



Regular Meeting

05/08/2025 - 05:30 PM

Fannin County Board of Education

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MEETING MINUTES

FANNIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Superintendent

Shannon M. Dillard

Board Members

Mike Cole, Chair

Bobby Bearden, Vice Chair

Adam Born

Robert Patterson

Ashley H. Weeks

Attendance

Voting Members

Mike Cole, Chair

Bobby Bearden, Vice Chair

Adam Born, Board Member

Robert Patterson, Board Member

Ashley H. Weeks, Board Member

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Mike Cole, Chair

2. Invocation

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approve the Consent Agenda

A. Approve Agenda

B. Approve Minutes

Motion made by: Bobby Bearden

Motion seconded by: Adam Born

Voting: Unanimously Approved



2025-05-08 FCSS Called Meeting-Work Session-04-10-2025 Minutes



2025-05-08 FCSS Regular Meeting-04-10-2025-Minutes



2025-05-08 FCSS Called Meeting Minutes 04-21-2025



2025-05-08 FCSS Called Meeting Minutes 05-01-2025

5. Class of 2025 Fannin County High School Valedictorian and Salutatorian

Fannin County High School Principal Dr. Scott Ramsey presented the Class of 2025's Valedictorian, Jaclyn Cracknell and Salutatorian, Julie Farmer, to the Board.

6. FCSS Teacher of the Year

Director of Nutrition & Wellness Martha Williams announced 2027 Teachers of the Year. They will represent their schools during the 2026 School year. The nominees are Megan Orton (BRES), Kayleigh O'Neal (EFES), Caitlin Snider (WFES), Sydney Newton (FCMS), and Terry Flowers (FCHS). The ceremony will be held on May 13, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Agriculture Building.

7. Georgia School Board Association: District 9

Superintendent Shannon M. Dillard recognized Karen Armstrong, District 9 Georgia School Board Association Director and Dawson County Board of Education School Board Member.

8. Special Recognitions

Superintendent Shannon M. Dillard recognized the following before the Board: Fannin County Empty Stocking Program; Bus Road-eo Winners; Fannin County School System Nutrition Department and Fannin County High School Family Consumer & Science Teachers for the Georgia Department of Education "Garden of the Season Award"; FCHS Girls Tennis Team for being Region Champions; FCHS Weight-Lifting Team; and Fannin County Band for the SY 2024-2025 multiple accomplishments.

9. Construction/Facilities Update

Chief Operations Officer Darren Danner provided a construction/facilities update, including photos of the progress of the Fannin County Schools Athletic Complex.

10. School Governance Team Update

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

11. Public Comment

Public comment was heard from two individuals.

12. Approve WFES Playground Equipment Purchase

Approve purchasing playground equipment from Pro Playgrounds for West Fannin Elementary School for \$39,999.00. The purchase price will be paid with the following funds: SPLOST

\$29,500.00, West Fannin Elementary \$5,499.00, and West Fannin PTO \$5,000.00. (See attached.)

Motion made by: Adam Born

Motion seconded by: Ashley H. Weeks

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

 2025-05-08 Memo for WFES Playground Equipment

 2025-05-08 Pro Playgrounds Quote-Pictures

 2025-05-08 Approve WFES Playground

13. Approve Revised, Rescinded, and New Policies in Sections A-D

Approve Revised, Rescinded, and New Policies in Sections A-D. These policies were tabled for public review and comment since April 10, 2025, and vetted by Georgia School Board Association (GSBA) and Pereira, Kirby, Kinsinger & Nguyen LLC Law firm (PKKN). (See attached.)

Motion made by: Bobby Bearden

Motion seconded by: Adam Born

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

 2025-05-08 Review Board Policies - Sections A-D

 2025-05-08 Fannin County Draft Policy Revision Manual - Sections - A-D

14. Policies Review Sections: E-F

The Fannin County School System is undergoing a routine policy review. The Georgia School Board Association (GSBA) and Pereira, Kirby, Kinsinger & Nguyen LLP, a law firm, are conducting the review.

Policies - Required Revision:

EDC: Transportation Safety

Policies - to Recind/Abolish

EDDA: Special Use of School Buses; EDDB: Walkers and Riders

Policies - Require No Changes:

EEE: Wellness Program

There are no required policies for Section F, and GSBA does not recommend the District add any (at this time).

Policies that require revision and/or are proposed new policies will be tabled and made available for public review and comment until the next Regular Board Meeting on June 12, 2025. Comments should be directed to Dr. Lucas Roof or Simbli. Policies that were reviewed and require no revisions will not be available for public review and comment as there are no changes from current policy.

Motion made by: Mike Cole

Motion seconded by: Adam Born

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

15. School Happenings

Fannin County High School Principal Dr. Scott Ramsey presented school happenings to the Board.

16. Officially Naming the Fannin County High School "New Gym"

The new Fannin County High School gym will be officially named Fannin County High School Coach Johnny Farmer Gymnasium in honor of Coach Farmer's legendary coaching career.

