

January 10, 2008
6:00 p.m.

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

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the agenda.

Bobby Bearden, Chairperson, relinquished the chair to Mark Henson, Superintendent, for reorganization of the Board.

Superintendent, Mark Henson, called for nominations for chairperson for the calendar year 2008.

Bobby Bearden nominated himself. There were no other nominations. All five board members voted in favor of Bobby Bearden for chairperson.

Superintendent, Mark Henson, turned the meeting over to the newly elected chairperson, Bobby Bearden.

Mr. Bearden called for nominations for vice-chairperson for the calendar year 2008.

Emily Dunn nominated Terry Bramlett. There were no other nominations. All five board members voted in favor of Terry Bramlett for vice-chairperson.

Mr. Bearden announced that Terry Bramlett would be the Vice-Chairperson for 2008.

Upon the recommendation of Mark Henson, Superintendent, a motion was made by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Junior Farmer, to set the Board of Education meeting date for the calendar year 2008 on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. to be held at the Board of Education office. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

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 November 2007. Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated the SPLOST check received in December for the month of October was \$341,909.58.

Art Hubbard, Assistant Superintendent, gave the board an update on the various construction projects (see attachment).

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following facility use request:

Child Evangelism Fellowship of NEGA – use of Blue Ridge Elementary School –
Each Monday from January 2008 to May 2008

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

Fannin County Middle School Language Arts Class – Cumberland Playhouse in Crossville, TN for February 12, 2008

Fannin County High School Vision Quest – State of Georgia Capital in Atlanta, GA for March 13, 2008

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

Fannin County High School FBLA – Sale of photo ornaments, January 22 – May 23, 2008

Fannin County High School FBLA – Sale of stuffed animals, January 28 – February 13, 2008

Fannin County High School Key Club – Sale of family photos and antique children’s photos, February 1 – March 16, 2008

Fannin County Middle School Art Department – Sale of quilt raffle tickets, February 2008 – May 2008

Public Comment:

Jason Campbell stated he delivers mail to Blue Ridge Elementary and West Fannin Elementary. Mr. Campbell is concerned about security at West Fannin Elementary but feels that at Blue Ridge Elementary the security is all right. He is concerned that the front doors at West Fannin Elementary cannot be monitored properly. Art Hubbard, Assistant Superintendent, stated cameras are being installed at the elementary schools.

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept the resignations of Wanda Long, John Sellars, and Luther Stewart.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following substitute teachers:

Tracy Carroll
Jennifer Dickey
Bobbie Kandice Hanson
Carla Morrone
Tillie Peugh

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following Substitute Custodian:

Tina Nevling

Board Members’ Comments:

Emily Dunn stated she was excited about 2008.

Terry Bramlett stated he was also excited about the New Year, and that he appreciated Mr. Hubbard for his concise report on facilities.

Junior Farmer stated he was looking forward to the New Year, and that he will do the best he can for the children and work on bettering the school system.

Garnett Webb stated April 28 – May 2 are the dates to qualify to run as a school board member. Mr. Webb stated he would not be seeking re-election to the school board. Mr. Webb further stated he will seek the Commissioner Post 1 seat. Mr. Webb also stated on January 1, 2009 he hopes to be Post 1 Commissioner for Fannin County, and he would appreciate everyone's vote and support.

Bobby Bearden stated he was glad Cynthia Panter, Associate Superintendent, had returned from medical leave and that Joe DiPietro is doing well. Mr. Bearden also stated he appreciated Lynn Doss, School Board Attorney, for being here. Mr. Bearden further stated he was glad to be here.

Superintendent's Comments:

Mr. Henson thanked the board for a productive year. Mr. Henson stated he appreciated the board putting kids first. Mr. Henson further stated he appreciated the job Bobby Bearden was doing as Chairperson. Mr. Henson stated he was also glad Joe DiPietro of *The News Observer* is doing well.

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.

Bobby Bearden, Chairperson

Mark Henson, Superintendent

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Construction Update 1/10/2008

BRES PE Facility

Complete

WFES PE Facility

Awaiting touch up painting for gym floor

WFES Classroom Addition

All wooden doors to be replaced 1/12/2008

EFES PE Facility

40 additional bleacher seats installed

Concrete paving complete

Paving base complete

Fire Marshall final inspection 1/11/2008

BRES Gym/Cafeteria Renovation

Glass panes installed

Fire water system complete

Gas line installation 90% complete

Roofing materials on site

Tile floors installation in kitchen area to be completed 1/12/2008

All block primed

FCHS Football Stadium

Architects working on modifications to stadium design

BRES Cafeteria – Classroom Renovation

Have instructed architect to begin preliminary plans

Projected start date 4/1/2008