

April 12, 2012
6:00 p.m.

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

By motion from Steve Stanley, seconded by Terry Bramlett, a unanimous affirmative vote was given to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

Approve the consent agenda.

Approve the meeting minutes from March 8 and April 10, 2012.

Approve the following field trip requests:

Blue Ridge Elementary School WBLU News Team – CNN in Atlanta, GA, on May 14, 2012;

East Fannin Elementary School Third Graders – Tellus Science Museum in Cartersville, GA, on May 7, 2012;

Fannin County High School Advanced Web Design Class – Kennesaw State University College of Visual Arts in Kennesaw, GA, on April 17, 2012;

Fannin County High School FFA – FFA Area Awards Banquet – Jasper Middle School in Jasper, GA, on May 8, 2012;

Fannin County High School HOSA – State Officer Training – Hilton Hotel in Athens, GA, on May 18 – 20, 2012;

Fannin County High School Football – Quarterback Receiver Camp – Middle Georgia College in Cochran, GA, on June 2 – 6, 2012; and

Fannin County High School Football – Offensive Line Camp – Middle Georgia College in Cochran, GA, on June 9 – 13, 2012.

Approve the following fundraiser requests:

ALPHA students – Zaxby's night – 10% of sales, April 16 – May 1, 2012;

ALPHA students – McCaysville auction – April 16 – May 7, 2012;

ALPHA students – Sale of doughnuts – April 16 – May 4, 2012;

East Fannin Elementary School PBIS Team – Mini photo shoot with Ann Lambert – May 1 – May 24, 2012;

East Fannin Elementary – Hat pass – May 9, 2012;

Fannin County Middle School FFA – Sale of flower bulbs, seeds, and plants – April 30 – May 6, 2012;

Fannin County High School Skills USA – Sale of Vidalia onions – April 13 – 30, 2012;

Fannin County High School FFA – Plant sale – April 16 – 25, 2012;

Fannin County High School Quarterback Club – Golf tournament – April 16 – 28, 2012;

Fannin County High School FCCLA – Hair Cut-a-Thon – April 22, 2012;

Fannin County High School Student Council – After school foursquare tournament – April 30 – May 17, 2012;

Fannin County High School FCCLA – Mini make over for 6 – 12 year old students – May 12, 2012;

Fannin County High School NAHS – Face painting at Arts in the Park – May 26 – 27, 2012; and

Fannin County High School FCCLA – Car wash – June 9, 2012.

Public Comment:

None.

After public comment, moved, seconded, and carried to approve the financial report for the month ending February 29, 2012. Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated the SPLOST check received in March for the month of January was \$285,702.51.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the purchase of eight Bard wall-hung heat pump systems from Mundy's Heating & Air, Inc. in the amount of \$37,475.00 out of SPLOST funds for Blue Ridge Elementary School.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the purchase of five Bard wall-hung heat pump systems from Mundy's Heating & Air, Inc. in the amount of \$22,150.00 out of SPLOST funds for East Fannin Elementary School.

Moved, seconded, and carried to award a bid for lawn mowing to Gary Stanley for Blue Ridge Elementary, \$378.00 per month, East Fannin Elementary, \$812.00 per month, West Fannin Elementary, \$472.00 per month, Fannin County Middle School, \$752.00 per month, and Fannin County High School, \$1,424.00 per month from April 15 – October 15, 2012.

Mark Henson, Superintendent, presented Cynthia Panter, Associate Superintendent, a certificate from the Georgia Department of Education and the Georgia Professional Standards Commission for Fannin County Schools having met all of the Highly Qualified requirements for teachers and paraprofessionals in 2010 – 2011.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve a maximum class size resolution for the 2012 – 2013 school year authorizing an increase in class size from 1 to 3 students in grades K-12 in Regular Education, 1 to 3 students in English Language Learners (ELL), 1 to 7 students in Gifted, 1 to 3 students in Early Intervention Program (EIP), 1 to 3 students in Remedial Education Program (REP), 1 to 3 students in Vocational (CTAE), 1 to 3 students in Alternative Education Program (AEP), and 1 to 3 students in Special Education.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Sandra Mercier, Board Chair, as the 2012 GSBA delegate for the GSBA summer delegate assembly to be held in Savannah, Georgia, on June 15, 2012, and also to approve any travel expenses associated with this trip.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve a request for proposal for a THERMO-KOOL commercial cooler/freezer to be installed in the cafeteria at West Fannin Elementary School.

