

October 11, 2018
6:00 p.m.

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

The meeting was called to order by Lewis DeWeese, Chair.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve the consent agenda.

Approve the agenda.

Approve the Board meeting minutes from September 13, 2018, 5:30 p.m.; September 13, 2018, 6:00 p.m.; and October 9, 2018, 8:00 a.m.

Approve a field trip request from the Mountain Education Charter High School for students to take the “Accuplacer” at North Georgia Technical College (Blairsville, Georgia, campus) on October 23, 2018.

Homeless procedures guidelines

Approve lease for Veterans (**see attached**)

All members voted yes to approve the items on the consent agenda; motion carried.

Fannin County Empty Stocking Program (FCESP) President Denise Place presented the Board of Education with \$6,000 in grants for Fannin County Schools and the Fannin County Mountain Education Charter High School site.

Candice Sisson, Director of School Nutrition, reviewed the REACH (Realizing Education Achievement Can Happen) Scholar Program, and reminded the Board of signing ceremony to be held at Fannin County Middle School on October 19, 2018, at 9:00 a.m.

Fannin County High School Drama Department Teacher Todd Geren gave the extracurricular update for the month. Drama students Hunter Brown, Abi Criteser, Hailey Fields, and Lexi McGill participated in the presentation.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the district financial report for August 31, 2018. All members voted yes; motion carried. (**see attached**)

Dr. Gwatney stated the SPLOST check received in September for August was \$482,867.91.

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Amendment #1. All members voted yes; motion carried. (**see attached**)

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve the electronic keycard lock system for Blue Ridge Elementary School. This will be a turnkey project completed by Howard Technology Solutions for \$46,872.66. This will be paid for with local funds, and \$44,780 will be reimbursed to Fannin County School System by the Georgia Department of Education Facility Safety Grant Bond Funds. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the keycard lock system for West Fannin Elementary School. This will be a turnkey project completed by Howard Technology Solutions for \$43,803.66. This will be paid for with SPLOST funds. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve the purchase of media center shelving for Fannin County Middle School. The shelving will be purchased turnkey from Demco for \$47,308.43. This will be paid for with Literacy for Learning, Living, and Leading in Georgia grant funds. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve the purchase of media center furniture for Fannin County Middle School. The furniture will be purchased turnkey from Demco for \$25,062.03. This will be paid for with Literacy for Learning, Living, and Leading in Georgia grant funds. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the Maintenance Storage Facility. LDP Construction Company, Inc. will complete the turnkey project for \$55,498.00. This purchase will be paid for with SPLOST funds. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Assistant Superintendent Robert Ensley reminded Board members of the Local Board Training dates and topics. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve the resignation of Dalton Gilliam effective 10-19-2018. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve the resignation of Sharon Hackler effective 10-31-2018. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the resignation of Andy Mashburn effective 10-11-2018. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve Marti Bryson as Gifted Assessment Coordinator up to 49% (as needed) pending completion of paperwork and background check. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve Dillon Doster as a Custodian pending completion of paperwork and background check. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve Enoch Martin for the Transportation Department pending completion of paperwork and background check. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve Ryan Holloway for substitute clerical pending completion of paperwork and background check. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve Hanna Bryant, Rebecca Cross, C. Regina Foster, Michaela Gray, Laura Love, Christina Rea-Gutierrez, Rachel N. Rhodes, and Michelle Sechrengost as substitute teachers pending completion of paperwork and background check. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve Nathaniel Daughtery, Dana Imler, and Brandon Tipton as substitutes for the Transportation Department pending completion of paperwork and background check. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Superintendent's Comments:

Dr. Michael Gwatney asked that Steve Stanley and his family be kept in thoughts and prayers, as well as those impacted by hurricane Michael. Dr. Gwatney thanked visitors and those watching the meeting online. He thanked Rev. Matthew McDaniel for tonight's invocation and Retired Principal Mike Britton for leading the Pledge of Allegiance. He also recognized Principal Matt Price for his presentation at the work session, Fannin County Empty Stocking Program (FCESP) for their support of Fannin County children, and Todd Geren for the extracurricular update. Dr. Gwatney appreciated the Teacher of the Year Nominees and congratulated Jeremy King for being name Fannin County's Teacher of the Year for School Year 2020. He congratulated the Fannin County Middle School football team for advancing to the playoffs, and the Fannin County High School Band for their success at the festival held in Carroll County, Georgia, on October 6, 2018. Dr. Gwatney stated that he is looking forward to the Fannin County Band Festival on October 13, 2018. He appreciated the support of the community and the positive feedback received from the Community Vaping Forum. He recognized the Fannin County Board of Education members for their commitment to the public and the students of Fannin County.

The Open House of the Fannin County Agriculture and Environmental Science Facility will be Thursday, November 1, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.

Board Members' Comments:

Mr. Bobby Bearden thanked those in attendance and agreed with everything Superintendent Dr. Michael Gwatney stated. Mr. Bearden appreciated those that work with the FCESP and the needs they meet for the children of Fannin County. Mr. Bearden supports the REACH Scholar Program and the diverse group of students that are benefiting from REACH. Mr. Bearden complimented Todd Geren and his drama students for the great job they do. He thanked Tara Cantrell for the presentation on homeless students and appreciates that the school system takes care of students dealing with homelessness.

Mr. Terry Bramlett stated that he is honored to be part of the system and proud to be part of the team. He thanked FCESP for the funds they have raised for Fannin County children in recent years. Mr. Bramlett thanked those who participated in the Community Vaping Forum and stated that he had shared it with 1.2 million adult volunteers in the Boy Scouts of America. He

congratulated the Fannin County High School Band for hosting a great Band Festival and stated that it will be a great experience for our band, our community, and our economy.

Mr. Chad Galloway stated that it is an honor to be part of the system. He thanked FCESP and stated that he enjoyed the presentation from Mr. Mathew Price on October 9, 2018. Mr. Galloway thanked his family for attending at the Board meeting.

Mr. Lewis DeWeese complimented the pastors and veterans for supporting the school system. He stated that it speaks highly of the community and when people in the community care about children. These caring individuals are appreciated, and there is no value that can be placed on the positive impact they have had on the community.

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.

Lewis DeWeese, Chairperson

Michael Gwatney, Superintendent

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