

December 14, 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; Lewis DeWeese, and Chad Galloway. Absent was Bobby Bearden. A quorum was present.

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

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

Approve the agenda.

Approve the Board meeting minutes from November 9, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

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

Chief Academic Officer Dr. Lucas Roof presented the 2023 College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) data for Fannin schools.

Fannin County Middle School Principal Dr. April Hodges presented school happenings.

Director of Technology & Cybersecurity Scott Mathis provided a central office update. Mr. Mathis presented the posters he submitted to the State for the 2023 Cybersecurity poster contest. Mr. Mathis is currently working on Audio Enhancement which will provide all schools with instructional technology and security enhancement.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Mike Cole, to approve to table Board Policy DIB: Financial Reports. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

There was no public comment.

Chief Operations Officer Darren Danner provided a facilities update.

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Mike Cole, to approve a parking lot extension at East Fannin. The project will be "turn- key" in the amount of \$84,600.00 and paid from SPLOST funds. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

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

Director of Finance Susan Wynn informed the Board that the SPLOST check received for October 2023 was \$997,210.77.

Director of Finance Susan Wynn reviewed the audit report from Mauldin & Jenkins. Performance Audit was on Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax for the year ending June 30, 2023. All procedures passed, there were no recommendations for improvement.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Chad Galloway, to Confirm, Declare & Approve Election Results from November 7, 2023. (Fannin County Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax VI passed by 73%.) All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Mike Cole, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve Technology items as salvage. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve the surplus of one maintenance van. (2001 Ford Econoline Van with mileage of 277,457). All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Mike Cole, 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)) **and** to discuss or vote to authorize negotiations to purchase, dispose of, or lease property; authorize ordering an appraisal related to the acquisition or disposal of real estate; enter into a contract to purchase, dispose of, or lease property subject to approval in a subsequent public vote; or enter into an option to purchase, dispose of or lease real estate subject to approval in a subsequent public vote; (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1)) **and** to consider a matter involving the disclosure of personally identifiable information from a student's educational records; (20 USC § 1232g). All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Chad Galloway, to resume the regular meeting. All members voted yes; motion carried.

No action was taken during Executive Session.

The Board reviewed Superintendent Shannon Dillard-Miller's annual evaluation. Chair Terry Bramlett said she exceeded all areas of the evaluation and the Board is very happy she is our Superintendent.

Motion by Mike Cole, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve Executive Session Minutes for November 9, 2023. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Ms. Dillard-Miller thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve the people of Fannin County.

Superintendent Shannon Dillard-Miller recommended the Board continue the appointment of Lynn Doss as the Fannin County Board of Education attorney for the 2024 calendar year. Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve Lynn Doss as Fannin County School Board attorney for the 2024 calendar year. All members voted yes; motion carried

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve the resignation of Michael Hoopaugh effective November 5, 2023. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Mike Cole, to approve the resignations of William "Junior" Ray and Abigail Haight effective December 31, 2023. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Mike Cole, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve Whitley Grizzle as Professional Staff effective January 1, 2024, pending completion of paperwork, background check, and training. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve Johnny Abernathy, Bob Bausum, Jamie Kinman, Glenn Lewis, Lucas Patterson, Michael Robertson, and Sarah Tipton as Classified Staff effective January 1, 2024, pending completion of paperwork, background check, and training. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Mike Cole, to approve Jennifer Beavers, Sandra Raines, and Jim Shropshire as substitute teachers, effective January 1, 2024, pending completion of paperwork, background check, and training. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Mike Cole, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve Clarence Lawrence as a substitute custodian effective January 1, 2024, pending completion of paperwork, background check, and training. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Superintendent's Comments:

Superintendent Shannon Dillard-Miller thanked Lynn Doss for serving as Fannin County's Board of Education Attorney. She thanked the administration team, faculty, and staff for all their hard work and support. Ms. Dillard-Miller also thanked Dr. April Hodges for her presentation and dedication, the voters of Fannin County for the passing of ESPLOST, and recognized the transportation team for their annual inspection of buses with zero buses placed out of service. Ms. Dillard-Miller said it was great to hear the Band play at the beginning of the meeting and is looking forward to the White Christmas programs next week. Ms. Dillard-Miller recognized Scott Mathis for his first presentation to the Board with a decorative owl made by Board member Bobby Bearden. Ms. Dillard-Miller wished everyone a blessed and peaceful holiday season.

Board Members' Comments:

Chad Galloway congratulated both Scott Mathis and Dr. April Hodges on their presentations. He also congratulated Ms. Shannon Dillard-Miller on her great evaluation and said it was an honor and privilege to be on the Board. He thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Lewis DeWeese said Merry Christmas, God Bless, and may the Lord take a special liking to all of you. Kids first!

Mike Cole thanked all the SROs for all they do. He stated he was proud of the principals, and wished Alison Danner a Happy Birthday. He told the band they did an awesome job. Mr. Cole asked the principals if they could look at the scheduling on band concerts so it didn't conflict with Board meeting nights. He said he would like to see people be able to attend both and not have to choose between the two. Mr. Cole recognized Mr. Ensley and said he had personally had employees say what a great leader he was. Mr. Cole wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Terry Bramlett thanked each and everyone for all they do for the school system. He told Mr. Ensley there was so much history just with him from watching him teach to his position now at the Transportation Department, that we all are family. He gave compliments to his colleagues on the Board said it was his last meeting as Chair and wanted them to know he appreciated them being supportive and dedicated. Mr. Bramlett concluded by stating, "It's a special time of the year, Merry Christmas!"

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

Mike Cole
Terry Bramlett, Chairman
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Shannon Dillard-Miller
Shannon Dillard-Miller, Superintendent

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