

July 8, 2021
6:00 p.m.

The Fannin County Board of Education met in regular session with the following members present: Chad Galloway, Chair; Bobby Bearden; Mike Cole; and Lewis DeWeese. Absent, Terry Bramlett, Vice-Chair. A quorum was present. The meeting was held at the Fannin County Board of Education.

The meeting was called to order by Chad Galloway, Chair.

Motion by Mike Cole, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve the consent agenda. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Approve the agenda.

Approve the Board meeting minutes from June 10, 2021, at 5:30 p.m., June 10, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

Director of Learning & Achievement Lucas Roof and Executive Director of the Fannin County Development Authority Christie Gribble presented the Economic Development Partnership Designation Program acceptance letter from the Georgia Department of Education.

Director of Learning & Achievement Lucas Roof shared a district health update and plans to reopen schools utilizing Department of Public Health guidance.

Superintendent Michael Gwatney provided a central office update including SY 21-22 district leadership assignments and information for the upcoming open houses was presented.

Director of Student Services Shannon Miller presented the Code of Conduct for information purposes.

The Board heard public comment from one individual.

Assistant Superintendent Darren Danner provided a facilities update.

Assistant Superintendent Darren Danner provided a construction update.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve to pursue request for bids for the West Fannin Elementary window project. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Mike Cole, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve the district's financial report for May 31, 2021. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Director of Finance Susan Wynn informed the Board that the SPLOST check received for May 2021 was \$729,881.96 and the catch up check payment received was \$1,065.15.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve a Spending Resolution for August 2021. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Mike Cole, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve FY 2021 Amended Budgets. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Mike Cole, to approve FY 2022 Tentative Budget for Advertisement. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve purchase of three school resource officer vehicles from Brannen Motor Company for \$33,300.00 each. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Mike Cole, to approve school nutrition adult meal prices for SY 2021-2022. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve amendment to Board Policy IDE(3)-Competitive Interscholastic Activities, Grades 6-12. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Mike Cole, to approve new Board Policy GARHB – Paid Parental Leave. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Mike Cole, to rescind the approval of Alexa Kieffer effective June 17, 2021. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve Roxianne Flowers, Jennifer Lester, Sherman Ray, and Johnny Rich as teachers effective the 2021-2022 school year, pending completion of paperwork and background check. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve Savannah Ash, Megan Bailey, Barbara Foley, Jennifer Hooper, and Trudy Smith as paraprofessionals effective the 2021-2022 school year, pending completion of paperwork and background check. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Mike Cole, to approve Debra Thomas for school nutrition food service assistant, pending completion of paperwork and background check. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Mike Cole, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve Jeffrey Thomas as transportation bus driver, pending completion of paperwork and background check. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve Shannon York as an administrator effective the 2021-2022 school year, pending completion of paperwork and background check. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve Vanessa Weaver as interim administrator (at 49% and up to three months full time as needed and based on TRS approval), pending completion of paperwork and background check. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Mike Cole, to approve Betsy Hyde as interim administrator (up to 49% as needed based on TRS approval). All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve Melissa Barker and Michael Hoopaugh as custodians, pending completion of paperwork and background check. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Mike Cole, to approve Dr. Anna Bradley, Susan Michelle Lynn, and Angie Young as substitute teachers, pending completion of paperwork, background check, and training. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve Jennifer Davis as substitute nutrition, pending completion of paperwork, background check, and training. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Mike Cole, to approve Dr. Anna Bradley and Kelly Maniscalco substitute administrators, pending completion of paperwork, background check, and training. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve Hoyt Milholland substitute mechanic for transportation, pending completion of paperwork and background check. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Superintendent's Comments:

Superintendent Gwatney thanked presenters, viewers, and the public comment participant. He also thanked Director of Finance Susan Wynn for closing out the past year and preparing for the upcoming year. The restructuring of the classified pay scale was a tremendous undertaking and Dr. Gwatney is thankful for Ms. Wynn's hard work and expertise. Dr. Gwatney thanked Mr. Roof and Ms. Gribble for the awesome things that they are doing to create relevant, meaningful applications for Fannin County students and our community. He gave a shout out to the directors and principals for their hard work preparing for this coming school year; we are blessed, and he is thankful.

Board Members' Comments:

Bobby Bearden thanked all principals for attending. He also thanked Finance Director Susan Wynn and everyone who has worked to prepare the budget. Mr. Bearden stated that we are a big family and that we work together. He is looking forward to the completion of the Toccoa project as well.

Mike Cole stated that he was not ready for July 30 and the start of another year, but his eleven-year-old daughter is excited. He thanked Assistant Superintendent Darren Danner and the maintenance crew for all that they are doing to get our schools ready for another start. He told the room that it was good to see them all and thanked Mr. Martin, public comment, for being at the meeting. Mr. Cole stated that it is good to have a voice and he appreciates public comment. Mr. Cole stated that he loves what we do and that he is excited for the next one hundred years and the expansion opportunities that are available on the recently purchased 159 acres.

Lewis DeWeese stated that we are in the kid business. This meeting, bookkeeping – it is a blessing to know we live in an area that puts kids first. He said that it was good for speakers to share their concerns. He still believes we are the best system in the state of Georgia and the United States. He is proud of that.

Chad Galloway thanked all for coming, watching, and speaking at the Board meeting. He truly appreciates you. Thank you to Finance Director Susan Wynn for her work on the budget. Mr. Galloway also thanked Assistant Superintendent Darren Danner for managing projects well and asked for him to tell the maintenance staff how much they are appreciated. Mr. Galloway thanked Superintendent Dr. Gwatney for choosing directors that make our system shine. He asked for everyone to remember Mr. Bramlett and wish him a speedy recovery. Mr. Galloway closed by saying that it is an honor and a privilege to be a part of the board.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, a motion was made by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to adjourn subject to being called into special session by the Chair when deemed necessary. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Chad Galloway, Chairperson

Michael Gwatney, Superintendent

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