

October 12, 2010  
Noon

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

Lois Smith, Fannin County School System 9/11 Memorial Singers Director, presented each board member with a DVD of the video of the Fannin County School System Middle & High School chorus students performing at the unveiling of the iron beam from the World Trade Center (WTC) this past September in Arlington, Virginia at the Iron & Steel WTC Beam Dedication Ceremony. Ms. Smith also presented a Power Point slideshow of picture highlights from this ceremony and other sites visited in Washington, DC. Ms. Smith thanked board members for their support and for their approval of the upcoming trip this summer to Ground Zero in New York City.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the low bid of \$19.75 from Blue Ridge Pharmacy to administer influenza vaccines at all five schools, transportation department, and central office for the next year.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the low bid of \$45.00 from Parris Pharmacy to administer pneumonia vaccines at all five schools, transportation department, and central office for the next year.

Dr. Michael Gwatney, technology director, and Cindy Godfrey, system student information coordinator, presented to board members on the Georgia Department of Education Statewide Longitudinal Data System (SLDS) implementation. Dr. Gwatney explained that data from our district is sent to the Georgia Department of Education. The state is now providing access to this data through the SLDS data tunnel that is being integrated with our student information system. The purpose of the data tunnel is to help districts make data-driven decisions, improve student learning, facilitate research, increase student achievement, and close achievement gaps. Dr. Gwatney stated the (SLDS) data tunnel was funded by the SLDS federal grant. Mrs. Godfrey gave a demonstration on how the data tunnel could be used.

Art Hubbard, assistant superintendent, gave board members an update on the Fannin County High School re-roof project. Mr. Hubbard explained Woodall Roofing had begun the re-roofing project this past Monday, and there were two phases of the work. First a demolition contractor was removing the top layer of roof and insulation and placing it in dumpsters, and next, the insulation and rubber roof were being installed. Mr. Hubbard explained the removal contractor is a licensed asbestos abatement contractor with all appropriate state and federal licenses.

Moved, seconded, and carried 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; (O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(6)).

Moved, seconded, and carried to resume regular session.

Emily Dunn, Vice-Chairperson, announced no action was taken while in executive session.

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept the resignation of John Hensley.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Tommy Bailey as a custodian.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Jeff Kaylor, Weston Kimsey, and Ricky Patterson as bus drivers.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Dixie Fitzgerald as ESOL instructor for two days a week for the 2010 – 2011 school year.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Carmen Booth and Diane Patterson as substitute bus drivers.

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

Diane Adams  
Stefanie Deal  
Kumiko Smith  
Amanda Sisson  
Zach Talley

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the meeting was adjourned.

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Emily Dunn, Vice-Chairperson

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Mark Henson, Superintendent

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