

April 12, 2007

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.

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 2007.

Mary Ann Sneed, System Technology Specialist, and Denise Messer, Central Office Secretary, gave board members an overview of how the eBoard software would work and a timeline for implication.

Dr. Michael Gwatney, Principal of East Fannin Elementary, gave an update on the role the School Improvement Team in the School Improvement process.

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

Fannin County Recreation Department – use of West Fannin Elementary School Cafeteria to serve lunches to day camp participants – June 4 to July 13, 2007

Fannin County Recreation Department – use of West Fannin Elementary School Football Field – July 9 to November 1, 2007

Fannin County Royal Rebels Softball 12 and up – use of Fannin County High School Old Gym – On Monday, Tuesday, and Thursdays from April to July 2007

Appalachian Community Bank – use of Fannin County High School Old Gym – April 27, 2007

Fannin County Quarterback Club – use of visitor side concession stands during varsity games and use of home side concession stand during Junior Varsity and scrimmage games – 2007 football season

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

ALPHA students – Atlanta Civic Center/Titanic Exhibit in Atlanta, GA for April 30, 2007

East Fannin Elementary Third Grade – Chattanooga Science Museum in Chattanooga, TN for May 10, 2007

West Fannin Elementary Third Grade – Oconoluftee Indian Village in Cherokee, N.C. for May 14, 2007

Fannin County Middle & Fannin High School TSA – TSA State Conference in Perry, GA for April 19 – 21, 2007

Fannin County Middle School Yearbook – Yearbook Camp in Gallatin, TN for June 4 – 6, 2007

Fannin County High School HOSA – HOSA meeting for National Competition preparation in Covington, GA for April 13, 2007

Fannin County High School Art Class – High Museum of Art in Atlanta, GA for April 18, 2007

Fannin County High School FFA – FFA officer elections in Acworth, GA for April 19, 2007

Fannin County High School AP U.S. History – Georgia Renaissance Festival in Fairburn, GA for April 26, 2007

Fannin County High School Skills USA – Skills USA State Competition in Duluth, GA for April 26 – 28, 2007

Fannin County High School FFA – FFA State Convention in Macon, GA for April 26 – 28, 2007

Fannin County High School FFA – FFA State Natural Resources Career Development Event in Athens, GA for May 4 – 5, 2007

Fannin County High School FFA – FFA area awards banquet in Rome, GA for May 10, 2007

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following fundraiser requests:

East Fannin Elementary – Sale of individual student pictures, May 1, 2007

Fannin County High School Cheerleading – Sale of Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, April 21, 2007

Fannin County High School Skills USA – Car Wash, April 21, 2007

Fannin County High School Chorus – Benefit Concert, May 3, 2007

Fannin County High School HOSA – Sale of BBQ plates, May 5, 2007

Fannin County High School Cheerleading – Sale of Krispy Dreme Doughnuts, May 12, 2007

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the distribution of “Need to Talk” cards to all the public schools in Fannin County by Fannin County Family Connections.

Art Hubbard, Director of Instructional Services, gave the board an update on the various construction projects (see attachment).

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve a change order to raise the elevation of the East Fannin Elementary new gym addition from 17” below the existing building elevation to 14” below the existing building elevation, and to approve a change order to install HVAC digital controls at the West Fannin Elementary addition.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Steve Beaver to remove the house, tress, and all debris on Highland Street at a cost of \$9,000.00.

Moved, seconded, and carried to award a bid for lawn mowing to Daniel Garland of A & B Services for East Fannin Elementary, Fannin Middle School, and Fannin High School and to Dennis Dewayne Henderson for Blue Ridge Elementary and West Fannin Elementary for April 15 – October 15, 2007.

Moved, seconded, and carried to seek bids from the banking community for the checking account.

Moved, seconded, and carried to go into executive session to review an appeal from a Student Disciplinary Tribunal (Hearing Officer, Panel); (OCGA 20-2-757); 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; (O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(6)); and to discuss the future acquisition of real estate; (O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(4)).

Moved, seconded, and carried to resume regular session.

Bobby Bearden, Chairman, announced that the only action taken in executive session was in regard to an appeal made to a student disciplinary tribunal decision. A summary of the incident and the disposition is as follows: A student at the high school was charged with distributing an altered substance. A student disciplinary tribunal was convened and found the student guilty of the offense. The tribunal decision placed the student at the alternative school for the remainder of this school year. On appeal, the board modified the recommendation of the tribunal and rules as follows: 1. The student will be placed on intensive probation for the balance of this year continuing through the first semester of 2007-2008 school year. 2. Student will receive counseling by the counseling staff at the high school with the goal of graduation.

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept the resignations of Casey Gooch, Louise Towe, Libby Shook, Karen Rankin, and Rebecca Mauney effective at the end of the 2006-2007 school year.

