

November 9, 2023
5:30 p.m.

The Fannin County Board of Education met in regular session with the following members present: Terry Bramlett, Chair; Mike Cole, Vice-Chair; Bobby Bearden; Lewis DeWeese; and Chad Galloway.

The meeting was called to order by Terry Bramlett, Chair.

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve the consent agenda. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Approve the agenda.

Approve the Board meeting minutes from October 12, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

Superintendent Shannon Dillard-Miller introduced the following: 1. Director of Nutrition & Wellness Martha Williams presented the Golden Radish Award to the Board, and recognized Amy Adams and Kristen Stone for the Georgia Organics "Mini Grant." 2. Dr. April Hodges Principal, Assistant Principal Charles Patterson, Coach Jenna Saxon, and Coach Cindi Barnes recognized Fannin County Middle School Girls Cross Country Team for State Champs in Division 2 Public. 3. Dr. Scott Ramsey Principal, Chief Academic Officer Dr. Lucas Roof, Coach Miranda Roof, Coach Suzianne Pass, and Athletic Director Shannon York recognized Fannin County High School boys for AA Region 7 Champs and 3rd Place at the AA State Championships; Girls Cross Country team for AA Region 7 Champs and 5th Place at the AA State Championships.

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

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

There was no public comment.

Chief Operations Officer Darren Danner shared an update on facilities with the Board.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Mike Cole, to approve surplus property bid for the walk-in freezer to the one bidder, Ray Loudermilk, for \$350.00. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Mike Cole, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve the purchase of security cameras for Fannin County Middle School. The "turn-key" project will cost \$45,959.00 and will be paid from SPLOST funds. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve district financial reports for the period ending September 30, 2023. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Chief Operations Officer Darren Danner informed the Board that the SPLOST check received for September 2023 was \$882,707.22.

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Mike Cole, to approve school quarterly financial reports for the period ending September 30, 2023. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve school nutrition equipment as salvage. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Mike Cole, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve a bus use request from the Mountain Education Center. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Chad Galloway, 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 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 Bobby Bearden, seconded by Mike Cole, to resume regular Board meeting. All members voted yes; motion carried.

No Action was taken in Executive Session.

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Mike Cole, to approve Executive Session minutes for June 8, 2023. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Mike Cole, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve the resignation of Stephanie Fink effective November 20, 2023. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve the resignation of Kimberly Brannon effective December 31, 2023. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Mike Cole, to approve John Mistilis and Travis Sanderson as certified staff effective January 1, 2024, pending completion of paperwork, background check, and training. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve Emily Beavers as classified staff effective November 27, 2023, pending completion of paperwork, background check, and training. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve Jennifer Beavers and Bobby Winkler as substitutes effective November 13, 2023, pending completion of paperwork, background check, and training. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Superintendent's Comments:

Superintendent Shannon Dillard-Miller said she was blessed to attend the Veterans Day programs at the elementary schools and looking forward to the Middle and High schools. She thanked the Veterans and encouraged everyone to come out and celebrate the Veterans on Saturday during the parade and ceremony.

Ms. Shannon Dillard-Miller congratulated the Fannin Athletes and thanked everyone who supports the extracurricular activities for the students. Martha Williams and her staff were recognized for their hard work on the Thanksgiving meals and she wished everyone a blessed Thanksgiving. She said she was proud to be part of the REACH ceremony that provides opportunities for the kids. The Special Olympics was a great event that made you feel so blessed to be with so many wonderful kids. To the voters, ESPLOST passed, and with that, the kids of Fannin County can have a better life with more opportunities.

Board Members' Comments:

Mike Cole thanked all present at the night's meeting in person and online. He stated he was grateful for all the veterans, and recognized Alison Danner and Mark Young on their presentations for Veterans Day. He congratulated the cross-country teams, band, and football by saying Fannin County has some awesome athletes. He recognized two educators from California who were present at the Board meeting. Mr. Cole thanked Martha Williams for her presentation by saying it was outstanding.

Chad Galloway thanked all the athletes who attended the night's meeting. He thanked Dr. Lucas Roof and Miranda Roof for all their love and support to the Athletic Department. He said it is a joy and honor to be a member of the Board and work with the other gentlemen.

Lewis DeWeese stated he was proud of the parents that love and support their children. He talked about how every year the school system gets better and it shows through the kids. He talked about kids being recognized not just on the state level but national levels and this comes from love and support from the teachers, parents, people in the community, and the Board. He said he was thankful to be a citizen of Fannin County.

Bobby Bearden thanked everyone who attended tonight's meeting and Mr. Garrett for his Invocation. He said he was excited to see the kids tonight and hear of their accomplishments. He said he appreciated SRO Tony Sirianni and the Principals for attending the meeting. Mr. Bearden thanked all for praying for him during his knee operation.

Terry Bramlett stated he is thankful for everyone attending tonight's meeting and the citizens of Fannin County. With the passing of ESPLOST we will be able to give more opportunities for the students. He said he was thankful for Mr. Bearden and his recovery. He told the Board members he appreciated them and said it was an honor to work with them. Mr. Bramlett concluded by stating he was thankful for the support and honor the school system gives to the Veterans during the season. He wished everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving.

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.



Terry Bramlett, Chairman



Shannon Dillard-Miller, Superintendent

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