17. Approve Resolution - Amend 2024-2025 School Calendar

Approve resolution to amend the 2024-2025 school calendar to 179 academic days. The day missed/reason was April 11, 2025, due to a power outage and blocked route impacting the EFES campus and several residences. **(See attached.)**

Motion made by: Adam Born

Motion seconded by: Ashley H. Weeks

Voting:

Unanimously Approved



2025-05-08 Resolution- School Calendar 2024-2025 AMENDED



2025-05-08 Revised FCSS Calendar

18. Approve Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

Approve Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for all Fannin Schools for SY 2026. **(See attached.)**

Motion made by: Bobby Bearden

Motion seconded by: Adam Born

Voting:

Unanimously Approved



2025-05-08 Community Eligibility Provision

19. Approve School Nutrition Meal Prices for SY 2025-2026

Approve School Nutrition Meal Prices for SY 2025-2026. **(See attached.)**

Motion made by: Ashley H. Weeks

Motion seconded by: Adam Born

Voting:

Unanimously Approved



2025-05-08 School Nutrition Meal Prices for SY 2025-2026

20. Approve School Nutrition Equipment as Salvage

Approve School Nutrition Equipment at West Fannin Elementary School as Salvage. **(See attached.)**

Motion made by: Mike Cole

Motion seconded by: Bobby Bearden

Voting:

Unanimously Approved



2025-05-08 School Nutrition Equipment Salvage

21. Approve School Quarterly Financial Reports

Approve School Quarterly Financial Reports for March 2025. **(See attached.)**

Motion made by: Bobby Bearden

Motion seconded by: Adam Born

Voting:

Unanimously Approved



2025-05-08 School Quarterly Financial Reports 3.25

22. Approve District Financial Report

Approve District Financial Report from March 31, 2025. **(See attached.)**

Motion made by: Bobby Bearden

Motion seconded by: Adam Born

Voting:

Unanimously Approved



2025-05-08 Financial Report March 2025

23. Update: SPLOST

Superintendent Shannon M. Dillard informed the Board that the SPLOST check received for March 2025 was \$895,863.14.

24. Approve Purchase of Multipurpose White Fleet Vehicle

Approve the purchase of a 2023 Ford F-150 4X4 Supercrew Truck from Brannen Motor Company in Unadilla, Georgia. The purchase price is \$40,100.00 and will be paid from SPLOST funds. The truck will be purchased utilizing the Statewide Contract with the Georgia Department of Administrative Services (DOAS). **(See attached.)**

Motion made by: Robert Patterson

Motion seconded by: Ashley H. Weeks

Voting:

Unanimously Approved



2025-05-08 Memo Multi Purpose White Fleet Vehicle



2025-05-08 Purchase of White Fleet Vehicle_State Contract Pricing Statement

25. Executive Session

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 school safety plans prepared pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 20-2-1185 or personnel pursuant to policies related to weapons in schools; (O.C.G.A. §§ 50-18-72 (a) (25.1) and 16-11-130.1 (f)).

Motion made by: Robert Patterson

Motion seconded by: Adam Born

Voting: Unanimously Approved

Resume to Regular Meeting:

Motion made by: Bobby Bearden

Motion seconded by: Adam Born

Voting: Unanimously Approved

No Action was taken during Executive Session.

26. Personnel

Approve Resignation(s) with the stated effective date(s). (See attached.)

Motion by: Adam Born

Motion seconded by: Ashley H. Weeks

Voting: Unanimously Approved

Approve Professional Staff effective 2025-2026 School Year pending completion of paperwork, background check, and training requirements. (See attached.)

Motion by: Mike Cole

Motion seconded by: Bobby Bearden

Voting: Unanimously Approved

Approve Classified Staff effective 2025-2026 School Year pending completion of paperwork, background check, and training requirements. (See attached.)

Motion by: Robert Patterson

Motion seconded by: Adam Born

Voting: Unanimously Approved

Approve Substitute Office Staff effective 6/1/2025 pending completion of paperwork, background check, and training requirements. (See attached.)

Motion by: Bobby Bearden

Motion seconded by: Mike Cole

Voting: Unanimously Approved

Approve Student Work Program effective 6/1/2025 to 5/31/2026 pending completion of paperwork and all school program requirements. (See attached.)

Motion by: Adam Born

Motion seconded by: Bobby Bearden

Voting: Unanimously Approved

Not an action item: Transfers for Informational Purpose Only; Effective SY 2025-2026; Ellen Fay for Classified Staff; Margarite (Maggie) Hall Classified Staff; Kimberly Payne Classified Staff; and Crystal Stauf Professional Staff (See attached.)



2025-05-08 Personnel

27. Superintendent/Board Members' Comments

Comments were made by the following attendees:

Shannon M. Dillard

Ashley H. Weeks

Robert Patterson

Adam Born

Bobby Bearden

Mike Cole

28. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the meeting, a motion and a second were made to adjourn subject to being called into special session by Chair when deemed necessary.

Adjourned at 9:36 PM

Motion made by: Robert Patterson

Motion seconded by: Adam Born

Voting:

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