Moved, seconded, and carried to accept bids for 12 lots of surplus school property at Fannin County High School (see attached).

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the quote of \$48,643.00 from Mike Collins & Associates, Inc. out of SPLOST funds to complete a computer network virtualization project.

Moved, seconded, and carried to purchase 130 I Pad 2s from Apple, Inc. for \$59,540.00 from Title VI-B Special Education funds.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the resignations of the following personnel:

Myra Gaban	Blue Ridge Elementary effective 05-31-12
Maria Rowse	Blue Ridge Elementary effective 05-31-12
Ruth Thomas	Blue Ridge Elementary effective 05-30-12
Shirley Walker	Blue Ridge Elementary effective 05-31-12
Myra Annette Clement	Fannin County Middle School effective 05-31-12
Lawanna S. Horton	Fannin County Middle School effective 05-31-12
Patricia J. Pack	Fannin County Middle School effective 06-01-12
Amy R. Garton	Fannin County High School effective 06-01-12
Thomas Gouchnour	Fannin County High School effective 05-31-12

Kristin Kay	Fannin County High School effective 06-01-12
Janice P. Long	Fannin County High School effective 05-31-12
Rosemary A. Warren	Fannin County High School effective 06-01-12
David Shively	Fannin County High School effective 06-01-12

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Gwen Sparkman as a certified speech/language pathologist for the remaining 2011 – 2012 school year.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve Lisa Moore and Christina Owens as substitute teachers.

Superintendent's Comments:

Mr. Henson polled the Board for date and time options to bring in state representatives to give the pros and cons of IE2 and Charter Schools. Mr. Henson reminded members Fannin County had to make a decision the first of 2013 to determine in June 2015 which direction the system would go – status quo, IE2, or a Charter system. The census was to have the presentation on Tuesday, May 8, after the work session.

Mr. Henson presented the Board with a card from Blue Ridge Elementary school thanking members for their service.

Mr. Henson congratulated Austin Vest for recognition by the Georgia House of Representatives on February 22, 2012 for being elected the National Vice President of TSA.

Mr. Henson stated the Georgia Department of Education released the 2010 – 2011 Georgia high school graduation rates and Fannin County's rate was 82.18%. Mr. Henson also stated the state average was 67.4%. Mr. Henson stated Georgia used the newly implemented four-year adjusted cohort graduation federal formula to calculate these percentages. Mr. Henson stated Fannin County ranked 22nd out of 186 school systems.

Mr. Henson invited everyone to attend the Trout-in-the-classroom release at Tammen Park in Blue Ridge, Georgia, on Friday, May 4, 2012, at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Henson thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as Superintendent the past five years.

Mr. Henson recognized the Fannin Leadership participants who were present for the meeting. Mr. Henson pointed out Mr. DeWeese, central office staff, and he had all completed the class and found the information presented to be valuable.

Board Members' Comments:

Steve Stanley stated the items approved at tonight's meeting gave good examples of what SPLOST funds can do for a school system. Mr. Stanley stated he was proud of the graduation rates that had been released.

Bobby Bearden stated he appreciated everyone coming out for the meeting. Mr. Bearden thanked Mr. Henson for the outstanding job he had done as Superintendent for Fannin County Schools the past five years. Mr. Bearden stated he enjoyed being able to serve on the Board. Mr. Bearden also thanked Benny Long, Transportation & Safety Director, along with the bus drivers for the excellent job they did for the students. Mr. Bearden stated an 11 year old had passed away earlier in the day that had been run over.

Terry Bramlett stated he supported Bobby Bearden in congratulating Mark Henson for a job well done. Mr. Bramlett stated he appreciated how Mr. Henson ran the school system including being fiscally responsible with his decisions. Mr. Bramlett also stated safety of students was the top priority and ranked above achievement and learning. Mr. Bramlett thanked Fannin County Farm Bureau for their donation for the Fannin County Middle School FFA greenhouse.

Lewis DeWeese welcomed all of the visitors to the meeting. Mr. DeWeese said it was special to have everyone present.

Sandra Mercier stated she was proud of the technology department and their accomplishments of being progressive in their strategy. Mrs. Mercier stated she had seen technology department evolve from an old school bus, to a broom closet, to its present location in the stand-alone technology building. Mrs. Mercier stated you can either embrace technology or you can run from it, and in education you have to embrace it. Mrs. Mercier stated she was proud of the work Mark Henson does for Fannin County Schools.

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 Chair when deemed necessary.

Sandra Mercier, Chairperson

Mark Henson, Superintendent