

January 12, 2017  
6:00 p.m.

The Fannin County Board of Education met in regular session with the following members present: Bobby Bearden, Chair; Terry Bramlett, Vice-Chair; Lewis DeWeese; Chad Galloway; and Steve Stanley. All members present.

The meeting was called to order by Bobby Bearden, Chair.

Bobby Bearden, Chair, relinquished the Chair to Mark Henson, Superintendent, for reorganization of the Board.

Mark Henson, Superintendent, called for nominations for Chair for the 2017 calendar year.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to nominate Bobby Bearden as Chair for the 2017 calendar year. All members voted yes; Motion carried.

Mark Henson, Superintendent, turned the meeting over to the newly elected 2017 Chair, Bobby Bearden.

Bobby Bearden, Chair, called for nominations for Vice-Chair for the 2017 calendar year. Lewis DeWeese was nominated by Chad Galloway.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Chad Galloway, to nominate Lewis DeWeese as Vice-Chair for the 2017 calendar year. All members voted yes; Motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of Mark Henson, Superintendent, a motion was made by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Chad Galloway, to set the regular monthly Board of Education meetings for the 2017 calendar year on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m., and the Board's work sessions to be held at 8:00 a.m. on the Tuesday preceding the regular monthly meeting. All meetings are to be held at the Board of Education office. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

By motion from Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve the following items on the consent agenda. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Approve the meeting minutes from January 10, 2017, 8:00 a.m., December 15, 2016, 8:00 a.m., and December 8, 2016, 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment:

None.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve the financial report for the month ending November 30, 2016. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Mr. Henson stated the SPLOST check received in December for November was \$416,890.98.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Steve Stanley, to approve the Five-Year Plan for Fannin County Middle School. All members voted yes; motion carried (see attached).

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve the audio system renovations contract for Fannin County High School New Gym with dB Audio & Video in the amount of \$27,219.43 to be paid out of SPLOST funds. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Karen Walton, Assistant Superintendent, School Improvement & Curriculum Director, reviewed the Board members' four training topics selected from the 2016-2017 Board Governance Training offerings. They are as follows: Board Building: Leveraging Individual and Governance Team Strengths through Emergenetics, Board Roles and Responsibilities, Legal Issues and Ethics for Boards of Education, and Planning for Boards of Education. GSBA will determine if the Board is required to complete three or four of these training topics to retain the status of Exemplary Board. The Board will be informed when confirmation is received.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve Shawn Kepley for the transportation department. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Chad Galloway to approve Dennis Turner for the transportation department. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve Holly Cherie Davenport for substitute nutrition worker. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve Terri Jo Paulson as a substitute nutrition worker. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Steve Stanley, to approve Daniel "Dan" Brown as a substitute custodian worker. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve Ashley Brisbay as a substitute teacher. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve Charity Kennedy as a substitute teacher. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve Whitley McDaris as a substitute teacher. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve Sara Seber as a substitute teacher. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve Robin Schulte Tonti as a substitute teacher. All members voted yes; motion carried.

### Superintendent's Comments:

Mark Henson, Superintendent, welcomed Chad Galloway to his first Board meeting. Mr. Henson said he is impressed with his dedication with the Board since he was elected. Chad has attended every meeting since he was elected and completed his required trainings. Mr. Henson stated he was so proud of this Board at the table. During the election there was a chance to have three members overturned on the Board, but that didn't happen. Mr. Henson was pleased because the success of the Fannin County School System flows directly from the Board that supports employees, children, and the community, and for that he says "Thank You." His belief is the school system always looks out for the good of its employees and the good of the children. Mr. Henson said he is looking forward to his last six months with the school system, he has enjoyed his time with it, and he truly enjoys the people he works with. He considers them his friends and family.

### Board Members' Comments:

Bobby Bearden was privileged to see the baseball field and the new press box at the Fannin Middle School. Mr. Bearden was impressed with the transformation to a locker room and still being able to broadcast the games. He commended Sisson Log Homes for donating the material for the renovation. Mr. Bearden thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting.

Lewis DeWeese thanked the applicants who submitted letters of intent for the Superintendent position. He stated their desire was to follow Mr. Henson's footsteps in helping better the school system and blessing the community but most of all helping the kids. Mr. DeWeese said that is what it is all about.

Terry Bramlett stated it is always an honor to be a part of the team. He said the central office personnel are outstanding. Mr. Bramlett commended all five of the principals for attending the meeting telling them they set the standards high at their schools, and they lead their teams and make the Board members very proud, and the Board thanks them.

Chad Galloway stated he counted being a Board member as a great honor and a privilege and was thankful for the opportunity. He loves the community and the kids; they mean a great deal to him. Mr. Galloway said the transition coming on the Board has been wonderful. He thanked Mr. Henson, Cynthia Panter, and Betsy Hyde for keeping him involved during the transition. Mr. Galloway said the entire Central Office has been wonderful, and for that he said "Thank You!" He commended the principals for always responding and answering questions and going above and beyond to assist him when needed.

Steve Stanley thanked the principals for coming out to the Board meetings and told them he appreciated their support. Mr. Stanley welcomed Chad Galloway to the Board. He said it's a privilege to be a member of the Board, and he believes Chad will feel the same.

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

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Bobby Bearden, Chairperson

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Mark Henson, Superintendent

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