

March 11, 2010

6:00 p.m.

The Fannin County Board of Education met in regular session with the following members present: Terry Bramlett, Chairperson; Bobby Bearden; Lewis DeWeese; and Junior Farmer. Emily Dunn, Vice-Chairperson, was absent. Mr. Bramlett stated she was out of town for the week 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 February 2010. Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated the SPLOST check received in February for the month of December was \$304,151.80.

Public Comment:

None.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the Board Standards Improvement Plan. This plan was created by a district Standards Review Committee after their February 25, 2010 review of the Georgia School Boards Association Standards.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the use of a consent agenda starting at the regularly scheduled meeting in April 2010.

Moved, seconded, and carried to readopt the current system goals with no changes. These goals are attaining high level of student achievement, developing organizational effectiveness, and ensuring stakeholder engagement and satisfaction.

Mark Henson, Superintendent, presented board members with a revised policy for Level of Budgetary Control/Descriptor Code: DCK. The revised policy establishes the level of spending beyond the approved budget for which the Superintendent must seek Board approval. The revised policy will be tabled and voted on at the April 8, 2010 board meeting.

Moved, seconded, and carried to set the 2010 Fannin County High School Prom for Saturday, May 8, 2010, at North Georgia Technology College, and to set the graduation date for the school year 2009-2010 for Friday, May 21, 2010, at 8:00 p.m. The rain date will be Saturday, May 22, 2010, in the Fannin High Football Stadium at 10:00 a.m. If necessary due to weather, the graduation ceremony will be moved to the new high school gym.

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

East Fannin Elementary School Kindergarten classes – Zoo Atlanta in Atlanta, Georgia, for May 11, 2010;

Fannin County High School FFA – State Poultry Career Development Event in Crawford, Georgia, for March 13, 2010;

Fannin County High School FCCLA – FCCLA State Competition in Athens, Georgia, for March 18 – 20, 2010;

Fannin County High School FFA – State Floral Design Career Development Event in Covington, Georgia, for March 19 – 20, 2010;

Fannin County High School FFA – Area Jr. Natural Resources Career Development Event in Cartersville, Georgia, for March 25, 2010;

Fannin County High School FFA – Area 1 Discussion and FFA Quiz Career Development Event in Adairsville, Georgia, for April 1, 2010; and

Fannin County High School Chorus – Solo-and-Ensemble Competition, location to be announced for May 8, 2010.

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

Fannin County Middle School Trout-in-the Classroom – Sale of T-shirts designed by seventh grade science students;

Fannin County Middle School MOID – Sale of Necklaces & Leprechaun Pins, March 17, 2010;

Fannin County Middle School MOID – Sale of Necklaces, March 15 – 17, 2010;

Fannin County Middle School MOID – Sale of Homemade Easter Baskets filled with candy and sale of stuffed animals, March 18 – April 2, 2010;

Fannin County Middle School FCCLA – Request Donation for State FCCLA Meeting for State FCCLA Competition, March 12 – 19, 2010;

Fannin County High School FBLA – Talent Show, May 12, 2010; and

Fannin County High School FCCLA – Sale of Krispy Kreme Donuts, March 12 – 19, 2010.

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept the resignation of Jeanene Pass at the end of school year 2009 – 2010.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Janet Dillard, Anna Garland, Jammie Phillips, and April Shinpaugh as substitute teachers.

Superintendent's Comments:

Mr. Henson stated he would like for board members to consider dates in April to hold a work session to discuss the budget.

Mr. Henson asked Karen Walton, Director of Curriculum and School Improvement, to give board members an update on Saturday school. Mrs. Walton explained Saturday school had been held on Saturday, March 6. Plans are to do this again on March 20 and April 10. Mrs. Walton stated 350 + students attended the first session. Staff participation was voluntary.

Mr. Henson shared the following upcoming events with board members:

FCMS "Trout in the Classroom Program" - trout release at Tammen Park is scheduled to take place on Friday, May 7, 2010, at 10:00 A.M. The 7th Grade science teachers hope to release about 300 fish this year.

FCMS Leadership Team will be hosting a Spring Dance on Friday, May 7, 2010, from 3:30 P.M. until 6:30 P.M. in the school gym.

Wrestling Banquet - Mr. Dennis L. Wilson, FCHS Head Wrestling Coach, would like to invite all board members to the 2009 Wrestling Banquet. It will be held in the Fannin Co. High School Lunchroom on April 5, 2010, at 7 P.M. Dress is very casual.

Mr. Henson stated the five school board members are in the spotlight the week of March 8-12 for the 2010 School Board Appreciation Week. The week's theme, "School boards: The voice and vision for public schools," focuses attention both on the importance of board service and the board's responsibilities to ensure a well-rounded education for children in its public schools. "Board members here truly represent their neighbors as the voice for public schools, both in this community and with their fellow elected representatives," said Mark Henson, Superintendent. "This year in particular, they are facing tremendous challenges because of the economy and increasing funding cuts which directly impact students, staff, and services. At the same time, they must think ahead as we plan for future needs, such as buildings, instructional programs, and personnel." "Fannin County Board decisions affect some 3,109 students, 475 employees, 229 substitutes, and five schools." Board Chairman Terry Bramlett, a business man who has six years of board experience, serves with the following members: Bobby Bearden, a business man with eight years of experience; Lewis DeWeese, a business man with 17 years of experience; Emily Dunn, a business women with 10 years of experience; and Clarence Farmer, Jr., a retired business man with four years of experience.

Mr. Henson stated handouts were in board member packets about Georgia School Board Association legislative agenda position and representatives. Mr. Henson asked board members to review the packets and to be prepared to discuss their position at an upcoming meeting.

Board Members' Comments:

Bobby Bearden stated his number one goal was to represent the children of Fannin County. Mr. Bearden stated he was glad to be here, and it was a privilege to serve on the board.

Junior Farmer thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Mr. Farmer stated he appreciated the board members. Mr. Farmer also stated he tried to strive for a quality education for the children.

Lewis DeWeese stated he was impressed with Art Hubbard, Assistant Superintendent, being able to save \$66,000 on the stadium construction contract.

Terry Bramlett stated Ms. Dunn was unable to attend the meeting because she was out of town on business; however, she had called in and discussed the board agenda with him. Mr. Bramlett thanked everyone for their attendance at the board meeting. Mr. Bramlett stated he appreciated the hard work Associate Superintendent Cynthia Panter put into the Board Standards review process, and he also appreciated the board's

willingness to go through the evaluation process. Mr. Bramlett stated it was an honor to serve the kids of Fannin County.

There being no further business to come before the board, 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

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