Moved, seconded, and carried to employ Miranda A. Rhodes as a certified teacher for the 2007-08 school year

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following substitutes:

Substitute Transportation:

Ann Lovell

Substitute Teachers:

Jennifer Cearley
Teresa Tate

Substitute Custodian:

Virginia Stanley

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the attached list of certified personnel for the 2007-2008 school year.

Bobby Bearden, Chairman, asked if there was a motion for the position of Superintendent. Emily Dunn made a motion that Mark Henson be employed for this position as of July 1, 2007, seconded by Terry Bramlett. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Sandra H. Mercier, Superintendent, stated our fiscal year 2006 audit is complete and per our post audit conference which we had on Wednesday, we had no findings for fiscal year 2006. Mrs. Mercier further stated the audit was very thorough and extensive particularly in the areas of Title I, Special Education, and School Nutrition federal programs.

Board Members' Comments:

Emily Dunn stated she was glad to be here.

Terry Bramlett stated he appreciated Mary Ann Sneed and Denise Messer for their e-Board presentation. Mr. Bramlett also stated he appreciated Dr. Michael Gwatney for his presentation as well as Art Hubbard for his.

Junior Farmer stated he appreciated Lonnie Cole for showing him around the system-wide technology facility this past week. Mr. Farmer also stated he appreciated Mark Henson for accepting the Superintendent position.

Garnett Webb stated he appreciated Mary Ann Sneed and Dr. Michael Gwatney for their presentations. Mr. Webb also stated he feels good about our school system and the direction we are headed. Mr. Webb further stated he appreciated Joe Webb for attending the meeting.

Bobby Bearden stated he appreciated the article Sandra Mercier put in the local newspaper about board members. Mr. Bearden also stated he appreciated the work board members do. Mr. Bearden further stated he was proud of the work the Fannin Middle School students and staff have done with the Trout in the Classroom program and appreciated the tee shirt the students designed on behalf of this program. Mr. Bearden also stated he was glad Mark Henson accepted the Superintendent position.

Superintendent's Comments:

Mrs. Mercier gave board members a book of revised policies which are a result of reviewing our current policies in an effort to make sure they are up to date and ready to be put on-line via the ePolicy software which is offered through Georgia School Board Association (GSBA). Mrs. Mercier asked board members to review the book of revised policies. Mrs. Mercier explained the goal was to present the revised policy manual to the board at the May meeting, have the policies lie on the table for 30 days and approve the revised policy manual at the June meeting.

Mrs. Mercier announced that Fannin High School has received an Instructional Technology Enhanced Environments (ITEE) Grant in the amount of \$96,250. Mrs. Mercier thanked the following five high school teachers for their assistance in writing the grant: Rusty Logan, Walter Mauney, Jennifer Workman, Robert Ensley, and Don Mull. She also thanked Cynthia Panter for coordinating the work for this grant.

Mrs. Mercier suggested board members hold a retreat in May to study the budget.

Mrs. Mercier also congratulated Mark Henson on his new position which will begin July 1.

Public Comment:

Joe Webb thanked Bobby Bearden for going to the capital on March 19 with him and other representatives of the Fannin County volunteer program. Mr. Webb stated Fannin is in line to receive a grant for this program. Mr. Webb also stated he was speaking unofficially on behalf of the library and encouraged the board to consider continuing to make monetary contributions in fiscal year 2008 to the library.

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.

BRES Construction Update 4/12/2007

BRES PE Facility
Interior block work complete

A/C units on site – Duct installation 90% complete
Interior plumbing & electrical rough complete
Basketball goals installed
Sound panels installed
Entrance structure complete
Gutters and downspouts complete

BRES Classroom Addition

Bathroom fixtures 75% complete
HVAC units running to prep building for VCT installation
Drywells for HVAC units complete
Canopy and sidewalk complete
Fire sprinkler system 95% complete
Interior doors hung and stained

WFES Construction Update 4/12/2007

WFES Classroom Addition

Drywall (Firewall) installation 95% complete
Ceiling grid (Firewall) 95% complete
Brick work complete
Painting 60% complete
Window installation 80% complete
Millwork on site

WFES PE Facility

Demolition of existing gym 75% complete
Exterior block work complete
Metal siding 90% complete
Brickwork complete
Painting 80% complete
Electrical wiring 75% complete

EFES PE Facility

Demolition of old gym complete
Initial site prep complete
Structural steel, siding, board insulation on site

FCHS HVAC Renovation

Complete

BRES Gym/Cafeteria Renovation

Awaiting check set plans from architect

FCMS HVAC Renovation

Changes made to preliminary drawings
Architect to resubmit to GADOE and state Fire Marshall
HVAC units on order

RECOMMENDATIONS -- CERTIFIED PERSONNEL:

