

July 8, 2010  
6:00 p.m.

The Fannin County Board of Education met in regular session with the following members present: Terry Bramlett, Chairperson; Emily Dunn, Vice-Chairperson; Bobby Bearden; Lewis DeWeese; and Junior Farmer. All members present.

Mark Henson, Superintendent, recommended the agenda be amended to include the approval of the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Policy. Moved, seconded, and carried to include the FMLA Policy.

Mr. Henson stated a facility use request had been received since the work session, and he recommended the requests be pulled off of the consent agenda.

By motion of Emily Dunn, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, a unanimous affirmative vote was given to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

Approve the agenda.

Approve the board minutes from June 10 and July 6, 2010.

Approve the following fund raiser requests:

Blue Ridge Elementary School – Sale of QSP Reader’s Digest gift items, August 13 – September 3, 2010;

Blue Ridge Elementary School – Sale of Strawbridge Studios Portraits, September 2010 and May 2011;

Fannin County High School FFA – Sale of meat sticks, August 15 – September 30, 2010;

East Fannin Elementary School – Sale of QSP Reader’s Digest gift items, August 13 – September 8, 2010;

East Fannin Elementary School – Sale of Strawbridge Studio Portraits, August 24, 2010;

East Fannin Elementary School – Sale of Strawbridge Studio Portraits, March 11, 2011;

East Fannin Elementary School – “Dough Raisers” – coupons for discounted pizzas and donations given to East Fannin Elementary School, August 2010 – May 2011;

East Fannin Elementary School – Sale of QSP World’s Finest Chocolates, February 2011 to May 2011; and

East Fannin Elementary School PBS Team – Bake sales; parents, volunteers and staff will provide snacks for students to buy after lunch one day a month, August 2010 to May 2011.

Mark Henson, Superintendent, also presented the board with the following fundraisers requests. This information was presented as information only. No vote was necessary.

East Fannin Elementary School PTO 2010 – 2011 school year requests:

- PTO Snack Day
- World's Finest Chocolates Candy Bars
- Fall Festival in October
- Pictures with Santa in December
- The Ornament Shop at Christmas (proceeds to support Accelerated Reader program)
- Heart-O-Grams and messaged stuffed animals for Valentines' Day
- Penny War
- Dairy Queen night
- BINGO night
- Box Tops program

Fannin County High School Tip Off Club – Community youth basketball camp, July 19 – 23, 2010; and

Fannin County High School Touchdown Club – Community youth football camp, June 21, 22, and 24, 2010.

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

Fannin County Recreation Department – use of West Fannin Elementary School football field for recreational football practices from July 19 to November 19, 2010 on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Fannin County High School Soccer Booster Club – use of Fannin County High School grass practice field on July 13 – 16, 2010 for soccer camp for current and incoming players.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the financial report for the month ending May 2010. Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated the SPLOST check received in June for the month of April was \$274,378.07.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve a resolution to change the Debt Service Account/Projects Account Custodian for Outstanding Bonds of the Fannin County School District from United Community Bank to Community & Southern Bank.

Public Comment:

None.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the revised policy for Federal Family & Medical Leave Act/Descriptor Code: GBRIG that was presented at the April 8, 2010 board meeting. The revised policy incorporates recommended changes from the Georgia School Board Association which were necessary due to changes in the federal law.

Cynthia Panter, Associate Superintendent, presented the board with a plaque for attaining Standards for Local Boards of Education with the Georgia School Boards

Association (GSBA). Ms. Panter also presented board members with a list of criteria to meet Georgia School Board Association (GSBA) Board of Distinction Classifications. Motion, seconded, and carried to begin the Board of Distinction process.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the bid from Seneca for the purchase of 64 computers for a total of \$39,936.00 out of SPLOST II funds.

Mark Henson, Superintendent, gave the board an update on the 2009 Sales Ratio for Fannin County Board of Education. Mr. Henson stated the appeal was held on Wednesday, July 7 and based off of information presented by the tax assessors office. The sales ratio for Fannin County was changed from 31.55 to 33.38.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the FY11 budget timeline and the FY11 tentative budget (see attached). The final budget will be approved on Tuesday, July 27 at 5:00 p.m.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the millage timeline and the tentative millage at 12.90 mills. The final millage will be approved on Tuesday, July 27 at 5:30 p.m.

Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated no requests were received for the surplus eight lots of obsolete equipment and classroom furniture at Fannin County High School.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the resignation of Richard Blood.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Ricky Burgess as custodian at Blue Ridge Elementary.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Jesse Riehl as paraprofessional at East Fannin Elementary School.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approved Crystal Hughes and Heather Cobb as school nutrition workers.

Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated Rhonda Anderson would be transferred from Fannin County High School to West Fannin Elementary School. Mr. Henson stated there was no need for board action.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following substitute school nutrition workers for the 2010 – 2011 school year:

Wanda Williams Arp  
Roseanne Bond  
Scott Brick  
Lynne Carpenter  
Sandra Kaye Rose-Chastain  
Cynthia Cracknell  
Joy A. Culver  
Julia Dales  
Crystal Dilbeck  
Janet Dillard  
Alanna Edwards  
Suzanne Hamilton  
Mary Jane Hubbard  
Barbara Isaac  
Lynn Johnson  
Theresa L. Johnson

Edna Dee Jones  
Angela C. Lalak  
Doreen Landry  
Anna Ledfrod  
Dorthea (Dee) Magero  
Wanda Millsaps  
Stephanie O'Neal  
Loretta Owensby  
Linda O. Pack  
Andrea Patterson  
Lisa Payne  
Juanita Petty  
Stacey Postell  
Sherry Ray  
Susan Rhodes  
Roberta Russell  
Valisa Sanders  
William Seber  
Jennifer Trent  
Phyllis Walker  
Deborah Watkins  
Joy Whitfield  
Katie Wright

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following substitute custodians for the 2010 – 2011 school year:

Wanda Arp  
Tommy Bailey  
Scott Brick  
Grady Bryson  
Sandra Kaye Rose-Chastain  
Amy Cochran  
Hazel Cross  
Carl Curtis  
Julia Dales  
Moss Fountain  
Mary Glem  
Lennie Green  
Donnie Johnson  
Lynn Johnson  
Theresia L. Johnson  
Ronnie Lamanac  
Deborah Morgan  
Paul Morgan  
Loretta Owensby  
Linda O. Pack  
Jammie Phillips  
Jerry Rice  
George M. Rogers  
Donald Simpson

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following substitute bus drivers for the 2010 – 2011 school year:

Eddie Ayers  
Misty Callihan  
Leonard Green

Tim Joiner  
Jeff Kaylor  
Wes Kimsey  
Robert McDaniel  
Ricky Patterson  
Don Thomas  
Caroline Thomas  
Shannon Wright

**Emergency Subs**

Alan Collis  
Tom Cook - Mech.  
Tim Davenport – Mech.  
Denver Foster – Mech.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following substitute teachers for the 2010 – 2011 school year:

Kelly Barriault  
Richard Bentiault  
Jerry Boyer  
Terri Branham  
Robin Brodowsky  
Dana Bronstead  
Linda Browning  
Frances Carlisle  
Tracy Carroll  
Kelly Carter  
Shannon Carver  
Jennifer Cearley  
Pamela L. Chastain  
Amanda Cloer  
Amy Cochran  
Kevin Cochran  
Brandi Cook  
Carrie Crawford  
Johnny Cronan  
Jennifer Crosby  
Joy A Culver  
Barbara Davenport  
Mary Lou Davis  
Lisa Deal  
Janet Dillard  
Vicki Dillard  
Jannell Dodson  
Alanna Edwards  
Karen Epperson  
Donna Farmer  
Lola Farmer  
Cathy Foster  
Ronald Foresman  
Moss Fountain  
Anna Garland  
Tara Garland

