

May 19, 2023
5:30 p.m.

The Fannin County Board of Education met in a called board meeting 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.

Chief Operations Officer Darren Danner presented a diagram of the Fannin County High School (FCHS) Stadium drain issue and the proposed solution of a 60-inch polypropylene pipe with 2 man-holes to be installed to correct the drainage issue. The existing drain will be abandoned and grouted. The Board had several questions for Mr. Danner about the diagram.

Mr. DeWeese asked if this project would take care of the tanks at the bus garage. Mr. Danner responded that this portion of the project will not touch the bus garage. However, there will be a surplus/salvage request at the June Board meeting for items at the Bus Garage.

Mr. Bramlett recapped that the drain handles drainage from a huge area beyond the school's property although the drainage pipe is on the school's property. He asked if any other governmental agencies had expressed any interest in participating in this project. Mr. Danner stated that he had spoken to the county in the past, but that he has not actively gone to the county to ask for assistance with this project.

Mr. DeWeese asked if the Guaranteed Maximum Pricing (GMP) would take care of the old drainage line that is not working correctly. Mr. Danner stated that the old drainage line would be abandoned and grouted. Mr. Bramlett asked if the GMP included filling the entire old pipe with cement/grout or just the ends. Mr. Danner stated that he understood the Superintendent-on-the-job to say it was the entire pipe. However, he had originally thought that it would only be on the ends. Mr. Danner stated that he was not 100% sure, but that he could ask. Mr. Bramlett stated that if it was just the ends, there could be further collapse of the existing pipe that is slated to be abandoned.

Mr. DeWeese was concerned about the 5-ft pipe and student safety. Mr. Danner stated that there would be screens, locks, and safety mechanisms on the pipe to ensure student safety.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve Guaranteed Maximum Pricing (GMP) from Construction Manager at Risk Bowen & Watson for the Stadium Drain Project to not exceed \$1,093,932.00 and to be paid with SPLOST funds. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Mike Cole, to approve Macy Greene and Amber Waters as Professional Staff effective SY 2023-2024, pending completion of paperwork, background check, and training. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve Amy Thumm as Custodian effective June 1, 2023. All members voted yes; motion carried.

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.

Terry Bramlett, Chairperson

Shannon D. Miller, Superintendent

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