



## MEETING MINUTES

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### FANNIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

#### **Superintendent**

Shannon M. Dillard

#### **Board Members**

Mike Cole, Chair  
Bobby Bearden, Vice Chair  
Adam Born  
Robert Patterson  
Ashley H. Weeks

#### **Attendees**

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#### **Voting Members**

Mike Cole, Chair  
Bobby Bearden, Vice Chair  
Adam Born, Board Member  
Robert Patterson, Board Member  
Ashley H. Weeks, Board Member

#### **1. Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mike Cole, Chair

#### **2. Invocation**

#### **3. Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **4. Board Reorganization**

##### **A. Chairperson and Vice Chairperson 2025**

Mike Cole, Chair, relinquished the Chair to Superintendent Shannon Dillard for reorganization of the Board.

Superintendent Shannon Dillard, as acting Chair, called for nominations for Board Chair for the 2025 calendar year. Adam Born nominated Mike Cole. Hearing no other nominations, the floor was closed for nominations.

Motion to elect Mike Cole as Chair of the Board of Education for the 2025 calendar year.

Motion made by: Adam Born

Motion seconded by: Ashley H. Weeks

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

Superintendent Shannon Dillard transferred the meeting to Mike Cole, the newly elected 2025 Chair of the

Board of Education.

Mike Cole opened the floor for nominations for Board Vice Chair. Mike Cole nominated Bobby Bearden as Vice Chair. Hearing no other nominations, the floor was closed.

Motion to elect Bobby Bearden as Vice Chair for the 2025 calendar year.

Motion made by: Mike Cole

Motion seconded by: Adam Born

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

#### **B. Set Time, Place, and Date of Board Meetings for 2025**

The regular monthly Board of Education meetings for the 2025 calendar year will be on the second Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. All meetings are to be held at the office of the Fannin County Board of Education Staff Development Center, located at 6145 Old Hwy 76, Blue Ridge, Georgia.

Motion made by: Bobby Bearden

Motion seconded by: Adam Born

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

#### **C. Board Work Sessions 2025**

Superintendent Shannon Dillard discussed Board work sessions for 2025. Lynn Doss, Board of Education Attorney, spoke about the difference between regular session meetings and called meetings.

### **5. Approve the Consent Agenda**

#### **A. Approve Agenda**

Motion made by: Ashley H. Weeks

Motion seconded by: Adam Born

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

#### **B. Approve Minutes**

Motion made by: Ashley H. Weeks

Motion seconded by: Adam Born

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

### **6. Review the Board Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policies**

Chief Academic Officer Dr. Lucas Roof reviewed the Board Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policies with the Board members.

### **7. Review Spring 2025 Board Training Schedule**

Chief Academic Officer Dr. Lucas Roof provided the Spring 2025 Local Board Training dates & topics. Local Board Training is scheduled for January 30, 2025, February 25, 2025, March 13, 2025, and April 10, 2025.

**8. School Governance Team Update**

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

**9. School Happenings**

East Fannin Elementary School Principal Matt Price presented school happenings.

**10. Public Comment**

The Board heard public comments from three individuals.

**11. District Vision/Mission/Beliefs**

Chief Academic Officer Dr. Lucas Roof and Superintendent Shannon Dillard presented the process for redefining the Fannin County School System’s Vision, Mission, and Belief statements.

**12. Approve FCSS 2024-2029 Strategic Plan**

Motion made by: Mike Cole

Motion seconded by: Bobby Bearden

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

**13. Approve FCHS New Gym HVAC Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP)**

Approved the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) from Construction Manager at Risk, Bowen & Watson for FCHS New Gym HVAC replacement. The project will not exceed the amount of \$908,157.00 and will be paid with SPLOST and Georgia Department of Education Capital Outlay Program (COPS) funds.

Motion made by: Adam Born

Motion seconded by: Mike Cole

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

**14. Approve EFES HVAC Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP)**

Approved the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) from Construction Manager at Risk, Bowen & Watson for East Fannin Elementary School’s HVAC replacement. The project will not exceed the amount of \$1,483,079.00 and will be paid with SPLOST and Georgia Department of Education Capital Outlay Program (COPS) funds.

Motion made by: Bobby Bearden

Motion seconded by: Ashley H. Weeks

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

**15. Approve WFES HVAC Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP)**

Approved the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) from Construction Manager at Risk, Bowen & Watson for West Fannin Elementary School’s HVAC replacement. The project will not exceed the amount of \$1,556,429.00. The project will be paid for with SPLOST and Georgia Department of Education Capital Outlay Program (COPS) funds.

Motion made by: Adam Born

Motion seconded by: Ashley H. Weeks

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

**16. FCSS Safety Update**

Chief Operations Officer Darren Danner provided a Fannin County School System Safety Update.

**17. Construction/Facilities Update**

Chief Operations Officer Darren Danner provided construction/facilities update. He shared photos of the progress at the Fannin County High School Athletic Complex project.

**18. Approve Public Hearings Related to Georgia House Bill 581**

Approved Public Hearings related to Georgia House Bill 581. House Bill 581 requires 3 public hearings be held to opt out. Those hearings have been scheduled for January 15, 2025 at 6:00 PM at the Fannin County Courthouse; January 22, 2025 at 10:00 AM at the Fannin County Courthouse; and January 30, 2025 at 5:30 PM at the Fannin County Performing Arts Center. Any meeting canceled due to inclement weather or other circumstances will be rescheduled for January 31, 2025.

Motion made by: Bobby Bearden

Motion seconded by: Ashley H. Weeks

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

**19. Approve District Financial Report**

Approved district financial reports for the period ending November 30, 2024.

Motion made by: Mike Cole

Motion seconded by: Adam Born

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

**20. SPLOST Update**

Director of Finance Susan Wynn informed the Board that the SPLOST check received for November 2024 was \$938,087.34.

**21. Approve Mountain Education Bus Request**

Approve Mountain Education Bus Request for February 13, 2025 to North Georgia Technical College in Blairsville, Georgia.

Motion made by: Adam Born

Motion seconded by: Ashley H. Weeks

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

**22. Superintendent/Board Members' Comments:**

Comments were made by the following attendees:

Shannon M. Dillard

Ashley H. Weeks

Robert Patterson  
Adam Born  
Bobby Bearden  
Mike Cole

**23. Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the meeting, a motion and second were made to adjourn subject to being called into special session by the Chair when deemed necessary.

Motion made by: Bobby Bearden

Motion seconded by: Robert Patterson

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

*Shannon M. Dillard 2/13/25*

Shannon M. Dillard, Superintendent/Date

*Mike Cole 2/13/25*

Mike Cole, Chair/Date

*Stephanie M. Newman 2/13/25*

Stephanie M. Newman, Submitted By/Date