

May 14, 2009
6:00 p.m.

The Fannin County Board of Education met in regular session with the following members present: Terry Bramlett, Chairperson; Bobby Bearden, Vice-Chairperson; Lewis DeWeese; Junior Farmer; and Emily Dunn. All members present.

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 March 2009. Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated the SPLOST check received in April for the month of February was \$178,386.91.

Public Comment:

None.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the Student Drug Use and Mandatory Drug Testing Policy, Descriptor Code: JCDAC that was tabled last month with a wording revision to clarify who this policy would involve. Terry Bramlett, Chairperson, stated he asked Judge Brenda Weaver at the meeting to discuss whether if in this policy a student testing positive would result in a possession charge. Mr. Bramlett stated Judge Weaver assured him it would not constitute a possession charge. Mark Henson, Superintendent, reminded board members Judge Weaver would pay for the drug testing with drug court fees.

Moved, seconded, and carried to award the bank bid to United Community Bank for a one year period starting July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 at a fixed interest rate of 1.35%.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the Five-Year Local Facilities Plan as recommended by the Facilities Review Team and the Superintendent.

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

Fannin County High School Chorus – Six Flags Over Georgia in Atlanta, GA for May 16, 2009

Fannin County High School Girls Basketball Team – North Georgia College & State University in Dahlonega, GA for June 5 & 6, 2009

Fannin County High School Girls Basketball Team – Pickens County High School in Jasper, GA for June 8 – 11, 2009

Fannin County High School Girls Basketball Team – Lee University in Cleveland, TN for June 18 – 19, 2009

Fannin County High School Skills USA – Skills USA National Conference & Competition in Kansas City, MO for June 22 – 27, 2009

Fannin County High School FBLA – FBLA National Leadership Conference & Competition in Anaheim, CA for June 24 – 29, 2009

Fannin County High School HOSA – HOSA National Competition at Gaylord Opryland Hotel in Nashville, TN for June 25 – 28, 2009

Fannin County High School TSA – TSA National Competition in Denver, Colorado for June 28, 2009 – July 2, 2009

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

Fannin County High School Softball – Two day Community Camp, June 1 – 2, 2009

Fannin County High School Softball – Throw-a-Thon, June 1 – 30, 2009

Fannin County High School Key Club – Car Wash, July 2009

Fannin County High School Softball – Discount Cards, July 1 – October 1, 2009

Fannin County High School Softball – Four day Community Camp, July 20 – 23, 2009

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve David Collins as a forty-nine percent teacher for the 2009-2010 school year effective August 6, 2009.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Laura Evans as a media specialist for the 2009 – 2010 school year.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Rachel Jones as a music teacher for the 2009 – 2010 school year contingent on her receiving her certification before the beginning of the school year.

The following transfers were presented for information only:

Joyce McAbee	Fannin High to Fannin Middle School
Hope Sowers	Fannin Middle to Fannin High School
Debbie Jones	West Fannin to Fannin Middle School
Lauren Seber	West Fannin to Fannin Middle School
Holly Boyd	Blue Ridge to West Fannin Elementary
Teresa Tate	Blue Ridge to West Fannin Elementary
Katie Young	East Fannin to West Fannin Elementary
Kayla Majors	West Fannin to East Fannin Elementary
Crystal Cooke	Academic Coach to Classroom Teacher
Heather Finley	Half Time Academic Coach to Additional Half Special Education Specialist
Kristi Weeks	Half Time Academic Coach/Half Time P.E. to Classroom Teacher

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Hazel Martin as a school nutrition substitute for the 2008 – 2009 school year.

Superintendent's Comments:

Mr. Henson commended Susie Horton for receiving the "Best Mannered Teacher" award by the National League of Junior Cotillions, Southern Appalachian Chapter.

Mr. Henson commended Benny Long, Director of Transportation & Safety, for being recognized at the Georgia Education Workers' Compensation Trust (GEWCT) annual shareholders meeting for outstanding accomplishments with employee safety during 2008.

Mr. Henson reviewed the FY10 budget time line with board members and asked what date and time the board wanted to meet to set the budget. All members were in agreement to meet on Monday, June 29, 2009 at noon to approve the FY10 budget.

Board Members' Comments:

Emily Dunn stated she was looking forward to graduation.

Bobby Bearden thanked Art Hubbard, Assistant Superintendent - Director of Facilities & Assessment, for driving the stadium project. Mr. Bearden stated he is looking forward to graduation & seeing the stadium project completed. Mr. Bearden welcomed Karen Walton to Central Office and stated he hated to see Angela Berrong, Director of School Improvement & Instructional Services, retire. Mr. Bearden commended Benny Long, Director of Transportation & Safety, on his leadership with safety.

Junior Farmer welcomed Karen Walton to Central Office. Mr. Farmer pointed out Mrs. Walton's daughter, Sarah, was the recipient at awards night of an award that had never been received before in Fannin County.

Lewis DeWeese commented on statements Angela Berrong, Director of School Improvement & Instructional Services, and T.C. Dillard, Assistant Principal at Fannin County High School, made at the work session on Tuesday. Both Mrs. Berrong and Ms. Dillard stated they had taught many of the administrators who had received recognition for participating in Base Camp & Leadership Summit Training with Georgia Leadership Institute for School Improvement (GLISI). Mr. DeWeese stated he wished all administrators could see the influence they have had on students and parents throughout their career. Mr. DeWeese stated he wanted Mrs. Berrong to know how many lives she has touched in her career. Mr. DeWeese also stated he hoped her heart was full of awards for what she has accomplished. Mr. DeWeese thanked all administrators for the influence they have.

Terry Bramlett congratulated Benny Long, Director of Transportation & Safety, for being recognized at the Georgia Education Workers' Compensation Trust (GEWCT) annual shareholders meeting for outstanding accomplishments with employee safety during 2008. Mr. Bramlett welcomed Karen Walton to Central Office. Mr. Bramlett stated he and Angela Berrong go way back. Mr. Bramlett stated Mrs. Berrong has been a dynamo and has moved this system in the right direction and he will always be indebted to her for this.

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.

Terry Bramlett, Chairperson

Mark Henson, Superintendent