Tracey Gazaway  
Don Gilliam  
Charlotte Graham  
Kelley Green  
Stan Hamm  
Dawn Harris  
Frances Harris  
Dan Hawkins  
Pat Holloway  
Mary Jane Hubbard  
Lois Hughes  
Tim Joiner  
Edna Dee Jones  
Kathy Sisson Kaylor  
Anna Ledford  
Barbara Ledford  
Carrie Lee  
Louise Little  
Ann Lovell  
Teresa Martin  
Jennifer Mashburn  
Renee Mashburn  
Amy McClure  
Christie McDaniel  
Barbara Middlebrooks  
Jason Morgan  
Becky Morris  
Brooke Nations  
Bart Nelson  
Rebecca Nicholson  
Stephaine O'Neal  
Adrian Owenby  
Loretta Owensby  
Bruce Pack  
Andrea Patterson  
Jammie Phillips  
Brenda Pierce  
Denise Place  
Stacey Postell  
Arlene Prescott  
Samantha Lewis Pugh  
Pat Ratcliff  
Robin Reeves  
Michael Reneau  
Jacob Reuse  
Beverly Reynolds  
Susan Rhodes  
Siegrid Russell  
Kristy Sanchez  
Valisa Sanders  
Nicole Schuknecht  
April Shinpaugh  
Holly Shuler  
Donald Simpson

Faye Sisson  
Shirley Sisson  
Alpha Bailey Smith  
Carol Smith  
Marcia Smith  
Suzianne Soave  
Chuck Soriero  
Rhonda Sowers  
Lisa Stacy  
Tammy Standridge  
Carolyn Thomas  
Nancy Turner  
Karin Tye-Carter  
Angela Usry  
Kim Walden  
Rebekah Walden  
Tonya Thomas Walton  
Brad Watkins  
Linda Weaver  
William Kyle Wells  
Tonya White  
Joy Whitfield  
Wendy P. Brantley-Williams  
Lynn Wilson  
Melcena Woody  
Brenda York

Moved, seconded, and carried to extend Mark Henson's Superintendent contract for three years, July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2013. Terry Bramlett, Chairperson, stated Mr. Henson met all of the performance standards and did so in an admirable fashion on his Superintendent's evaluation in April. Mr. Henson stated there was no change in the pay on his contract.

#### Superintendent's Comments:

Mr. Henson stated he wanted to thank Susan Jackson, Finance Director, for her diligence on preparing the fiscal year 2011 budget. Mr. Henson stated this year's budget process was very stressful with all of the cuts, and he commended prior board members and superintendents on being fiscally responsible over the years to allow the school system to enter fiscal year 2011 financially sound.

#### Board Members' Comments:

Emily Dunn stated she appreciated Terry Bramlett, Chairperson, for spearheading the GSBA's School Board Standards and starting the process of the board becoming a GSBA Board of Distinction. Ms. Dunn commended the board on spending money on upgrading technology throughout the schools. Ms. Dunn stated it was important for the classrooms to be as current as possible with technology so the students would be able to have the skills needed to be competitive at college and in the work force. Ms. Dunn thanked Mark Henson and Susan Jackson for their hard work on the budget. Ms. Dunn stated she knew this was not an easy task with all of the various revenue cuts.

Bobby Bearden stated he was blessed and honored to serve on the board. Mr. Bearden stood up and thanked everyone who had a part in creating the fiscal year 2011 budget for all of their hard work.

Junior Farmer stated he understood money was tight and he was pleased to see the fiscal year 2011 budget allowed students to be in the classroom 180 days. Mr. Farmer stated he appreciated the work that went into the budget and the goal of keeping the millage rate the same while at the same time making sure students received a quality education.

Lewis DeWeese stated it was a good meeting, and it was a privilege to serve on the board. Mr. DeWeese thanked Mr. Henson and his staff for their hard work.

Terry Bramlett stated he was proud the board was willing to seek the GSBA Board of Distinction. Mr. Bramlett stated it was important for the board to set an example of high achievement for the staff and students.

Mr. Bramlett thanked Mark Henson and Susan Jackson from the board and tax payers for their work on the budget. Mr. Bramlett stated the course of Fannin County Schools was sound. Mr. Bramlett stated the budget was an investment in the future and improvements made in education will pay off for many years. Mr. Bramlett also thanked Dr. Michael Gwatney, Technology Director and Candy Sisson, School Nutrition Director, for holding the line on their budgets. Mr. Bramlett also thanked Art Hubbard, Assistant Superintendent, for his attention to detail on the capital projects.

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.

