

August 11, 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.

By motion 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 9, 2016, 8:00 a.m.; July 29, 2016, 9:30 a.m.; July 21, 2016, 8:00 a.m.; and July 14, 2016, 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Steve Stanley, to approve the financial report for June 30, 2016. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Mr. Henson stated the SPLOST check received in July for the month of June was \$449,754.25.

Susan Holloway, Finance Director, reviewed the FY17 tentative budget (see attached).

Public Comment for budgetary purposes / General Public Comment:

Theresa Dillard, Assistant Principal of Fannin County High School, thanked Susan Holloway for all her hard work on the budget.

Mark Henson, Superintendent, explained the how the millage rate and QBE money works with equalization.

Terry Bramlett stated there is room for improvement with the equalization system.

John Baird spoke at public comment regarding Opportunity School District: Keep Georgia schools Local – Vote no on state takeover.

Lewis DeWeese thanked Mr. John Baird for coming out and taking his personal time to share his information on Opportunity School District with the Board. Mr. DeWeese said it was appreciated.

After public comment, motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to approve the FY17 tentative budget. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Steve Stanley, to approve the spending resolution for September 2016. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Susan Holloway, Finance Director, shared the sales ratio study with the Board for information only (see attached).

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to lay Board policy DFC-Federal Funds on table for public view until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting pending approval. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to lay Board policy DIE- Fraud Prevention on the table for public view until next regularly scheduled Board meeting pending approval. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Terri Bramlett, to lay Board policy GAE- Complaints and Grievances on the table for public view until next regularly scheduled Board meeting pending approval. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the Tribunal training. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Mark Henson, Superintendent, reviewed the discipline reports for Fannin Middle School and Fannin High School for information only. No action taken.

Karen Walton, Assistant Superintendent School Improvement & Curriculum, reviewed the 2016-2017 Annual Board Planning Calendar with the Board. No action taken (see attached).

Karen Walton, Assistant Superintendent School Improvement & Curriculum, reviewed the Vision, Mission, and Belief statements along with the Strategic Goals with the Board. No action taken (see attached).

Karen Walton, Assistant Superintendent School Improvement & Curriculum, reviewed the Fannin County School Strategic Plan 2016-2017 with the Board. No action taken (see attached).

Karen Walton, Assistant Superintendent School Improvement & Curriculum, reviewed the systems goals. No action taken (see eBoard).

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Steve Stanley, to accept the resignation of Steve Dillard effective August 3, 2016. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Steve Stanley, to accept the resignation of Eric Foster effective August 9, 2016. All Members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Steve Stanley, to accept the resignation of Betty Sue Postell effective July 28, 2016. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to approve John Acuff for the maintenance department. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to approve Cynthia Godfrey at 49%. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve Mike Spurling as energy manager. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve Tommy Glen Bailey as a substitute bus driver pending criminal background check and fingerprinting. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Superintendent's Comments:

Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated he was very proud of the school system and feels very comfortable where it is right now. He said it is a lot of hard work starting up a school system, but because of the great team he has, it was a painless startup. Mr. Henson thanked the Board for the proper equipment on the buses and commended the maintenance on the floors at the schools looking tremendous. He said we have a good school system and staff.

Mr. Henson announced the annual Teacher of the Year Banquet has been tentatively scheduled for September 27, 2016, at Willow Creek if the Board members are available on that date.

Board Members' Comments:

Bobby Bearden thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting, and he had Fannin County Middle School Principal Keith Nuckolls, West Fannin Elementary School Principal Lucas Roof, and Fannin County Commission Chair-Elect Stan Helton each speak about their new positions.

Terry Bramlett congratulated everyone for a successful school startup. He thanked the principals for being at the meeting and for their dedication and hard work; it is exemplary. Mr. Bramlett is honored to be a part of such a great team. Mr. Bramlett commended Sarah Finch on her presentation on school happenings at the Board workshop on Tuesday morning.

Lewis DeWeese thanked the principals and school staff for all the work they do.

Sandra Mercier stated she is humbled to be on the Board and to be a part of the school system that is super fine. Mrs. Mercier commended Darvin Couch and Cindy George, School resource officers, for their awards with the CHAMPS program.

Steve Stanley thanked all the principals for attending the meeting. He said he is amazed at the classrooms and atmosphere on how much they have changed due to SPLOST, and he thanks the community for that.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, a motion was made by Steve Stanley, seconded by Sandra Mercier, 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