seconded, and carried to give the Vice-Chairman the authority to sign the resolution for the Board of Education to reimpose, levy, and collect the special purpose local option sales tax (SPLOST) for educational purposes in the absence of the chairperson.

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept the risk and not purchase flood insurance on the three buildings at East Fannin Elementary. Art Hubbard, Assistant Superintendent, explained the buildings sit approximately 160 feet above the cresting height of Blue Ridge Dam and therefore he did not see a need for flood insurance.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following field trip requests:

Fannin County High School Girls Soccer Team – Soccer Camp at University of Tennessee at Chattanooga in Chattanooga, TN for July 19 - 24, 2009

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

Fannin County High Middle School Cross Country – Sale of Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, June 22, 2009

Fannin County High School Chorus – Sale of buttons/pins, August, 2009

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept the resignation of Russell Logan and Randy Gambrell.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Pam Dietz as a contracted speech/language therapist for the 2009 – 2010 school year.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve David Padgett as a teacher for the 2009 – 2010 school year.

The following transfers were presented for information only:

Pam Barton	Fannin High School Nutrition to East Fannin Elementary School Nutrition
Regina Wright	Fannin Middle School Nutrition to Fannin High School Nutrition

Superintendent's Comments:

Mr. Henson recognized Allison Wood for being named a Georgia Scholar for 2009.

Mr. Henson stated he wanted to thank the graduates, the community, the high school faculty, law enforcement officers, safety personnel, and the newspaper for the role each played in making graduation a success. Mr. Henson also thanked Art Hubbard, Assistant Superintendent, and Benny Long, Transportation Director and Safety, for the long hours they each put in to make this event happen. Mr. Henson thanked the board for their foresight of building a stadium that would accommodate so many people in the county. Mr. Henson stated this facility would not only be used by sports programs within the system, but also used by the band, band competitions, parks and recreation teams, etc.

Board Members' Comments:

Emily Dunn stated she was very pleased with graduation, and she appreciated the work that went into keeping everyone safe. Ms. Dunn thanked Angela Berrong for her years of service to Fannin County Schools.

Junior Farmer stated he appreciated Art Hubbard getting the stadium to a point where graduation could be held. Mr. Farmer also stated he thought the 1% SPLOST tax was the fairest tax we can have since it allows visitors to help us fund projects that we need for our kids.

Lewis DeWeese stated he appreciated the enthusiasm and passion Mark Henson had. Mr. DeWeese stated it was comforting to know Mr. Henson was so passionate about his job and Fannin County Schools. Mr. DeWeese also thanked Angela Berrong for her contribution to the children of Fannin County.

Bobby Bearden stated he appreciated his fellow board members. Mr. Bearden stated he had been on the board six and one-half years, and he had thoroughly enjoyed working with the board. Mr. Bearden stated Angela Berrong had been an inspiration to him and could not be replaced. Mr. Bearden stated he was sure Karen Walton would do her job well, but no one could replace Angela Berrong.

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.

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Bobby Bearden, Vice-Chairperson

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Mark Henson, Superintendent

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