

April 11, 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 Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve the consent agenda.

All members voted yes; motion carried.

Approve the agenda.

Approve the Board meeting minutes from March 14, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

Superintendent Shannon Dillard recognized the following: Nora Todd from East Fannin Elementary won the Cybersecurity Poster Contest for the Georgia Department of Education. Hearing Interventionist Beth Ware was the recipient of the Philip Wright Award for the Fannin County School System. The Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) for FCHS and FCMS were recognized for national, and state level placements.

Chief Academic Officer Dr. Lucas Roof and Fannin High School CTAE Supervisor/Assistant Principal David Henson presented the annual information regarding the Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education (CTAE) program. The primary goal for the 24-25 school year is to intentionally embed financial literacy into CTAE courses. The current FCHS CTAE 4-Year Graduation Rate is 99.4%, with an 87 grade point average.

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

Blue Ridge Elementary School Principal Mark Young presented school happenings to the Board.

There was no public comment.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve Norms of the Fannin County Board of Education. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Chief Operations Officer Darren Danner and Director of Technology & Cybersecurity Scott Mathis provided the Board with a safety update. The Audio Enhancement System has been installed district-wide and will be utilized for instruction and safety. Through this platform, all schools can access bells, intercoms, speakers, and cameras.

Chief Operations Officer Darren Danner provided a facilities update.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve district financial reports for the period ending February 29, 2024. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Director of Finance Susan Wynn informed the Board that the SPLOST check received for February 2024 was \$753,692.06.

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve CTAE Items as Salvage. (3 Canon HF R60 Cameras, 2 Canon Cameras, one Vixia HF R600 Camera, one Sanyo VHS/DVD Player, one hospital Bed, one Ryobi Electric Power Washer, 6 GE Microwave Ovens, and one vertical Bandsaw). All members voted yes; the motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve Blue Ridge Kiwanis Club Bus Use Request. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Mike Cole, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve MEC Bus Use Request. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve UGA Cooperative Extension (4-H) Bus Use Request. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve Transportation Buses as Surplus Property. The following are all 72 Passenger School Buses: 2009 International CE300 VIN 4DRBUAANX9B104229; 2012 International CE300 VIN 4DRBUAAN7CB454893; 2012 International CE300 VIN 4DRBUAAN9CB454894; and 2012 International CE300 VIN 4DRBUAAN0CB454895. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Chad Galloway, to go into Executive Session to discuss doesor 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 or vote to authorize negotiations to purchase, dispose of, or lease property; authorize ordering an appraisal related to the acquisition or disposal of real estate; enter into a contract to purchase, dispose of, or lease property subject to approval in a subsequent public vote; or enter into an option to purchase, dispose of or lease real estate subject to approval in a subsequent public vote; (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1)). All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden, 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 Chad Galloway, to approve Executive Session minutes for March 14, 2024. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the resignations of Spencer Johnson-Dockery effective 3/29/2024; Donna Yates effective 5/28/2024; Barbara King effective 5/29/2024; Ansley Waters effective 5/29/2024; Alexander Whitener effective 5/29/2024; Jerry Pack effective 5/31/2024; and Harold Chuck Taylor effective 5/31/2024. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Chad Galloway, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, moved to approve Dr. Scott Barnstead as an administrator effective 2024-2025 SY, pending completion of paperwork, background check, and training requirements. All members voted yes; the motion carried.

Motion by Mike Cole, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve the following as Professional Staff for the 2024-2025 SY: Bailey Breeden; Stacey Chambers; Keisha Dover; Crystal Stauf; Hilary Thompson; Amber Waters; and Hannah White, pending completion of paperwork, background check, and training requirements. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve the following as Classified Staff: Keith Bosen Jr. effective 4/15/2024 and Alison Holloway for 2024-2025 SY, pending completion of paperwork, background check, and training requirements. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve the following as Substitute Teachers for the 2024-2025 SY: Spencer Johnson Dockery; Barbara King; and Donna Yates, pending completion of paperwork, background check, and training requirements. All members voted yes; motion carried.

For informational purposes, Jillian Breeden was a transfer effective 4/8/2024.

Superintendent's Comments:

Superintendent Shannon Dillard said she was thankful for the Lord and the community. She asked everyone to remember the Holsonback family and anyone who had lost a loved one this year. Ms. Dillard told Mark Young she enjoyed seeing the resource fair during his presentation, where all the Elementary Schools and Community came together. Leadership Fannin had an Education Day, during which they visited the schools. Ms. Dillard said it was wonderful to have them, which is a testament to how our community supports our schools. Ms. Dillard congratulated Nora Todd on her win, Beth Ware for being a blessing, and said she was very proud of all the CTSO kids' accomplishments. She also recognized Dr. Barnstead for completing his leadership certificate and new role, along with Keisha Dover and her title change. Superintendent Dillard concluded by stating, We are Fannin, we are Blessed!

Bobby Bearden thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting. He thanked Claude Mathis for the invocation and congratulated the children that were recognized. Mr. Bearden told the students to never stop learning because they could be the next Governor or President. He said he was excited about the new technology for the kids and teachers in the schools. Mr. Bearden told Mark Young he was doing a great job at BRES. He concluded that because we have an excellent school system, from teachers to custodians to nutrition staff, We are Fannin!

Terry Bramlett said it was an honor to serve, and he appreciated the education family and all they do for the young people. He thanked Dr. Lucas Roof and David Henson for promoting the CTAE program's success and making it remarkable. Mr. Bramlett said it would be incredible to see the

results of future economic opportunities for the students. He told Mr. Young his presentation was excellent. Mr. Bramlett concluded by saying it was an honor to be present and serve.

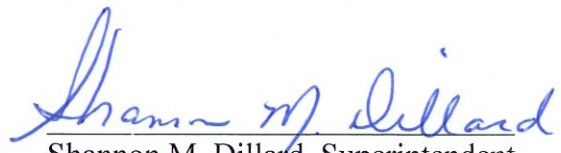
Lewis DeWeese said seeing all the childrens' recognitions and pictures taken tonight showed how successful the school programs are, and that is what it's about—Kids First! He said that our children have the best opportunities and programs. Mr. DeWeese said this is why people want to come to our town and live because of our school system, and he hopes it continues to grow.

Chad Galloway thanked everyone at the meeting and online. He said he appreciated Darren Danner and Scott Mathis for all the time and work they both put in on the Audio Enhancement System. Mr. Galloway said the night's highlight was seeing all the children and all that they have accomplished, and it was a blessing to have them come out and be recognized in the new Staff Development Center. He also thanked Dr. Roof and Mr. Henson for all their efforts with the CTAE program. Mr. Galloway thanked Mr. Young for his presentation and Mrs. Collis for doing a great job. He concluded by telling those in attendance, "God Bless You."

Mike Cole thanked Mark Young for his presentation. He said he was grateful to see recognition given to Beth Ware; she deserved it. He congratulated Nora Todd on her Cybersecurity Poster contest win. Mr. Cole said he was honored to be part of the CTAE program and that watching it grow has been unbelievable. The children are not only learning a trade but also maintaining high academic grades. He concluded by thanking Tony Sirianni SRO for his part in the school system and keeping the kids safe.

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