

June 11, 2015  
6:00 p.m.

The Fannin County Board of Education met in regular session with the following members present: Steve Stanley, Chair; Sandra Mercier, Vice-Chair; Bobby Bearden; Terry Bramlett; and Lewis DeWeese. All members present.

The meeting was called to order by Steve Stanley, Chair.

By motion from Sandra Mercier, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the following items on the consent agenda. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Approve the meeting minutes from May 14, June 5, and June 9, 2015.

Approve the following facility use requests:

Fannin County High School Cheerleaders – Use of New Gym for Community Cheer Camp for grades kindergarten through eighth – July 6 – 8, 2015, 5:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.; and

Fannin County High School CNA Class – Use of CTAE Health Science Classroom and Lab for CNA Class (2) – July 18, July 20-24, July 30, 31, and August 22, 2015.

Approve the following field trip requests:

Mountain Education Charter Fannin County Middle School- Stone Mountain Theme Park, Stone Mountain, GA, on June 18, 2015, 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Approve the following fundraiser requests:

Blue Ridge Elementary School – Participation in Casual Wear Days – August 10 – 27, 2015;

Blue Ridge Elementary School – Sale of raffle tickets for a chance to win handcrafted holiday accessories – August 10, 2015 – May 6, 2016;

Blue Ridge Elementary School – Sale of Great American Chocolate Bars – September 10 – 24, 2015;

East Fannin Elementary School – Sale of Laundry Detergent – August through September 2015;

Fannin County Middle School FFA – Carwash – June 13, 2015, or rain date of June 20, 2015;

Fannin County High School Cheerleaders – Sale Sponsorships for the back of the Stadium Seats – June 15 – August 7, 2015;

Fannin County High School Cheerleaders – Ten percent of Dairy Queen sales – June 15 – August 7, 2015;

Fannin County High School Cheerleaders – Ten percent of Zaxby’s sales – June 15 – August 7, 2015;

Fannin County High School FFA – Sale of meat sticks – August 10 through September 15, 2015.

Public Comment:

None.

After public comment, a motion was made by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the financial report for the month of April. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Mr. Henson stated the SPLOST check received in May for the month of April was \$348,838.40.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Lewis DeWeese to approve the spending resolution for the month of July 2015 (see attached). All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to confirm, declare, and approve the SPLOST IV election results (see attached). All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the request for approval of maximum price for the for the Blue Ridge Elementary School New Three-Classroom Addition Breakdown to be paid out of SPLOST funds at a cost of \$1,051,996.00. Buddy Benefield Construction was approved as the Construction Manager at Risk. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to approve Replacement Window Pricing for Blue Ridge Elementary School to Southeastern Window Concepts, Mark Easterling, for the amount of \$49,727.00 for all 33 windows with operable escape casement vent and/or \$45,362.00 for 17 operable windows and 16 fixed windows to be paid out of SPLOST funds. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve a proposal from Mundy’s Heating & Air, Inc. to replace the exhaust hood in the cafeteria kitchen at East Fannin Elementary School for \$36,810.00 to be paid out of SPLOST funds. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to approve East Fannin Elementary School clocks as salvage. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve West Fannin Elementary School plumbing upgrade for the boys and girls restroom at the front office to be done by All Choice Plumbing in the amount of \$32,344.61 to be paid out of SPLOST funds. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to accept bids for School Nutrition Surplus Equipment (see attached). All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to approve the following School Nutrition Program equipment as salvage. All members voted yes; motion carried.

ID#	Item Description	Make	Model	Serial #	Date Received	Unit Cost
0000235	Kettle, Steam	Groen	DH40	121101	08/31/84	\$5,800.00

