

October 17, 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 September 12, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

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 Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve SY 2024-2029 Fannin County School System Strategic Plan. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Mike Cole, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve Board Policy IEDA: Recess/Unstructured Break Time. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve the purchase of a vehicle for the Driver Education Program. The Vehicle is a 2023 Ford F-150 4X4 Supercrew Truck with the price of \$47,000.00. SPLOST funds will be utilized for this purchase. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Mike Cole, to approve the final District Financial Report for June 30, 2024. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve District Financial Report for August 31, 2024. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Director of Finance Susan Wynn informed the Board that the SPLOST check received for August 2024 was \$904,595.59.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve Technology items as Surplus. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve Technology items as Salvage. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Chief Operations Officer Darren Danner provided a construction/facilities update. He shared photos of the progress on the Fannin County High School Athletic Complex project and the new video board installed at Fannin High.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the resignation of Crystal Guay effective October 31, 2024. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Mike Cole, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve Nolan Adams as a Substitute effective October 21, 2024, pending completion of paperwork, background check, and training requirements. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve Lisa Adams, Crystal Gauy, Kirsten Holloway, Phillip Ledford, Anna Rhodes, James Rismiller, Hannah Smith, Tasha Tipton, and Victoria Turner as Substitute Teachers effective October 21, 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 Kathleene Cole as Substitute School Nutrition effective October 21, 2024, pending completion of paperwork, background check, and training requirements. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Mike Cole, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve Dusty Henry as Substitute Transportation effective October 21, 2024, pending completion of paperwork, background check, and training requirements. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Superintendent's Comments:

Superintendent Shannon M. Dillard said the first nine weeks of school have been a blessing and that even with the tragedy of our neighboring counties, she has seen the blessings with the community coming together, embracing, and helping each other. Ms. Dillard said this is her favorite time of the year with all the community events, including Veterans Day programs, Thanksgiving meals, and the Elementary White Christmas Programs. She encourages everyone to come celebrate and support each other. She thanked the individual for the public comment and for coming out and advocating their beliefs. She concluded by stating, "We are Fannin, We are Blessed."

Board Members' Comments:

Chad Galloway said he had a daughter playing flag football that he had to attend, and with that, he would be very quick. He thanked everyone for attending and said he loved all, and "God Bless."

Lewis DeWeese said he wasn't angry but very disappointed in the Highway 5 project. He said Johnny Chastain had supported the project and cared; however, Mr. Gooch did not. Mr. DeWeese said he verbally asked people not to vote for Mr. Gooch. He said he approached him at a

Republican meeting and tried to talk to him, and Mr. Gooch would not let him finish talking about the situation. Mr. DeWeese emphasized again, please don't vote for Mr. Gooch for Senator.

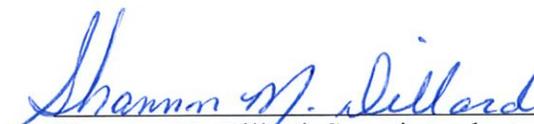
Terry Bramlett thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He said he didn't think it was mentioned in the paperwork for public comment, but the Board appreciates those speaking. The Board does not respond directly; if a response is deemed appropriate, the Superintendent will contact the presenter with a collective response. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting and said serving was an honor. He concluded by stating that he would be brief out of respect for Mr. Galloway's deadline.

Bobby Bearden thanked everyone for attending, including the principals. He asked everyone to remember all the people affected by the storms. He said he couldn't imagine losing everything he had and asked everyone to please be in prayer for those people. Mr. Bearden said he was overwhelmed by the welding program at the high school. He said that to have a good program, you have to have good teachers and students participating. It shows in all they are doing. He said he was incredibly proud of all the programs at the schools. He concluded by stating that he loved all present and goodnight.

Mike Cole said it was a privilege in May to sign certificates with graduation. He said he shook many hands during the ceremony. One was a young man leaving for the Marines. Mr. Cole said he was honored to travel to Paris Island, attend the ceremony, and see the young man graduate from basic training. Mr. Cole stated they work hard together on the Board, and we are family. He stated working with the principals is an honor, and he appreciates all the school resource officers. He also commented that so many activities are happening right now, and being a part of them is an honor. He concluded by saying that he was glad the new video board at the high school was implemented and being used.

There no further business to come before the meeting, a motion was made by Chad Galloway, 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.


Mike Cole, Chair


Shannon M. Dillard, Superintendent

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