

May 11, 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, Lewis DeWeese, and Chad Galloway.

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 April 13, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

Superintendent Shannon Miller recognized the Fannin County Middle School Georgia Science and Engineering Fair award winners, the East Fannin and Fannin Middle Stock Market Game Congressional District Winners, and the Fannin High Career and Technical Student Organization members that have won state and national awards this year.

Deputy Superintendent Betsy Hyde reviewed summaries of recent activities at all five Fannin SGTs.

Fannin County Middle School principal Mark Young presented school happenings.

Director of Nutrition and Wellness Martha Williams provided a wellness and nutrition update including food bid/program status and program accomplishments.

There was public comment heard from four individuals.

Chief Operations Officer Darren Danner provided a facilities update.

Motion by Mike Cole, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve the sale of 9 surplus locker lots at Fannin County High to the only bidder, Bobby Bearden, for \$250.00. Terry Bramlett, Mike Cole, Lewis DeWeese, and Chad Galloway voted yes; Bobby Bearden abstained; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Mike Cole, to approve district financial reports for the period ending March 31, 2023. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Director of Finance Susan Wynn informed the Board that the SPLOST check received for March 2023 was \$826,265.33.

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Mike Cole, to approve school quarterly financial reports for the period ending March 31, 2023. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Mike Cole, to approve FY2024 budget timeline. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Chief Academic Officer Lucas Roof shared a Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education (CTAE) update. He also updated the Board on the FY24 CTAE Federal and State grants.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Mike Cole, to approve Perkins V Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment and Local Application for FY24. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve the Perkins V Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment and Local Application. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Mike Cole, to approve the Fannin County Board of Education norms, unchanged from previous year. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Mike Cole, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve a bus use request from the 4-H; they will be financially responsible for the fuel. Kate Phillips has been trained to be able to drive the activity bus. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve a bus use request from Mountain Education Charter High School (MECHS); they will be financially responsible for fuel and driver costs. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Mike Cole, to approve technology equipment as salvage. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Lewis DeWeese to approve the resignation of Billie Jo “JoJo” Pack effective May 19, 2023. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Mike Cole to approve the resignations of Payton Gooch, Michele Grubb, Heather Smith, David Tupper, and Lacey Walden effective May 23, 2023. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Mike Cole to approve the resignation of Matthew Rosenberger effective June 6, 2023. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve Charles “Chuck” Patterson as Administrator, pending completion of paperwork, background check, and training. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve Amy Allen, Angie Booker, Amanda Gilliam, Cassidy Graham, Tiffany Hurd, Raymond Mull, and Graison Stubblefield as Professional Staff effective SY 2023-2024, pending completion of paperwork, background check, and training. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve Jennifer Barnes, Ashley Curtis, Kristin Hunt, Jessica Middleton, Hannah White, and Heather Young as Paraprofessionals effective SY 2023-2024, pending completion of paperwork, background check, and training. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve Tonya Callihan and Stacey Gilreath as Substitute Teachers effective SY 2023-2024, pending completion of paperwork, background check, and training. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Mike Cole, to approve Daniel Morgan as Substitute Clerical effective May 12, 2023, pending completion of paperwork, background check, and training. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve Tracy Summers as Substitute Clerical effective SY 2023-2024, pending completion of paperwork, background check, and training. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Mike Cole, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve Lisa Cheatham and Amy Thumm as Substitute Nutrition effective May 12, 2023, pending completion of paperwork, background check, and training. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Mike Cole, to approve Luke Pelfrey as Substitute Mechanic effective June 1, 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 Madison Ponton as Substitute Office Staff effective June 1, 2023, pending completion of paperwork, background check, and training. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Presented as transfers for informational purposes only: Michelle Davis, Professional Staff (FCHS); Daniel “Seth” Davis, Professional Staff (FCHS); Halle Ladd, Professional Staff (WFES); Nicole Lord, Professional Staff (FCHS); Lisa Jarrett, Paraprofessional (BRES).

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve Collin Bruce, Jonah Couch, Dakota Harris, and Robert Washington as Summer Custodial workers effective June 1 – July 21, 2023. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Superintendent’s Comments:

Superintendent Miller recognized Teacher Appreciation Week and that, by definition, every employee of the Fannin County School System acts as a teacher. She congratulated all students recognized at tonight’s meeting and the collective work of all of our students, families, and FCSS employees as graduation is celebrated next week. The future is bright; we are Fannin!

Board Members' Comments:

Chad Galloway thanked the night's presenters and recognized the evening's state championship update from track and field. He gave a special shout-out to Corbin Davenport (1st) and Tyler Stevenson(2nd) in state in pole vaulting. Mr. Galloway thanked the night's public comment presenters.

Lewis DeWeese reflected on the words educator and teacher and their application in our district. He stated that he is amazed at the programs and opportunities afforded to our students and the impact they have on the lives of our students and community. We are blessed.

Bobby Bearden thanked the night's presenters and those in attendance. He stated that Fannin is one of the best schools in the state of Georgia. In regard to our students, he is so impressed with the things they are doing in our schools.

Mike Cole thanked the night's presenters and the guests that spoke publicly. He stated that he was in awe of STEM and the activities of our students. He concluded by thanking all that attended.

Terry Bramlett reflected on Teacher Appreciation Week and the gratitude he feels for seeing the remarkable accomplishments of our students. He thanked all in attendance, the night's presenters, and Ms. Miller for their contributions and excellence.

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, Chairperson

Shannon D. Miller, Superintendent

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