

August 8, 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 Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the consent agenda. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Approve the agenda.

Approve the Board meeting minutes from July 11, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. and July 29, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.

Superintendent Shannon Dillard recognized the Fannin County High School Track & Field Athletes who qualified and competed at the state level. Also recognized were three high school students for their humanitarian work in the school system. These outstanding students raised \$15,000 between bake sales, bingo, and raffles to help give back to others in need.

Director of Student Services Dr. Connie Huff introduced Tara Cantrell and Sheena Rymer to share an update on the recent Back to School Bash.

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

The Board heard public comment from one individual.

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve Board Policy (GARHB) Paid Parental Leave. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Chief Operations Officer Darren Danner updated the board on facilities and the Fannin County High School Athletic Complex project.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve agreement for construction of the livestock barn. The Mike and Annette Ensley Charitable Foundation Inc. will donate a sum not exceeding four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000.00) to construct a livestock barn at the Fannin County Agricultural and Environmental Science Facility. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve GDOT Option for Right of Way. After discussion, which included School Board Attorney Lynn Doss, the previous motion was amended to table the proposal for GDOT Option for Right of Way for West Fannin. Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to table for further investigation. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve district financial reports for the period ending June 30, 2024. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Director of Finance Susan Wynn informed the Board that the SPLOST check received for June 2024 was \$941,100.80.

Director of Finance Susan Wynn presented the annual SPLOST engagement letter from Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC. The audit will review compliance with the voter-approved referendum and the use of funds for those items. The audit is scheduled to begin October 7, 2024.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve school quarterly financial reports for June 2024. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve to adopt FY 2025 Budget. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve tentative millage for 2024. The Rollback 2024 Millage Rate is 6.700. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the resignation of Julie McDaniel effective August 7, 2024. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Mike Cole, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve Joseph King as Classified Staff effective August 12, 2024, pending completion of paperwork, background check, and training requirements. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve Collin Bruce as Substitute Custodian effective August 16, 2024, and Debbie Jones as Substitute Teacher effective August 16, 2024, 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 Toby Bell and Noley Nations as Student Workers effective August 9, 2024, pending completion of paperwork and all school program requirements. All members voted yes; motion carried.

### **Superintendent's Comments:**

**Superintendent Shannon M. Dillard** reflected back to a week ago with the celebration of the Back to School Bash and open houses. She talked about how great it was to see everyone coming together, from the community to all the school staff, supporting each other. Ms. Dillard said she was proud to see all the kids tonight getting recognized for all their accomplishments and seeing what a heart of gold each one of them has. She recognized Director of Finance Susan Wynn and her team for all their hard work with the budget and millage rate presentation by presenting each staff member with a decorative owl made by Board member Bobby Bearden.

**Bobby Bearden** said he enjoyed seeing all the children recognized for their hard work and congratulated everyone on their success with the Back to School Bash. Mr. Bearden spoke about the decorative owls he creates. He stated it is always good to recognize people who do outstanding work. He wanted Ms. Wynn and her staff in the finance department to know they are appreciated. He thanked them for all they do with the budget for the Fannin County School System. He said he appreciated all the principals and everyone attending the meeting in person or online. Mr. Bearden ended by wishing everyone a good night.

**Terry Bramlett** said he would like to second everything Mr. Bearden already said. He thanked Ms. Wynn for the work and precision she put into her job and said the audit results consistently show that. He also extended his appreciation and thanks to each employee in the finance department. Mr. Bramlett concluded by saying, "It's an honor to serve."


**Lewis DeWeese** said he would like to second both comments before him. Mr. DeWeese said he hopes everyone looks into the GDOT option for the right of way at West Fannin and does more investigation before making any decisions.

**Chad Galloway** thanked everyone who attended the meeting and everyone watching online, as well as everyone who gave a presentation. He also wanted to thank Dr. Lucas Roof and Miranda Roof for their time and effort in the track program. He said the program had grown so much over the last few years, and he was proud to be part of it. He said he was so thankful to be in a system that still recognizes and honors God. He concluded by saying, "Thank you and God Bless."

**Mike Cole** thanked the individual who spoke publicly at the board meeting. He reflected on the budget when he started compared to current. Mr. Cole spoke about the Board's work making decisions that benefit the kids and the community. He thanked each Board member for their commitment. He thanked all the principals for their hard work getting the new school year started. He thanked Officer Tony Sirianni for his service. He announced that East Fannin Elementary has a new school resource officer and asked that everyone who sees him thank him for his service.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, a motion was made by Bobby Bearden, 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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Mike Cole, Chair

  
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Shannon M. Dillard, Superintendent

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