

May 8, 2018
8:00 a.m.

The Fannin County Board of Education met in a work session with the following members present: Lewis DeWeese, Chair; Chad Galloway, Vice-Chair; Terry Bramlett; Bobby Bearden; and Steve Stanley. All members were present.

Lewis DeWeese, Chair, deferred the responsibility of chairing the meeting to Chad Galloway, Vice-Chair, who in turn called the meeting to order.

Superintendent Dr. Michael Gwatney stated it was teacher appreciation week.

Dr. Gwatney thanked Dr. Kilee Smith, a member of the Towns County Board of Education Board, for her attendance.

Sarah Rigdon, Director of Achievement, announced Fannin County Board of Education had been awarded the Literacy for Learning, Living, and Leading in Georgia (LAGA) Grant. Mrs. Rigdon stated the grant was effective May 3, 2018, and would run until September 30, 2020. Mrs. Rigdon stated the amount awarded to Fannin was \$1,069,982.50. Mrs. Rigdon introduced Sarah Welch, Literacy Coach, and the five academic coaches who had made this grant opportunity possible: Amanda McBride, Blue Ridge Elementary School; Renee Carder, East Fannin Elementary School; Debbie Morgan, West Fannin Elementary School; Mark Young, Fannin County Middle School; and Amy Williams, Fannin County High School. Sarah Welch, Literacy Coach shared with the Board an update on the locally funded literacy bags which are being distributed in the community for children birth to five years of age.

Superintendent Dr. Michael Gwatney and Assistant Superintendent Benny Long recognized Junior Dillinger, Eddie Gilmore, and Tim Joiner for receiving first, second, and third place respectively in the Fannin County Transportation Department annual bus Road-e-o, which was held on May 7, 2018. Mr. Long also recognized Tommy Jordan and Amanda Deal for coordinating the event.

Dr. Scott Ramsey, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director of Fannin County High School, gave an update to the Board on school happenings.

Danny Shinpaugh, Maintenance and Facilities Director, shared a construction update on the Fannin County Agriculture and Environmental Science Facility and the Fannin County Middle School Field House with the Board.

Betsy Hyde, Associate Superintendent, shared an update of the Fannin County School Governance Teams with the Board (see attached).

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to go in to 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)).

To consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the school district or an officer or employee or in which the officer or employee may be directly involved; (O.C.G.A § 50-14-2(1)).

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 the regular meeting. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Chad Galloway, Vice-Chair, announced no action was taken during executive session.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the executive session minutes from March 22, 2018. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to accept the terms of the settlement with Southern Electric. The settlement is confidential; however, there are no dollars to be paid by Fannin County Board of Education in this matter. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to accept the resignation of Carol B. Ashurst, Michael Newton, Curtis Weldy, and Jonnie Young effective end of SY 17 – 18. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Steve Stanley, to accept the resignation of Kimberly Kribbs and Phillip J. Nastyn effective June 1, 2018. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to accept the resignation of Pamela Lapham effective May 30, 2018. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Chad Galloway, to accept the resignation of Lynn Weeks effective May 31, 2018. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve Katherine Cheatham, Tiffany Brown, Brittany Mayfield, Cayley Bryant, Donna Sexton, Jennifer Coleman, Laura H. Hoeve, Emily Wheeler, and Ryan Chastain as teachers for SY 2018 – 2019. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve Halle Dean and Becky Ferrell as paraprofessionals, and Melissa Stanley as the Mountain Innovation Program paraprofessional beginning with SY 2018 – 2019. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Steve Stanley, to approve Sarah Davis as school nutrition cashier beginning with SY 2018 – 2019. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve Carrie Wooten as school nutrition food service assistant beginning with SY 2018 – 2019. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve Connie Grindstaff as accounts payable bookkeeper 49% or less. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve Connie Grindstaff as substitute clerical. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve Steven Ballew and Timothy Massaro as substitute bus drivers. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Superintendent Dr. Michael Gwatney reviewed the agenda for the upcoming Board meeting on Thursday, May 10, 2018. This meeting will include Local Board Training to begin at 4:00 p.m. to be followed by the regular meeting at 6:00 p.m.

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

Chad Galloway, Vice-Chairperson

Michael Gwatney, Superintendent

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