Abbott, Barry	Davis, Sarah	Jones, Brenda	Robinson, Lora
Abernathy, Gail	Denton, Joan	Jones, Debbie	Sansone, LaTasha
Allmon, Emmie	Dillard, Melinda	Jourdan, Katrina	Satterfield, Melanie
Anglim, Erica	Dillard, Theresa	Kaye, Julia	Scarth, Gwen
Bailey, Diane	Dixon, Amanda	Kendall, Jill	Scearce, Yvette
Barnes, Cindi Barnes, Rebecca	Dockery, Aline	Key, Jill	Scott, Audra
Barnstead, Julia	Drennan, William	Kimzey, Jane	Scott, Diane
Barnstead, Scott	Drummonds, Judith	King, Barbara	Sellers, Donna
Barrett, Mary Beth	DuBois, Patricia	King, Jennifer	Shields, Carol
Baugh, Celeste	Dyer, Brenda	King, Melissa	Shuler, Geraldine
Bennett, Ashley	Eavenson, Amanda	Knight, Jessilyn	Sims, Lori
Birchmore, Jodi	Elliott, Sharon	Ladd, Donna	Sisson, Linda
Boyce, Pam	Ensley, Robert	Lang, Dianne	Slagle, Patricia
Branham, Edward	Estep, Mayra	Lapham, Pamela	Smith, Susan
Branham, Terri	Farmer, Donna	Lariscy, Sarah	Smith, Lois
Branscomb, Heather	Farmer, Johnny	Logan, Russell	Sowers, Hope
Brown, Kelly	Finley, Heather	Lord, Brenda	Stanfield, Raven
Bruce, Pamela	Fleeman, Shannon	Lowman, Kelly	Stanley, Jason
Bryant, Scott	Forney, David	Manuel, Pete	Stanley, Sharon
Bryson, Martha	Gaban, Myra	Marcum, Edward	Strickland, Frances
Burch, Lynn	Galloway, Debbie	Martin, Janis	Summers, Tami
Burgess-Phillips, Lesa	Garland, Betty J	Mashburn, Chris	Tamberino, Ashley
Burke, Carol	Gilreath, Stacy	Mathews, Rhonda	Taylor, Karen
Burlingame, Sandra	Gobble, Althea	Mathis, Pamela	Taylor, Jill
Callihan, Robbi	Gooch, Casey	Mathis, Rita	Taylor, Khalisa B
Callihan, Terry	Gouchnour, Thomas Gray, Donna	Mauney, Walter	Taylor, Lisa
Callihan, Tonya	Grice, Kimberley	Miller, Karen	Taylor, Peggy
Campbell, Carol	Griffith, Sharon Grubb, Michele	Moates, Elden	Terry, Melissa
Chambers, Gregory	Gwatney, Jill	Mull, Donald	Thomas, Dewayne
Chambers, Stacy	Hamby, Michelle	Nave, Linda	Thomas, Michelle
Chapman, Buffy	Harper, Dana	Nicholson, Sharon	Thomas, Tammy
Cheyne, Don	Harper, Karan	Pack, Patricia	Tichler, Anthony
Clement, Myra A	Harper, Karan	Parris, Angela	Walden, Sandra
Clow, Genevieve	Hartigan, Lauren	Parris, Cheryl	Walker, Jennifer
Cochran, Debra	Hartigan, Lauren	Pass, Blake	Ware, Beth
Cochran, Jennifer	Helton, Angela	Pass, Suzianne	Warren, Rosemary
Cole, Sharon	Helton, Ann	Patterson, Elaine	Watkins, Nancy
Collins, David	Helton, Ann	Patterson, Kim	Watkins, Serena
Collis, Alan	Hemming, Anona	Payne, Eddie	Weaver, Jeffrey
Collis, Heather	Hampton, Don	Payne, Eddie	Weaver, Linda
Collis, Troyia	Henry, Lora	Perry, Amanda	Weaver, Vanessa
Cook, Jessica	Henry, Vicki	Phillips, Steve	Weeks, Krystal
Cooke, Crystal	Hensley, John	Pickelsimer, Courtney	Weeks, Lynn
Corbin, Mary	Henson, Stacy	Pugh, June	Weldon, Shirley
Craig, Janice	Henson, Stacy	Putnam, Annette Quinn, Cindy	Wheat, Michelle
Crenshaw, Mark	Herndon, Marie	Quintrell, Dani	White, Elizabeth Ann
Crenshaw, Sharon	Hincke, Richard	Reece, Dustina	Whittenbarger, Bian
Crisp, Frank	Holloway, Kathrin	Reed, Vellanea	Williams, Martha
Culpepper, Kathy	Holsonback, Betty	Reed, Vellanea	Wilson, Dennis
Culpepper, Shannon	Horton, Lawana	Reeves, John	Workman, Jennifer
Danner, Alison	Hubbard, Charlene	Reynolds, Page	York, Shannon
Davenport, Betty	Huff, Connie	Reynolds, Wendy	Young, Angela
Daves, Penny	Hughes, Danette	Rice, Milicent	Young, Mark
Davis, Mary Lou	Ingle, Shelia	Rich, Selena	
	Jenkins, Lori	Roberson, Christina	
	Jessen, Nancy		
	Johnston, William		