

June 12, 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; Junior Farmer; Terry Bramlett, Vice-Chairperson; and Emily Dunn.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the agenda as amended with the addition of an extra fund raiser.

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 April 2008. Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated the SPLOST check received in May for the month of March was \$286,830.02.

Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated our fiscal year 2007 audit is complete and per the draft copy we received, we had no financial statement findings or federal award findings for fiscal year 2007.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the tentative budget for FY2009. Mr. Henson discussed with the board a time line for the budget, and it was decided the budget would be advertised on June 20 and June 27. Then a special session would be held on June 30 to receive public comment, and afterwards the budget would be approved.

Art Hubbard, Assistant Superintendent, gave the board an update on the pros and cons of using sod versus turf. Mr. Hubbard asked the board for direction on how to write the upcoming stadium bids. All board members agreed to consider sod as the base bid and artificial turf as an add alternate with the exception of Junior Farmer who stated he did not want to consider artificial turf.

Candice Sisson, Director of School Nutrition, proposed lunch prices increase by .25 cents for students enrolled in Fannin County Board of Education Schools, adults employed by the Fannin County Board of Education, and children not enrolled in Fannin Schools. Ms. Sisson also proposed a .50 cents price increase for adults not employed by the school system. In addition Ms. Sisson proposed teachers and paraprofessionals that eat breakfast in the classroom pay the new \$1.75 fee set for breakfast. Motion, seconded, and carried to approve these increases.

Angela Berrong, Director of Student Services, gave board members examples of belief statements prepared by other board of educations and asked the board to prepare their own list of beliefs so they could be added to the strategic plan.

Members of the Fannin High Leadership Team and one of the Professional Learning Communities at the high school gave presentations on attendance and discipline issues at the high school. Proposed solutions were given, and the team asked the board to review the proposed changes and let them know which items they were willing to support.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve a resolution to surplus the Mineral Bluff property. (See attached).

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve a lease-purchase agreement with Ninth District Opportunity, Inc. to lease-purchase the property located at 8731 Lakewood Highway in Mineral Bluff, GA (See attached).

Upon the recommendation of Mark Henson, Superintendent, the Graduation Requirements – 2008-09+ Policy/Descriptor Code: IHF (6) and the Financial Reports Policy/Descriptor Code: DIB were presented to the board for review. These policies will be tabled and be voted on at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

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

Fannin County Quarterback Club – use of visitors’ side concession stand during 2008 football season.

Fannin County High School Cheerleaders – use of old gym at Fannin County High School, June 30 – July 3, 2008.

Fannin County High School Cheerleaders – use of old gym at Fannin County High School, July 21 – 25, 2008

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

Fannin County High School Cheerleaders – Youth Cheerleading Camp, June 30 – July 4, 2008

Fannin County High School FFA – Sale of ads for FFA calendar, August 1 – September 1, 2008

Fannin County High School FFA – Dodge/FFA Hometown Scholarship Program, August 18 – November 28, 2008

Fannin County High School Cheerleaders – Hot Dog and Coke Sale at Save-A-Lot, June 26 – 28, 2008

Public Comment:

None.

Moved, seconded, and carried to employ Anne Soriero, James “Jim” McFarland, Maranda Ensley, and Robert McFarland as high school teachers for the 2008-2009 school year contingent upon each person acquiring Georgia Certificates if they do not currently have one.

Moved, seconded, and carried to employ Russell Bell as a Technology Specialist at Fannin County High School beginning the 2008-2009 school year.

Board Members' Comments:

Emily Dunn stated she appreciated the work that went into the FY09 school budget.

Terry Bramlett stated he appreciated the presentations given by the Fannin County High School Leadership Team and Professional Learning Community Team, and that he would review the information presented by this group. Mr. Bramlett also asked everyone to remember the Boy Scouts who were killed by a tornado at the Iowa Boy Scout Camp earlier in the week.

Junior Farmer stated he is glad progress is being made on moving dirt in preparation of redoing the stadium.

Garnett Webb stated he appreciated everyone for coming out. Mr. Webb also stated he wanted to remind everyone he had six months left as a board member and hoped everyone would support him for the Post 1 Board of Commissioner position.

Bobby Bearden stated he was glad to be here.

Superintendent's Comments:

Mr. Henson presented board members with certificates of appreciation from the Youth Apprenticeship Program. Mr. Henson also passed along an e-mail from Sandy Acker, School Nurse, thanking board members for having the foresight of purchasing AEDs before it became a requirement. Legislation passed this year requires AEDs to be accessible at all school sponsored sporting events.

Mr. Henson stated each board member should have received a packet which stated GSBA's position on upcoming issues. Mr. Henson stated he would like all board members to review this information and to share their thoughts with Mr. Bramlett before he goes to Savannah as a delegate representing the school board.

Mr. Henson also gave board members a copy of the budget time line.

Mr. Henson stated he has been through his first year as Superintendent, and he appreciated the support the board has given him.

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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