

June 8, 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 May 11, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. and May 19, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

Superintendent Shannon Miller recognized the Fannin County High School Track & Field athletes and coaches.

Chief Operating Officer Lucas Roof reviewed summaries of recent activities at all five Fannin SGTs.

Fannin County High School principal Dr. Scott Ramsey presented school happenings.

There was public comment heard from two individuals.

Chief Operations Officer Darren Danner provided a facilities update. The Fannin County High School (FCHS) Stadium drain project is ongoing. The contractor has stated that the abandoned pipe that is unable to be removed will be filled with concrete and grout with a 100% fill goal. However, if unable to completely fill, the contractor will attempt to stabilize the remaining pipe to prevent further collapse. Also, lockable screens will be installed on the 5-foot manholes. At the old bus garage, the state has approved the removal of the decommissioned underground storage tanks. This process will occur after the building is removed.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve the propane bid submitted by Superior Plus Propane for \$1.377 per gallon for September 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Mike Cole, to approve surplus items from the former transportation facility. The items listed for surplus do not support the FCSS fleet. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

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

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Mike Cole, to approve meal prices for students and adults for SY 2023-2024. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

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

Director of Finance Susan Wynn informed the Board that the SPLOST check received for April 2023 was \$784,608.54.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Mike Cole, to approve a spending resolution for July 2023. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve Emma Buchanan and Lilly Bice as student workers for summer 2023, the fall semester, and/or the spring semester of the 23-24 school year. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Mike Cole, 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)) **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)). All members voted yes; motion carried.

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

No action was taken during Executive Session.

Motion by Mike Cole, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve the minutes of the Executive Session for February 9, 2023, March 9, 2023, and April 13, 2023. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Mike Cole, to approve a 3-year contract with the Superintendent. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Chad Galloway to approve the resignation of Joshua Ledford effective May 19, 2023. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Mike Cole to approve the resignation of Kara Richardson effective May 23, 2023. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Mike Cole, seconded by Bobby Bearden to approve the resignations of Geneva Cook and Ben Sexton effective June 7, 2023. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Chad Galloway to approve the resignation of Heather Finley effective June 28, 2023. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Mike Cole, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve Samuel Snider as Professional Staff (at 49%), pending completion of paperwork, background check, and training. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve Stacy Tucker and Kathryn “Katie” Wynn as Professional Staff effective SY 2023-2024, pending completion of paperwork, background check, and training. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve Stephanie Lacy and Mary Ann Walker as Paraprofessionals effective SY 2023-2024, pending completion of paperwork, background check, and training. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Mike Cole, to approve Geneva Cook and Angela Parris as Substitute Teachers effective SY 2023-2024, pending completion of paperwork, background check, and training. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Superintendent’s Comments:

Superintendent Miller acknowledged the wonderful relationships that exist between county, city, local governments, emergency responders, public safety, and the Chamber. These relationships work to keep our students safe, engaged, and supported. Our school system is part of this wonderful community.

Ms. Miller stated that questions have arisen from Betsy Hyde’s retirement. There is an executive leadership team made up of the Superintendent, the Chief Operations Officer, Darren Danner, and the Chief Academic Officer, Lucas Roof. Mr. Danner will be the senior officer.

Ms. Miller thanked the Board for the contract and for believing in her. She thanked the community for allowing her the opportunity to work with their children. We are Fannin!

Board Members’ Comments:

Chad Galloway thanked the night’s presenters and stated that he was privileged to have had the opportunity to coach some of the track students this season. He agreed with Ms. Miller that it was wonderful seeing agencies work together and support our community. Mr. Galloway thanked the night’s public comment presenters and asked everyone to continue to pray for his family during his mother’s illness.

Lewis DeWeese stated, “Kids First!”

Bobby Bearden thanked the night’s presenters and those in attendance. He stated that all of the students and employees of our district are important. We are Fannin!

Mike Cole thanked the night's presenters and the guests that spoke publicly. He reflected on memories he has of teachers and the fact that relationships matter. Mr. Cole concluded by stating that we are blessed.

Terry Bramlett thanked Ms. Miller for being the "Captain of the Ship" which is a 24-hour job. He appreciates her dedication and service. He thanked those in attendance and stated that we are all blessed to live in Fannin County and be able to provide such wonderful opportunities for our students. Their success is the ultimate measure of our progress.

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, Chairperson

Shannon D. Miller, Superintendent

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