

February 9, 2017  
6:00 p.m.

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

The meeting was called to order by Bobby Bearden, Chair.

By motion from Terry Bramlett, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve the following items on the consent agenda. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Approve the meeting minutes from February 7, 2017, 8:00 a.m.; January 23, 2017, 4:30 p.m.; January 20, 2017, 8:00 a.m.; January 16, 2017, 8:00 a.m.; and January 12, 2017, 6:00 p.m.

Approve field trip request:

Fannin County 4-H – Participating in the Junior/Senior Project Achievement at Rock Eagle 4-H Center, Eatonton, GA– March 3, 2017 – March 5, 2017;

Public Comment:

None.

After public comment, motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve the financial report for the month ending December 31, 2016. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Mr. Henson stated the SPLOST check received in January for December was \$468,465.96.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve the FY 2018 Budget Calendar for the Fannin County School System. All members voted yes; motion carried (see attached).

Susan Holloway, Finance Director, reviewed the Georgia Budget & Policy Institute overview for the 2018 fiscal year budget for K-12 education for information purposes only. No action was taken (see attached).

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to rescind Board Policy IDCH – Dual Enrollment- Move on When Ready and to lay on table for public view until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to rescind Board Policy GAD – Professional Learning Opportunities and to lay on table for public view until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to revise Board Policy BH – Board Code of Ethics and to lay on table for public view until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to revise Board Policy IDDD – Gifted Students Programs and to lay on table for public view until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the technology hardware as salvage.

Fannin County Technology Center:

65 Laptop Computers  
9 Desktop Computers  
1 Printer

Fannin County High School:

60 Laptop Computers	4 Interactive Boards
4 VCR's	2 Computer Monitors
7 Projects	2 Projectors Mounts
3 TVs	11 Interactive Tablets
5 Printers	17 Student Response Systems
1 iPad	

Fannin County Middle School:

13 Laptops  
19 Netbooks  
1 TV  
3 Projectors  
12 Desktops

East Fannin Elementary:

1 LCD Projector	2 Accelerated Math Scanners
1 Smartboard Pen Tray	2 Lexmark Printers
2 Battery Backups	1 Samsung Printer
7 Laptops	3 Accelerated Math Scanners

West Fannin Elementary School:

1 Desktop Computer  
17 Nortel Telecom Meridian Telephones (purchased in 1995)

All members voted yes; motion carried.

Karen Walton, Assistant Superintendent, School Improvement & Curriculum Director, reviewed the Board members' three training topics selected from the 2016-2017 Board Governance Training offerings. They are as follows: Planning for Boards of Education on March 9, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.; Leading Change from the Board Level on April 13, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.; and Legal Issues and Ethics for Board of Education after Legislative session in May. Training sessions will be conducted by Pioneer RESA.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to accept the resignation of Jessica Glover effective June 2, 2017. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to accept the resignation of Janet Cherie Kephart effective June 1, 2017. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Steve Stanley, to accept the resignation of Buck Rodgers effective February 17, 2017. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to accept the resignation of Jodie Birchmore effective the end of SY 2016-2017. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Chad Galloway, to accept the resignation of Sheila Loudermilk effective May 31, 2017. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Chad Galloway, to accept the resignation of Larry Williams effective February 28, 2017. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to accept the resignation of Karen Walton effective June 30, 2017. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve Tina Dillingham as a substitute bus driver. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve Gregory O'Neal as a substitute bus driver. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve Shelia Quick as a substitute teacher. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve Brian Walters as a substitute teacher. All members voted yes; motion carried.

**Superintendent's Comments:**

Mark Henson, Superintendent, stated the ground breaking on Tuesday for the agriculture facility at the Ada street property was excellent. He shared pictures taken during the event. The board members before he was Superintendent had the foresight to buy the 30 acres on Ada Street with the intentions of building a primary school but once the recession hit the student population declined, and the need for the school was not there. When Danny Shinpaugh was appointed Maintenance and Facility Director in May 2016, he shared his vision of having the New Agriculture and Environmental Science Facility on the Ada Street property, which has turned out to be the perfect sight. The property has been looked at by EPD, Georgia Facilities people, Marie Woody and Land Development. It is an excellent agricultural site for the Agricultural facility. Community partners and Feed Fannin will be there, there will be shows that will bring people into Fannin County just like the PAC does. Mr. Henson said he is very excited about this 4.7 million dollar facility that will be a state of art Agriculture and Environmental facility that will be used by the entire school system, the people that come into Fannin County, and the people of Fannin County. This is what SPLOST is all about; these are the types of things that will make citizens want to have SPLOST and will vote to have that penny tax. Mr. Henson thanked the Board for having that foresight to purchase the piece of property and have the foresight to want such a wonderful facility for the people of Fannin County and for that he says "Thank You."

#### Board Members' Comments:

Bobby Bearden thanked everyone for being at the meeting. He said he was blown away at how many people showed up for the groundbreaking for the new Agriculture facility. Mr. Bearden said the school system got to keep the shovel that was used for ground breaking for the Performing Arts Center when it was built, but the times have changed to when the groundbreaking for the Agriculture facility took place. Those shovels now cost \$250.00 each so keeping it was not an option. Mr. Bearden thanked Danny for doing such a great job and for saving money on the facility. Mr. Bearden thanked Mr. Nuckolls and Ms. Finch for their School Happenings presentations presented at the work session on Tuesday morning. He said he was blessed to be a part of the Board. Mr. Bearden told Karen Walton her position can be taken but she could not be replaced. He said he had enjoyed working with her over the years, and he appreciated her. Mr. Bearden thanked Larry Williams for his work delivering the students home safely on the bus route.

Lewis DeWeese thanked Danny Shinpaugh for his diligence. They uses of the facility in the future will be endless. Mr. DeWeese said he is very pleased for the children.

Terry Bramlett congratulated East Fannin for their excellent gains on the student achievement and thanked them for their wonderful leadership. Mr. Bramlett stated agriculture remains the number one industry in the state of Georgia. Georgia is number one in peanut production, blueberry production, and three other commodities. Agriculture is very strong in Georgia. The new agriculture and Science Facility will provide a lot of excellent opportunities for the students who choose to pursue those avenues. Mr. Bramlett thanked everyone for being at the meeting.

Chad Galloway thanked everyone for showing up for the meeting. Mr. Galloway said he was extremely honored and proud to be a part of the ground breaking for the New Agriculture

facility. He congratulated Larry Williams and Karen Walton on their retirements from the system. Mr. Galloway thanked Stan Helton for attending the meeting.

Steve Stanley thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting. He thanked everyone for the great turnout at the ground breaking and said it was always great to be a part of the Board.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, a motion was made by Terry Bramlett, 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.

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Bobby Bearden, Chairperson

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Mark Henson, Superintendent

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