

October 12, 2023
5:30 p.m.

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

Approve the agenda.

Approve the Board meeting minutes from September 14, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

Superintendent Shannon Dillard-Miller and Chief Academic Officer Dr. Lucas Roof recognized the Board for earning Georgia School Boards Association, "Exemplary Board" status for 2023.

Chief Academic Officer Dr. Lucas Roof presented the Cognia 25 Years of Excellence Award to the Elementary School Principals. This award of excellence has been maintained from 1998-2023.

Motion by Mike Cole, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve District Vision, Mission, Beliefs for SY 2023-2024. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Mike Cole, to approve SY 2023-2024 FCSS Strategic plan. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Chief Academic Officer Dr. Lucas Roof shared an update regarding the recent activities of each School Governance Team (SGT). Terry Bramlett thanked all of the SGT members for all of their hard work.

Director of Curriculum and Instruction Heather Collis and Chief Academic Officer Dr. Lucas Roof provided Central Office Updates. The presentation for curriculum was focused on improvement, growth, and success for each student.

West Fannin Elementary Principal Alison Danner presented school happenings to the Board.

There was no public comment.

Chief Operations Officer Darren Danner shared an update on facilities with the Board.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve a freezer as surplus property. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Mike Cole, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve to extend the current property management agreement with Jeff Queen by one year. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve district financial reports for the period ending August 2023 and the final report for June 2023. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)** Terry Bramlett commented that the information above is posted on the FCSS website.

Director of Finance Susan Wynn presented the SPLOST update. \$860,227.81 was collected for August 2023.

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve the resignation of Mary Ann Walker effective October 31, 2023. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Mike Cole, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve the resignation of Cindy Godfrey effective July 31, 2024. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Mike Cole, to approve Linda Burgess and Whitney Stanley for a classified position effective October 16, 2023, pending completion of paperwork, background check, and training. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve Taryn Wellham for a classified position effective November 1, 2023, pending completion of paperwork, background check, and training. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve Icie Ann Ingram for a substitute position effective October 16, 2023, pending completion of paperwork, background check, and training. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Superintendent's Comments:

Superintendent Shannon Dillard-Miller stated what an exciting month for the Fannin County School System. The month of October started with the announcement of the Teacher of the Year (Katy Roberson) from West Fannin Elementary, to the groundbreaking ceremony of the new Athletic Complex, FCHS celebration week for homecoming, visits to the schools from the magic school bus, and then Pre-k week where many were able to read to the little ones.

Ms. Dillard-Miller recognized two team members who are not only school system leaders but were also asked to serve on the state level. Dr. Lucas Roof was asked to be on a discussion panel with the State Board of Education and participate with Department of Education CTAE Strategic Plan and Workforce Development. Dr. Scott Ramsey was asked to be a member of the Board of Directors with Georgia Association Secondary School Principals and to be a member of the program for Mentoring Aspiring Principals.

Also, she reminded everyone that early voting is October 16 and Election Day November 7. On the ballot is the Referendum for ESPLOST VI. She encouraged each and every one to exercise their right to vote.

Shannon Dillard-Miller also recognized as part of the school system family, Lauralee Callegari. She is the staff writer for The News Observer and currently covers the school events. Lauralee always goes above and beyond to make sure the information is correct and accurate. She was presented with a decorative owl, which represents wisdom and knowledge. It was handmade by Board member Bobby Bearden.

Board Member's Comments:

Chad Galloway thanked all in attendance and watching online. He thanked Heather Collis, Dr. Lucas Roof, and Alison Danner on their presentations. He also congratulated Dr. Lucas Roof and Dr Scott Ramsey on their accomplishments. Mr. Galloway talked about the new Athletic Complex and the excitement around it and the opportunities for the kids.

Bobby Bearden stated that he appreciated everyone for coming out to tonight's meeting. He told Dr. Lucas Roof and Heather Collis he enjoyed their presentation. It is all about the kids and understanding each individualized child. He congratulated Dr. Scott Ramsey and Dr. Lucas Roof and said, "You both do a great job!" He also congratulated the elementary Principals saying, "You deserve it."

Mike Cole thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting. He recognized Alison Danner on her presentation by saying she did a great job. He also congratulated Katy Roberson at West Fannin Elementary on Teacher of the Year. Mr. Cole also talked about the student morale from his visits to the schools. He said he could personally see the excitement the kids had for school. He said he felt like with all the extra activities the kids now have that the moral was at an all-time high and running efficiently. He ended his comments by saying the best place to live is Blue Ridge.

Terry Bramlett congratulated the elementary school principals. He thanked Dr. Scott Ramsey and Dr. Lucas Roof for representing the Fannin County School System. He told Heather Collis he was excited to review the results of her study. There is a need to learn about how students learn at different levels. He thanked Darren Danner for the incredible job in the planning process and the layout of the Athletic Complex. He talked about how SPLOST has helped the school system have a low education millage rate. He said other school systems are envious that we are debt free. He concluded by saying it's an honor and blessing to be part of the Fannin County School System and thanked everyone who attended the meeting.

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


Terry Bramlett, Chairman


Shannon Dillard-Miller, Superintendent

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