



## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **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

#### **Attendance**

#### **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 at 5:30 PM by the Board Chair, Mike Cole

### **2. Approve Agenda**

Motion made by: Bobby Bearden

Motion seconded by: Adam Born

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

### **3. Superintendent's Report**

#### **A. Update: SPLOST Collection**

Superintendent Shannon M. Dillard informed the Board that the SPLOST check received for May 2025 was \$854,197.99.

#### **B. Update: School Governance Team**

Superintendent Shannon M. Dillard shared an update regarding the recent activities of each School Governance Team (SGT).

### **C. 2025-2026 Back to School Review**

Superintendent Shannon M. Dillard shared the calendar for the back to school events for the 2025-2026 school year, highlighting key dates for July and August.

### **4. Approve to Table for Public Review Policy Sections: I-M**

The Fannin County School System is undergoing a routine policy review. The Georgia School Board Association (GSBA) and Pereira, Klinsinger & Nguyen LLP (PKKN), a law firm, are conducting the review. (See attached.)

#### **Policies - Required Revision:**

IBB: Charter Schools

IDDA: Gifted Student Programs

IDE(3): Competitive Interscholastic Activities, Grades 6-12

IDFA: Equity in Sports

IFBC: Media Programs

IFBG: Internet Acceptable Use

IHE: Promotion and Retention

IKBC: Material Harmful to Minor Complaint Resolution Process

JBC(1): Homeless Students

JBCB: Non Resident Students

JCAC: Sexual Harassment of Students

JCDA: Student Code of Conduct

JGCD: Medication

JGJA: Suicide Prevention

JR: Student Records

KG: Use of School Facilities

#### **Policies - Require No Revisions:**

IDBA: Sex Education

IDDF: Special Education Programs

IEDA: Unstructured Break Time

IFCB: Field Trips and Excursions

IHF: Graduation Requirements

IKBB: Divisive Concepts Complaint Resolution Process

IKD: School Ceremonies and Observances

JAA: Equal Educational Opportunities

JB: Student Attendance

JBC: School Admissions

JBCA: Resident Students

JBCCA(2): Unsafe School Choice Option

JCDAE: Weapons

JCDAG: Bullying

JCEB: Student Hearing Procedure

JDA: Corporal Punishment

JGC: Student Health Services

JGCC: Infectious Diseases

JGF: Student Safety  
JGF(2): Seclusion or Restraint of Students  
JGFGB: Concussion Management  
JGI: Child Abuse or Neglect  
JKA: Solicitations of Students  
JRA: Student Data Privacy Complaints  
LEBA: Parental Involvement in Education

**Policies New to District and Offered for Consideration:**

IFBGE: Internet Safety  
JBCE: Transfer and Withdrawals  
JCDAC: Student Drug Use  
JCDAF: Use of Electronic Devices by Students  
JDF: Teacher Authority to Remove Students from Classrooms  
JRB: Parents' Bill of Rights

**Policies Considered for Abolishing:**

IDFC: Community Coaches  
IFCD: School Volunteers  
JCABB: Student Drug Testing  
JKB: Solicitations by Students  
LDAJA: Interrogations and Investigations

There are no required policies for Section M, and GSBA does not recommend the District add any (at this time).

Policies that require revision and/or are proposed new policies will be tabled and made available for public review and comment until the next Regular Board Meeting on August 14, 2025. Policies that were reviewed and require no revisions will not be available for public review and comment as there are no changes from current policy.



2025-07-15 Fannin County Policy Review Chart for Sections I-M (Updated 07-09-25)



2025-07-15 Fannin County Draft Policy Revision Manual for Sections I-M (Updated 07-09-25)

**5. Executive Session**

**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 school safety plans prepared pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 20-2-1185 or personnel pursuant to policies related to weapons in schools; (O.C.G.A. §§ 50-18-72 (a) (25.1) and 16-11-130.1 (f)).

Motion made by: Bobby Bearden

Motion seconded by: Adam Born

Voting: Unanimously Approved

**Resume to Regular Meeting:**



Motion made by: Bobby Bearden  
Motion seconded by: Adam Born  
Voting: Unanimously Approved

No Action was taken during Executive Session.

## 6. Personnel

**Approve Rescission(s) with the stated effective date(s). (See attached.)**

Motion by: Mike Cole  
Motion seconded by: Bobby Bearden  
Voting: Unanimously Approved

**Approve Resignation(s) with the stated effective date(s). (See attached.)**

Motion by: Adam Born  
Motion seconded by: Ashley H. Weeks  
Voting: Unanimously Approved

**Approve Administrator effective 2025-2026 School Year pending completion of paperwork, background check, and training requirements. (See attached.)**

Motion by: Bobby Bearden  
Motion seconded by: Mike Cole  
Voting: Unanimously Approved

**Approve Professional Staff effective 2025-2026 School Year pending completion of paperwork, background check, and training requirements. (See attached.)**

Motion by: Ashley H. Weeks  
Motion seconded by: Adam Born  
Voting: Unanimously Approved

**Approve Classified Staff effective 2025-2026 School Year pending completion of paperwork, background check, and training requirements. (See attached.)**

Motion by: Mike Cole  
Motion seconded by: Bobby Bearden  
Voting: Unanimously Approved

**Approve School Nutrition Program Substitute(s) effective 2025-2026 School Year pending completion of paperwork, background check, and training requirements. (See attached.)**

Motion by: Adam Born  
Motion seconded by: Ashley H. Weeks  
Voting: Unanimously Approved

Approve Substitute Teachers(s) effective 2025-2026 School Year pending completion of paperwork, background check, and training requirements. (See attached.)

Motion by: Bobby Bearden

Motion seconded by: Ashley H. Weeks

Voting: Unanimously Approved



2025-07-15 Personnel

## 7. Adjourn

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

**Adjourned at 6:55 PM**

Motion made by: Bobby Bearden

Motion seconded by: Robert Patterson

Voting: Unanimously Approved



**Called Meeting/Work Session**

**07/15/2025 - 05:30 PM**

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*Shannon M. Dillard 08/14/2025*

Shannon M. Dillard, Superintendent/Date

*Mike Cole 8/14/25*

Mike Cole, Chair/Date

*Stephanie M. Newman 8/14/25*

Stephanie M. Newman/ Date