The Fannin County Board of Education met in regular session with the following members present: Terry Bramlett, Chair; Mike Cole, Vice-Chair; Bobby Bearden, and Chad Galloway. Absent was Lewis DeWeese. A quorum was present.

The meeting was called to order by Terry Bramlett, Chair.

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve consent agenda. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Approve the agenda.

Approve the Board meeting minutes from July 13, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.; July 13, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.; July 25, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

Superintendent Shannon Dillard-Miller had Director of Student Services Dr. Connie Huff to share update on the recent back to school bash.

Chief Academic Officer Dr. Lucas Roof and Director of Student Services Dr. Connie Huff shared information about discipline and behavior support. Dr. Laura Riffel was announced to be on site in the fall to conduct training for FCSS teachers.

Dr. Lucas Roof shared an update regarding the recent activities of each School Governance Team (SGT).

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Mike Cole, to approve Collaborative Operating Agreement: Mountain Education Center (MEC). All members voted yes; motion carried. (See attached.)

Chief Operations Officer Darren Danner shared a facility update with the Board.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve Construction Manager at Risk for the FCSS Greenhouse. All members voted yes; motion carried. (See attached.)

Motion by Mike Cole, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve Capital Outlay Program Application. All members voted yes; motion carried. (See attached.)

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve TVA Transmission Line Easement. All members voted yes; motion carried. Terry Bramlett did ask if there was any possibility for the need for the extra land for access/easement for ingress/egress. Darren Danner replied, "No." (See attached.)

There was no public comment.

Motion by Mike Cole, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve District Financial Report for the period ending June 30, 2023. All members voted yes; motion carried. (See attached.)

Director of Finance Susan Wynn presented the SPLOST update. \$901,366.98 was collected for June 2023.

Director of Finance Susan Wynn presented the annual SPLOST engagement letter with Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC. The audit will review compliance with the voter-approved referendum and the use of funds for those items.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Mike Cole, to approve each school's quarterly financial reports for June 2023. All members voted yes; motion carried. (See attached.)

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Mike Cole, to approve FY 2023 Amended Budgets. All members voted yes; motion carried. (See attached.)

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve to adopt the FY 2024 budget. All members voted yes; motion carried. (See attached.)

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve Tentative Millage for 2023. All members voted yes; motion carried. (See attached.)

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Mike Cole, to approve the resignation of Savannah Foster effective August 4, 2023. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Mike Cole, to approve the following people as members of the classified staff: William Banks, Abigail Haight, Michael Hoopaugh, and Courtney Hutchinson effective August 11, 2023, pending completion of paperwork, background check, and training. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Mike Cole, to approve the following student workers: Collin Bruce as Student Custodian, Karlee Campbell as Student Secretary, and Phoenix Leifer as Student Technology Assistant effective August 14, 2023, pending completion of paperwork and all school program requirements. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Superintendent's Comments:

Superintendent Shannon Dillard-Miller began her comments with praise of thanks to the Lord above, everyone on the team, and the community. She said the back-to-school bash was a success and a wonderful experience. Overall, it has been an amazing first week and two days of school and, for that, she was thankful.

Board Member Comments:

Mike Cole thanked the staff for getting the schools back up and operational for the new year.

Bobby Bearden stated he was excited for the schools/teachers to have Dr. Riffel to help with discipline.

Chad Galloway thanked everyone for attending and said he loved the excitement of a new school year.

Terry Bramlett stated that the beginning of the school year is always very exciting. Mr. Bramlett spoke of the benefits of SPLOST and said that he hoped no one ever took it for granted. Mr. Bramlett concluded by saying the leadership was shining and he wished all the best – we are a family.

Superintendent Shannon Dillard-Miller and the Board recognized Darren Danner and Dr. Lucas Roof for their valued leadership and friendship. Board member Bobby Bearden constructed decorative owls in their honor.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, a motion was made by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Mike Cole, to adjourn subject to being called into session by the Chair when deemed necessary. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Jery D. Branlett, Chairman

Shannon Dillard-Miller Superintendent

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