

Summary of the Facility Visit and Called Board Meeting, August 24, 2010

The Habersham County Board of Education held a Facility Visit and Called Board Meeting at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 24, 2010 at Fairview Elementary School. Present were:

Gilbert Barrett
Robert Barron
Trent DeMore
Meredith McConnell
Pat Taylor
Robert Costley, Superintendent
Mike Sanders, Assistant Superintendent
Jennifer Thacker, Board Attorney

Chair Meredith McConnell called the meeting to order.

The agenda was approved as presented.

The Board entered into Executive Session to discuss personnel.

The Board approved the following personnel recommendations:

Accepted the following resignations:

- Candace Woods – Family Connection Director – effective September 10, 2010
- Kelley Edwards – 3rd Grade Teacher at Fairview Elementary – effective August 13, 2010
- Gary Nunnally – 5th Grade Teacher at Fairview Elementary – effective August 12, 2010
- Wilma Ansley – School Nutrition Assistant at Level Grove Elementary – effective September 14, 2010

Approved the following personnel for 2010-2011:

- Carol Tench – School Nutrition Assistant at Level Grove Elementary
- Christina Cunningham – School Nutrition Assistant at Woodville Elementary
- Jennifer Clayton – School Nutrition Assistant at Level Grove Elementary
- Jimmie Yardley – Substitute Custodian - System Wide
- Sara Taylor – Substitute Custodian – System Wide
- Randall Keeling – Substitute Custodian – System Wide
- Nancy Church – Substitute Custodian – System Wide
- Jennifer Arrington – 5th Grade Teacher at Fairview Elementary
- Candace Brookshire – 3rd Grade Teacher at Fairview Elementary
- David Crisp – SPED Paraprofessional at South Habersham Middle School

Approved the following transfer:

- Dave Christiano – transferring from Full Time Substitute Bus Driver to Full Time Bus Driver

Mr. Costley informed the Board that Habersham County Schools received \$1.4 million dollars from the U.S. Education Jobs bill recently signed by President Obama. This money will be used to pay salary and benefits of school employees this fall instead of local and state funds, which means the system will reduce the amount of funds needed from the system reserve fund. The system had originally budgeted to use almost 4 million dollars in reserves, and this extra funding will reduce that significantly and possibly keep Habersham County Schools in a much more financially healthy position to meet future cuts and impacts of the slow economy.

The Board set a tentative date for the 2nd Annual Education Summit on October 26 at a location to be announced. The Board asked that school-level PTO officers and School Council members be invited.

The Board discussed possible scenarios for middle school redistricting for fall of 2011, and they agreed to discuss the matter further in a called meeting on September 3, 2010.

The meeting was adjourned.