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Terry Bramlett, Chairperson

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Mark Henson, Superintendent

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**FANNIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
TENTATIVE FY2011 BUDGET**

	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>DEBT SERVICE FUND</b>	<b>CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND</b>	<b>SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>				
LOCAL TAXES	14,560,440.00			
LESS: 2.5% COLLECTION FEES	-364,011.00			
SPLOST			3,348,307.00	
INTANGIBLE TAX	308,218.00			
TRANSFER TAX	93,677.00			
TVA	1,126,879.00			
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	125,000.00	15,000.00	30,000.00	
OTHER LOCAL	50,000.00			364,300.00
STATE QBE	12,134,810.00			
STATE GRANTS	142,884.00			44,900.00
FEDERAL IN LIEU OF STATE GRANTS	94,591.00			
FEDERAL GRANTS				3,465,122.00
STIMULUS	237,656.00			631,329.00
TRANSFERS		2,140,259.00		
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>28,510,144.00</b>	<b>2,155,259.00</b>	<b>3,378,307.00</b>	<b>4,505,651.00</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
INSTRUCTION	19,525,930.00			2,258,513.00
SUPPORT SERVICES PUPILS	987,044.00		200,000.00	386,557.00
SUPPORT SERVICES/INSTRUCTIONAL	928,008.00			141,937.60
SUPPORT SERVICES MEDIA	606,621.00			
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	782,527.00			48,079.40
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	2,058,211.00			
MAINTENANCE & OPERATION	2,295,362.00		32,000.00	
TRANSPORTATION	1,920,527.00		320,000.00	
SUPPORT SERVICES/CENTRAL	65,000.00			135,364.00
OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES	10,000.00			1,805,233.00
FACILITIES ACQUISITION/CONSTRUCTION			3,287,536.00	
TRANSFERS			2,140,259.00	
DEBT SERVICE		2,143,158.00		
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>29,179,230.00</b>	<b>2,143,158.00</b>	<b>5,979,795.00</b>	<b>4,775,684.00</b>
<b>Excess of Revenues over(under) Expenditure</b>	<b>-669,086.00</b>	<b>12,101.00</b>	<b>-2,601,488.00</b>	<b>-270,033.00</b>
<b>Estimates Fund Balance 07/01/10</b>	<b>3,854,615.00</b>	<b>2,192,158.00</b>	<b>5,898,636.00</b>	<b>1,417,130.00</b>
<b>Estimated Fund Balance 06/30/11</b>	<b>3,185,529.00</b>	<b>2,204,259.00</b>	<b>3,297,148.00</b>	<b>1,147,097.00</b>

**THE BUDGET WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL ADOPTION BY THE BOARD AT 5:00 P.M. ON  
JULY 27, 2010 AT 2290 EAST FIRST STREET, BLUE RIDGE, GA 30513**

## NOTICE

The Fannin County School Board does hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a meeting to be held at the Office of the School Superintendent on July 27, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. and pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. Section 48-5-32 does hereby publish the following presentation of the current year's tax digest and levy along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.

### CURRENT 2010 TAX DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY

FANNIN COUNTY SCHOOL	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Real & Personal	782,621,220	878,418,205	1,109,744,617	1,191,891,779	1,244,625,440	1,261,082,821
Motor Vehicles	63,404,330	62,574,810	69,819,200	72,908,050	72,965,780	62,398,910
Mobile Homes	1,979,235	2,002,445	1,924,833	1,801,576	1,784,154	1,702,245
Timber - 100%	32,393	49,115	71,892	39,520	0	33,063
Heavy Duty Equipment	164,929	1,290,665	2,809,248	1,095,052	38,488	0
Gross Digest	848,202,107	944,335,240	1,184,369,790	1,267,735,977	1,319,413,862	1,325,217,039
Less M & O Exemptions	101,884,933	106,991,591	169,218,474	178,099,201	187,873,212	196,500,747
Net M & O Digest	746,317,174	837,343,649	1,015,151,316	1,089,636,776	1,131,540,650	1,128,716,292
Gross M&O Millage	13.950	13.950	11.950	12.900	12.900	12.900
Less Rollbacks						
Net M&O Millage	13.950	13.950	11.950	12.900	12.900	12.900
Total School Taxes Levied	\$10,411,125	\$11,680,944	\$12,131,058	\$14,056,314	\$14,596,874	\$14,560,440
Net Taxes \$ Increase	\$740,195	\$1,269,819	\$450,114	\$1,925,256	\$540,560	-\$36,434
Net Taxes % Increase	7.65%	12.20%	3.85%	15.87%	3.85%	-0.25%