

June 13, 2024
5:30 p.m.

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

The meeting was called to order by Mike Cole, Chair.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve the consent agenda. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Approve the agenda.

Approve the Board meeting minutes from May 9, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.; May 9, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.; and May 21, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

Superintendent Shannon Dillard recognized the following during special recognitions: three Fannin County High School (FCHS) Students were awarded Positive Athlete Awards for Region; one FCHS student was recognized as a State Positive Athlete Award winner; and three Fannin County Middle Schools (FCMS) students were recognized for multiple Science Fair awards.

Fannin County High School Principal Dr. Scott Ramsey presented school happenings to the Board.

There was no public comment.

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

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve Collaborative Operating Agreement between Fannin County School District and Mountain Education Center (MEC). All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve FY 2024-2025 Perkins V CTAE Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment (CLNA) and Local Application. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Chief Academic Officer Dr. Lucas Roof updated the Board on FY 25 CTAE Federal and State Grants.

Director of Student Services Dr. Connie Huff provided a central office update on the GROW Program. Chief Operations Officer Darren Danner presented information about a recent safety training to the Board.

Motion by Mike Cole, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve district financial reports for the period ending April 30, 2024. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

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

Director of Finance Susan Wynn informed the Board that the SPLOST check received for April 2024 was \$824,098.77.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve Spending Resolution for July 2024. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve FY 2025 Tentative Budget for Advertisement. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

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

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve district student code of conduct. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Mike Cole, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve school nutrition meal prices for SY 2024-2025. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Chad Galloway, to go into Executive Session to discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee or to interview applicants for the position of superintendent; (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(2)). All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to resume regular Board meeting. All members voted yes; motion carried.

No action was taken in Executive Session.

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve Executive Session minutes for May 9, 2024. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to rescind prior approval for Kayla Howard as professional staff effective SY 2024-2025. All members voted yes; motion carried.

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

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve the resignation of Marilyn Rivera effective June 5, 2024. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve the following: Katie Exum; Kristen Franklin; Elizabeth Gibson; Hannah Langkawl; and Brianna Wallace as professional staff effective SY 2024-2025, pending completion of paperwork, background check, and training requirements. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Mike Cole, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve Tommy Ledford for classified staff effective June 17, 2024, pending completion of paperwork, background check, and training requirements. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve Kelly Collins and Heather Daves as classified staff effective SY 2024-2025, pending completion of paperwork, background check, and training requirements. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve Erin Panter for professional staff effective SY 2024-2025, pending completion of paperwork, background check, training requirements, and official release from current contract. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve Matthew Abernathy as substitute custodian effective June 17, 2024, pending completion of paperwork, background check, and training requirements. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve the following: Sean Butler; Sheila N. Fowler; Carly Holloway; John Lavin; Leslie Lindsey; Samantha Richards; Tonya Callihan; Susan "Mandy" Dixon; Angela Parris; Karla Smedley; Holly Vicarro; Lorraine Wright; and Donna Yates as substitute teachers effective SY 2024-2025, pending completion of paperwork, background check, and training requirements. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Mike Cole, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve the following: Kendra Cash; Holly Isley; Heather Seagle; Stephanie Wilcox; and Ariel Wray as nutrition substitutes effective SY 2024-2025, pending completion of paperwork, background check, and training requirements. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve the following: Castle Barnett; Emma Buchanan; and Trent Davis as student workers effective June 1, 2024 – May 31, 2025, pending completion of paperwork and all school program requirements. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve Superintendent's contract. The contract is extended one additional year, totaling a three-year contract beginning July 1, 2024. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Superintendent's Comments:

Superintendent Shannon M. Dillard said she was honored and humbled to serve the people of Fannin County. Ms. Dillard said she was blessed to serve with the leadership team and all employees in the school system. She requested continued prayer that the Lord guides and gives the courage to help make decisions that are not always easy. Ms. Dillard talked about graduation being a beautiful ceremony and thanked Dr. Scott Ramsey and the staff for all their hard work. She said she was honored to be part of the students' recognition for positive behaviors on and off the field and to see all the science fair winners' accomplishments. She thanked Susan Wynn for her hard work with her presentation and recognized Martha Williams for all her work with Community Eligibility Provision. Mrs. William was presented with a decorative owl constructed by Board member Bobby Bearden.

Bobby Bearden thanked everyone, including the principals and SROs, for attending the meeting. He said the beginning of the meeting was his favorite, which was all about recognizing all the students and their accomplishments. Mr. Bearden told Dr. Scott Ramsey that his presentation was excellent and that he appreciated him. He also thanked Dr. Connie Huff for all her hard work with the students and her presentation. Mr. Bearden said this is what the system is about: working together and accomplishing what needs to be accomplished. He said, "Kids First! We Are Fannin."

Terry Bramlett thanked Susan Wynn for her financial leadership and said her work is excellent. He also thanked Martha Williams for her work on the Community Eligibility Provision, saying it was phenomenal. Mr. Bramlett told Dr. Scott Ramsey that performance is measured from where we start to where we finish, and his presentation reflected that. No one does it better than Fannin County. He thanked Dr. Lucas Roof for the CTAE program and wanted everyone to know the extensive amount of paperwork and time that goes into getting these grants. He also thanked Dr. Connie Huff for her compassionate work with the students. Mr. Bramlett ended by saying it was an honor to serve.

Lewis DeWeese recognized the incoming Board members and acknowledged their declination of pay to serve on the Board of Education. He stated that he felt it was a credit to them to be financially secure and not require compensation for their service.

Chad Galloway thanked everyone for attending the meeting in person and online. He said all the presentations were great, but the one thing that stood out to him was being part of the athletes and hearing them give glory and honor to God. Mr. Galloway stated that hearing students publicly announce honor to God Almighty speaks volumes about our students and community. He said he was proud and honored to be part of that. He thanked everyone and ended by saying, "God Bless."

Mike Cole congratulated Luke Callihan for his commitment to becoming a Marine and looks forward to traveling to watch him graduate in September. Mr. Cole said it was an honor to attend graduation and see all the students who earned sashes and cords for their accomplishments. He said he was proud to watch the growth of the CTAE program. Mr. Cole told Keisha Dover and Althea Gobble that they did great with their presentations. He talked about his experience at the Georgia School Board Association (GSBA) conference he recently attended. He said he was honored to work with fellow Board members. He reflected on how they helped each other on the Board to be a successful group.

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

Mike Cole
Mike Cole, Chair

Shannon M. Dillard
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