

May 9, 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 Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the consent agenda. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Approve the agenda.

Approve the Board meeting minutes from April 11, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

Superintendent Shannon Dillard recognized the following: Class of 2024 Salutatorian Sydney Chancey and Valedictorian Peyton Nelson. District Teachers of the Year for 2026 (TOTY): Caprice Ramsey, Blue Ridge Elementary School; Kaylor Majors, East Fannin Elementary School; Christy Brogden, West Fannin Elementary School; Jill Abercrombie, Fannin County Middle School; and Christie Rose, Fannin County High School. The District TOTY winner will be announced on May 14, 2024. Fannin County Middle School Baseball Team won the 2024 Mountain League Championship. Fannin County High School Band received All-District Honor Band and straight Superior Ratings during the GMEA Concert Assessment competition. Fannin Middle School had two students perform with the GMEA District 9 North District Honor Band. Fine Arts Department placed 3rd in the state with an argumentative essay.

Director of Curriculum & Instruction Heather Collis shared an update regarding the recent activities of each School Governance Team (SGT).

Fannin County Middle School principal Dr. April Hodges presented school happenings to the Board.

The Board heard public comments from three individuals.

Chief Operations Officer Darren Danner provided a facilities update.

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve Community Eligibility Provision. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve Local Facilities Plan Renewal. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve FY2024 Budget Amendment. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

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

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve school quarterly financial reports. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Director of Finance Susan Wynn informed the Board that the SPLOST check received for March 2024 was \$831,008.44.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to go into 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 consider a matter involving the disclosure of personally identifiable information from a student's educational records; (20 USC § 1232g). All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to resume regular Board meeting. All members voted yes; motion carried.

No action was taken during the Executive session.

Motion by Lewis Deweese, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve Executive Session minutes for April 11, 2024. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve the resignations of Laken Boyett; Katie Clay; Tashina Eller; Kaitlyn Fitts; Gretchen Gordon; Samantha Goswick; Wade C Hodges; Kelly Hulsey; Myriah Richerson; and Amanda Thomas effective 5/29/2024. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Mike Cole, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve the resignation of Anthony Scott Back effective 5/31/2024. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve the resignation of Bryan Richerson effective 6/12/2024. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve the following as Professional Staff for the 2024-2025 SY: Megan Albertson; Geneva Cook; Grant Davis; Reagan Day; Jennifer Dudley; Jena Fairchild; Joel Gibson; Brandi Harper; Dawson King; Julia Klein; David Linder; Alyssa Parks; Ryan Pearce; Ann Katherine Thomas; and Matthew Ware, pending completion of paperwork, background check, and training requirements. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve the following as Classified Staff for the 2024-2025 SY: Lenette Hall; Debora Harnett; and Julie McDaniel, pending completion of paperwork, background check, and training requirements. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Mike Cole, to approve Lenette Hall for a substitute nutrition position effective 5/13/2024, pending completion of paperwork, background check, and

training requirements. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Transfers for Informational Purposes only: Tori Arp; Amanda McBride; Brandi Smiley; Alesha Stiles; and Shannon York.

Superintendent's Comments:

Superintendent Shannon Dillard talked about celebrating all the employees simultaneously for "We are Fannin Week." Ms. Dillard said decisions were made that not everyone could agree on, but that decisions are always made with the best intent and based on the information at hand. She said she appreciated everyone who wears a name tag and works for the Fannin County School System. Ms. Dillard said prom was a success, and graduation will have occurred by the next meeting, requiring many people's hard work. She gave a shout-out to Brady Smith, who received the state's Most Positive Adapted Sports Athlete Award. She congratulated the winners of the bus rodeo and Dr. Hodges for a great presentation. Ms. Dillard said, "We are Fannin, We are Blessed!"

Chad Galloway thanked everyone attending the meeting and online. He said it was great to see all the students and their accomplishments. Mr. Galloway congratulated all the Teacher of the Year nominees and said he looked forward to the celebration on May 14th when the winner is announced. He said he was excited for the track team and wished them good luck competing. Mr. Galloway also thanked his daughter for attending the meeting and supporting the school system. He concluded his remarks by stating, "God bless you all."

Lewis DeWeese thanked the people who came out for public comment. He said he knew it wasn't easy to attend the meeting and speak in front of others, but he believes that is how change begins.

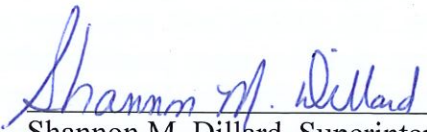
Terry Bramlett thanked everyone who attended the meeting. He thanked Dr. Hodges for the updates on the middle school and Mrs. Williams for all her work with the nutrition department. Mr. Bramlett told Susan Wynn her presentation was exceptional and congratulated the nominees for teacher of the year. He recognized and congratulated all the children for their accomplishments. Mr. Bramlett said it was an honor to serve.

Bobby Bearden congratulated the middle school baseball team and the teacher of the year nominees. Mr. Bearden said all teachers are #1. He said he was thankful the school system could provide free breakfast and grateful to now do breakfast and lunch. Mr. Bearden said he would give his phone number out to anyone who wanted to talk to him, and he said he felt like all board members, including Ms. Dillard, had the best interest of the children when decisions are being made. Mr. Bearden said that he didn't have an agenda and that kids are his agenda. He thanked all for being at the meeting.

Mike Cole thanked Martha Williams for her presentation and for explaining the free breakfast and lunch program. He told Dr. Hodges that her presentation was so good that he could see her vision for the middle school. Mr. Cole also thanked the principals, teachers, and Tony Sirianni, SRO, for their service.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, a motion 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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