

July 11, 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 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 June 13, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., and June 13, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

Fannin County 4H Agent & CEC Kate Phillips presented a presentation to the Board on the 4H program's achievements, goals, and upcoming events.

Superintendent Shannon Dillard presented the 2024-2025 SY District Leadership Team Duties, Responsibilities, and the Organizational Chart to the Board. Board Member Terry Bramlett spoke about understanding the role and responsibilities of the Board's operations in the Education System. Director of Student Services Dr. Connie Huff provided information on the back-to-school bash, scheduled for July 27, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Fannin County High School Gym.

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 the annual board planning Calendar. Dr. Lucas Roof noted that a new item added to the calendar was approving Board norms. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve to table Board Policy GARHB: Paid Parental Leave. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Chief Operations Officer Darren Danner shared an update on facilities with the Board. He reviewed the Salto Usage from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, which totaled 616,093. That total reflects the number of times a key card was used to unlock a secured school door.

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) from Construction Manager at Risk, Bowen & Watson, for the Fannin County High School Athletic Complex. The project will be paid for with SPLOST funds and not to exceed the amount of \$31,946,469.00. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve to apply for State Capital Outlay Planning System (COPS) funding for a dishwasher at West Fannin Elementary. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Mike Cole, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve to pursue Construction Manager (CM) at Risk for HVAC at West Fannin Elementary, East Fannin Elementary, and Fannin County High School. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve to pursue Construction Manager (CM) at Risk for Fannin County Middle School Driveway. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve to pursue Construction Manager at Risk for Show Barn. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve district financial reports for the period ending May 31, 2024. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Chief Operations Officer Darren Danner informed the Board that the SPLOST check received for May 2024 was \$852,931.50.

Motion by Mike Cole, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve Spending Resolution for August 2024. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve 2024 Millage Adoption Timeline. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to rescind prior approval for Heather Daves and Katie Exum for SY 2024-2025. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Mike Cole, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve the resignation of Brandy Morgan effective June 27, 2024. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve Kayla Hemphill as Professional 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 Bobby Bearden, to approve Elisabeth Holsonback, Amanda Reece, and Morgan Rhodes as Classified 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 Terry Bramlett, to approve Carson Collis, John Deckert, and April Hoskins for Substitute Transportation 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 Chad Galloway, to approve Carson Collis, Faith Dean, Harriett LeMaire, Madison Mitchum, and Emma Queen as Substitute Teachers effective SY 2024-2025, pending completion of paperwork, background check, and training requirements. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Superintendent's Comments:

Superintendent Shannon M. Dillard wanted to publicly say how much she appreciated the Board members and their support. Ms. Dillard requested prayers for the family of former Superintendent Cecil Davis, who had passed away. She invited everyone to come out to the Back-to-School bash. Ms. Dillard thanked Kate Phillips for her presentation and the school staff that worked during the summer, whether in camps, practices, or getting everything ready for the new school year. She ended the night by asking everyone to take a moment every day to praise the Lord for everything He has done.

Drew Watson with Bowen & Watson Inc. said he appreciated the school's confidence in allowing his company to build the athletic complex and that his company is ready to start construction.

Henry Pineda of Breaux & Associates Architects said it was a pleasure and privilege to be the school's partner in building the athletic complex. He said he was humbled, honored, and very grateful to work with Fannin County.

Chad Galloway said he appreciated all the work Bowen & Watson have done. He thanked Darren Danner for all the hard work and long hours put in to see the projects completed. He said he was excited for the citizens and students to have a new athletic complex. Mr. Galloway thanked everyone for attending the meeting in person and online and said, "God Bless."

Lewis DeWeese thanked the education staff for always giving their time to help others. He talked about how every student has access to and the ability to be whatever they want to be in life with the Fannin County School System. Mr. DeWeese thanked the administration for all they do and said that one day, these students will look back and remember all they have done to help them achieve their goals.

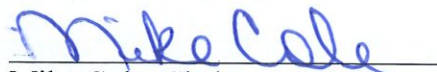
Terry Bramlett quoted Frederick Douglass, who stated that the road to economic success and independence went right through the schoolhouse. He said you all are changing lives one at a time every day, and for that, he thanked them. Mr. Bramlett thanked Bowen & Watson for all their excellent work in the past and looks forward to seeing their future work. He thanked all administration for their hard work with the school system and said it was an honor to serve.

Bobby Bearden thanked all who attended the meeting in person and online. Mr. Bearden asked everyone to remember the Davis family in prayer. He invited everyone to the back-to-school bash and stated he hopes to attend this year. He also said the new athletic complex project was needed years ago and he can't wait to see it when it's finished. Mr. Bearden talked about the Staff Development Center and Transportation Facility, their need, and the assets these facilities have been. He thanked Darren Danner for all his work in starting and completing the construction

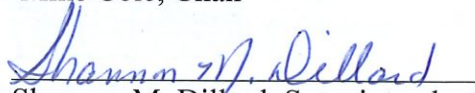
projects. He congratulated Dr. Roof on his accomplishments. Mr. Bearden said, in his opinion, there is no place on God's Earth better than Fannin County, "We are Fannin."

Mike Cole thanked Bowen & Watson for their quality of workmanship with the school and said he was super excited to see the process with the new athletic complex project. Mr. Cole said he felt blessed that the property had been obtained and attached to the High School. He thanked all the teachers and administration for all their service to the school system and all that they do for the kids. Mr. Cole said he recently spoke to a teacher from another county, and hearing her talk about her accomplishments, he realized how much sacrifice teachers give every day to help other kids succeed. He thanked Tara Cantrell and Sheena Rymer for all their work behind the scenes, which no one ever sees. He thanked Officer Tony Sirianni for all he does every day.

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, Chair



Shannon M. Dillard, Superintendent

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