

October 12, 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 were present.

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

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the consent agenda. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Approve minutes from October 10, 2017, 8:00 a.m.; September 14, 2017, 6:00 p.m.; September 14, 2017, 5:30 p.m.

School field trip request:

MEC to Kennesaw State University- November 3, 2017, to tour College and Volleyball Game. Departing 3:30 p.m.- Returning 10:00 - 10:30 p.m.

Approve Board policy GARH- Leaves and Absences.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the Homeless Procedures. All members voted yes; motion carried (see attached).

Lucas Roof, Principal of West Fannin Elementary School, shared a presentation of school happenings with the Board.

Public Comment:

None.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve the district financial report for the month ending August 31, 2017. All members voted yes; motion carried (see attached).

Dr. Gwatney stated the SPLOST check received in September for August was \$422,526.15. Dr. Gwatney also stated the collections received in August for July were initially reported as \$479,009.37 and should have been reported as \$485,066.10. Dr. Gwatney stated the spreadsheet had been updated to reflect the corrections.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the FY18 Budget Amendment # 1. All members voted yes; motion carried (see attached)

Mike Spurling, Energy Manager, gave an energy management update to the Board for information purposes only. No action needed (see attached).

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to revise Board policy IHF-Graduation Requirements 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 Chad Galloway, to approve the local board training selections as presented with the incorrect date of November 29th changed to the correct date of November 9, 2017 (see attached copies).

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to withdraw the recommendation made on October 10, 2017 to approve Gail S. Bennett as a substitute clerical worker effective December 2, 2017. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Superintendent's Comments:

Dr. Michael Gwatney, Superintendent, commended Benny Long, Danny Shinpaugh, and Candice Sisson for making preparations at West Fannin Elementary School for the recent water issues. He also commended Lucas Roof and his staff for working together, and for that Dr. Gwatney said "Thank You!" Dr. Gwatney thanked the energy management department for a job well done, and he also thanked the taxpayers of Fannin County. Dr. Gwatney congratulated Terry Bramlett for receiving the National Outstanding Educator Award by the Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Bramlett is also an instructor at Gainesville College, PTO at East Fannin Elementary School, and has served thirteen years as a Board member, and he is serving on the National Education Relationships Committee for the Boy Scouts of America. Another award presented recently was by Richard Woods, State School Superintendent, to East Fannin Elementary school for being a family friendly school. He congratulated Sarah Rigdon and Matt Price for that accomplishment. Dr. Gwatney congratulated Shannon Culpepper, Teacher at Fannin County High School for being selected as the Fannin County Teacher of the Year. He commended Allen Collis, Justin Foster, and the staff at the bus garage for the response and fast action taken for an employee who was having a medical emergency on one of the buses. Dr. Gwatney said it's all about the people, and that makes him proud to here, and with that he says "Thank You!"

Board Members' Comments:

Terry Bramlett said excellent reports all around. He congratulated Lucas Roof on his success and the excellence he exhibits at West Fannin Elementary School. Mr. Bramlett thanked Tara Cantrell for the presentation on homeless procedures and what she does for the school system.

Lewis DeWeese commended the football team at Fannin County High School for carrying the U.S. Flags onto the football field before their game. It took courage for the leaders and coaches to allow that to happen. It speaks highly of the system. It's a family of people who put kids first. Everyone does a beautiful job.

Steve Stanley commended Danny Shinpaugh on his presentation at the work shop on the facilities update at the new Agriculture facility. He is very impressed at the progress that has been made. Mr. Stanley thanked Dr. Gwatney for always being so helpful to him. He announced the upcoming band festival this Saturday and bragged on the Fannin County High School Band

for always representing Fannin County so well. He encouraged everyone to attend and lend a hand where needed.

Chad Galloway thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting. He thanked Matt Price for his hospitality at East Fannin Elementary School during the award presentation by Richard Woods. He thanked Danny Shinpaugh and Mike Spurling for their hard work on the energy management success. Mr. Galloway thanked Lucas Roof for his presentation on school happenings and welcomed Larry Williams to the meeting.

Bobby Bearden said ditto to his fellow Board members. He thanked everyone for showing up to the meeting and invited everyone back to the next month's meeting. Mr. Bearden was proud to see the flags presented by the football players before their game.

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

Bobby Bearden, Chairperson

Michael Gwatney, Superintendent

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