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the Purchase of 60 Apple iPad Air devices for FCMS from Apple in the amount of \$28,380.00 to be paid out of SPLOST funds. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to approve the Purchase of 64 desktop computers and monitors purchased from Bytespeed in the amount of \$40,000.00 to be paid out of SPLOST funds. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve West Fannin Elementary School's greenhouse project to be done by Atlas Manufacturing, Inc. in the amount of 32,759.40 to be paid out of SPLOST funds. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to table Board Policy JGJA - Suicide Prevention (see attached) – for public comment and to be approved at the next regularly scheduled meeting. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to table Board Policy DJEAC - Purchasing or Credit Card Use (see attached) – for public comment and to be approved at the next regularly scheduled meeting. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to table revised Board Policy - JCDAG – Bullying (see attached) – for public comment and to be approved at the next regularly scheduled meeting. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to table revised Board Policy – JGI – Child Abuse or Neglect (see attached) – for public comment and to be approved at the next regularly scheduled meeting. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to table revised Board Policy – JCDAE – Weapons (see attached) – for public comment and to be approved at the next regularly scheduled meeting. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to table revised Board Policy – JCDAC – Student Drug Use (see attached) – for public comment and to be approved at the next regularly scheduled meeting. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to table revised Board Policy – JGCD – Medication (see attached) – for public comment and to be approved at the next regularly scheduled meeting. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Karen Walton, Director of Instructional Services, asked the Board for input on our District-Wide Strategic Plan. The District-wide School Improvement Team and school level School Improvement Teams worked in collaboration to add strategy (d) to Strategic Goal #1. The addition is as follows: Use common assessments and common grading to establish consistent expectations and priorities with a grade level or course leading to increased student achievement. This addition is in response to a recommendation from our AdvancED/SACS district-wide accreditation visit in May 2014.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to go into executive session to discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee or to interview applicants for the position of superintendent (O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(b)(2)). All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to resume regular session. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Steve Stanley, Chair, announced no action was taken while in executive session.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve executive session minutes from May 14, 2015. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden seconded by Terry Bramlett, to rescind the resignation of Timothy Davenport. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to accept the resignation of Heather Boyle effective June 11, 2015. Steve Stanley, Sandra Mercier, Terry Bramlett and Bobby Bearden voted yes; Lewis DeWeese abstained; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to accept the resignation of Laura C. Evans effective end of school year. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to accept the resignation of Lori Sims effective end of school year. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve Donna Weaver as a paraprofessional. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to approve Chad Anderson as a custodian. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve Crystal Walker as a nutrition food service assistant. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve Amy Buchanan as assistant payroll and finance bookkeeper. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve Deanna Beth Ware as a half-time special education specialist and half-time teacher. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve Heather Boyle as a half-time teacher. Steve Stanley, Sandra Mercier, Terry Bramlett, and Bobby Bearden voted yes; Lewis DeWeese abstained; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to approve Betty Jo Corn as substitute teacher. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Sandra Mercier, to approve Doyal Petty as substitute custodian. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to renew Mark Henson's Superintendent contract for three years: July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2018. All members voted yes; motion carried.

#### Superintendent's Comments:

Mark Henson stated there was so much to be proud of: Having a safe school year, a safe graduation and having support from the staff and community. Mr. Henson thanked the Board for having a successful school year. He asked Cynthia Panter, Associate Superintendent, to share information with the Board. Ms. Panter stated she has been elected to be on the Economic Development Board to represent the school system. She explained her role on the committee. She also serves as Vice-Chair of the Chamber of Commerce Board. Ms. Panter looks forward to serving in both of these roles. Ms. Panter said employers have mentioned the need for employees to have soft skills as they enter the work force. She said Fannin County High School has a Soft Skills Program in place to help students to be ready as an employee to go into the work place.

#### Board Members' Comments:

Steve Stanley told Mr. Henson it was an honor to work with him and an honor to call him a friend.

Sandra Mercier congratulated Denver Foster for being the top mechanic in the state of Georgia and Tom Cook who placed 10<sup>th</sup> in the state. Mrs. Mercier congratulated Mark Henson for his three-year Superintendent's contract.

Lewis DeWeese thanked everyone for attending the meeting and stated he is proud to be a part of the system.

Terry Bramlett thanked the principals of the schools for attending the Board meeting and appreciated their support.

Bobby Bearden said he appreciated everybody's attendance, and he looks forward to seeing the governance teams in place and giving them control over what they have been assigned to do.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, a motion was made by Bobby Bearden, 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.

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Steve Stanley, Chairperson

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Mark Henson, Superintendent

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