

September 13, 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; Terry Bramlett; and Steve Stanley. All members were present.

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

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve the consent agenda.

Approve the agenda.

Approve the Board meeting minutes from August 9, 2018, 5:30 p.m.; August 9, 2018, 6:00 p.m.; August 14, 2018, 4:30 p.m.; August 29, 2018, 5:00 p.m.; August 29, 2018, 5:30 p.m.; and September 11, 2018, 8:00 a.m.

Fannin County Chapter of the Georgia School Nutrition Association Fundraisers for SY 2019 (shared for information only).

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

Candice Sisson, Director of School Nutrition, reviewed the selection process for Fannin County's Teacher of the Year (FCTOTY) Program, presented the FCTOTY nominees for SY 2020, and notified the Board of a pending invitation to the annual banquet, which will be held on October 2, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. at Willow Creek Falls.

Fannin County High School Principal, Erik Cioffi, introduced Chad Cheatham, Physical Education Teacher and Head Football/Track Coach for Fannin County High School. Mr. Cheatham gave the extracurricular update for the month.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

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

Dr. Gwatney stated the SPLOST check received in August for July was \$514,900.38.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Amendment #8. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(see attached)**

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve the Highway 515 Access Project. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(see attached)**

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve revised Board policy KG – Use of School Facilities. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(see attached)**

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Steve Stanley, to approve revised Board policy GAN – Smoking and Use of Tobacco Products. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(see attached)**

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve the Fannin County Middle School Surplus Property winning bids:

Lot 3: 3 Movie projectors	Nelson Dean - \$20
Lot 5: 3 Movie screens	Ruth Bramlett - \$30
Lot 6: 1 Opaque projector	Faye Sisson - \$25
Lot 7: 1 Card catalog	Faye Sisson - \$400

All members voted yes; motion carried. **(see attached)**

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the following items located at Fannin County Middle Schools as salvage equipment:

Lot 1: 4 Boom box stereo system
Lot 2: 3 Televisions (various sizes)
Lot 4: 3 Stereo listening stations

All members voted yes; motion carried. **(see attached)**

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the West Fannin Elementary School Wireless Technology Project. This includes a wireless network to be purchased and installed (turnkey project) from MCA Technology Solutions for \$38,976.50. This purchase will be made with SPLOST funds. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(see attached)**

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden to approve propane fuel bid of \$0.994 per gallon from UPG/Fort Mountain Propane. Bidder has agreed to all terms and conditions set forth in the Invitation to Bid offered by the Fannin County Board of Education on August 3, 2018. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(see attached)**

Dr. Michael Gwatney introduced the next agenda items by recognizing Mr. Benny Long, Assistant Superintendent of Transportation, Safety, and Operations, for his service as the President of the Georgia Association for Pupil Transpiration.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the purchase of four 72-passenger school buses from Peach State Freightliner Thomas Bus Sales of Georgia. The purchase price is \$87,770 per bus. The total price for four buses is \$351,080. Fannin County School System was awarded three bond buses from Georgia Department of Education (GADOE). GADOE is providing bond funding in the amount of \$231,660 (\$77,220 per bus). This money is to be applied to the purchase of three bond buses. The remaining \$119,420 will be paid from SPLOST funds. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(see attached)**

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Steve Stanley, to approve the purchase of a Ford F-350 service truck from Wade Ford for \$53,088.50. Funding for this purchase will be split between the Maintenance Department (\$40,668.75) and the Transportation Department (\$12,419.75). All members voted yes; motion carried. **(see attached)**

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve the purchase of a Ford-F450 from Wade Ford for the price of \$62,580.25. Funding for this purchase will come from the Transportation Department. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(see attached)**

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to Approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Fannin County Department of Public Health to provide a facility, if needed as a result of a local health emergency. This MOU is effective from October 1, 2018, through October 1, 2019, and may be renewed on an annual basis if mutually agreed upon by both parties. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(see attached)**

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Fannin County Department of Public Health to provide scoliosis screenings of public school children in the at-risk population, ages 10 – 15 years. The terms of this agreement shall be for the period of one year commencing on October 1, 2018. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(see attached)**

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve the Fannin County School System Vision, Mission, and Beliefs. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(see attached)**

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett to approve the Fannin County School System Strategic Plan. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(see attached)**

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden to approve Local Board Training Selections. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(see attached)**

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the following Substitute Teachers pending completion of paperwork and background checks.

Sheryl Biscotti	Marianne L. Mills	Kyra White
Kayla Bradburn	Monica Petersen	Roddy Williams
Philip Byler	*Maureen Sidlow	Susan Williams
Amanda Hampton	Keith Sutherland	John Wolfe
Dorianna (Dori) Jones	Susan Taylor	
Kimberly S. Langevin	Penny Vaughan	

All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Steve Stanley, to approve Heather Barber and Melisa Prater as Nutrition Substitutes pending completion of paperwork and background check. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve Jimmy Butler and Wanda R. Burleigh as a Substitute Custodians pending completion of paperwork and background check. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve Sharon Morgan as a Substitute Bus Driver pending completion of paperwork and background check. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Superintendent's Comments:

Dr. Michael Gwatney thanked visitors and those watching the meeting online. He thanked Susan Holloway for her work on the budget, Sarah Welch and her students for their presentation on the Fannin County High School (FCHS) Writing Center, Candy Sisson for the Teacher of the Year presentation, Lucas Roof for the School Happenings report, and Danny Shinpaugh for the construction update. Dr. Gwatney announced that the Grand Opening for the Agricultural Science Facility will be held on Thursday, November 1, 2018, with more details to come. Chad Cheatham was appreciated for his motivational presentation.

Erik Cioffi and Keith Nuckolls were commended for their diligence working with the Vaping issue. Dr. Gwatney stated that these two principals handled a difficult situation well. They dealt with the issue, communicated appropriately, and provided resources. Dr. Gwatney recognized District Attorney B. Alison Sosebee and Sheriff Dane Kirby as great partners and thanked them for their support. He also thanked the media for communicating the message through their resources.

Dr. Gwatney noted that a tree fell in front of FCHS and had prompted the clearing of trees to provide additional parking, as well as a much improved view of the school.

Dr. Gwatney stated that the district is monitoring hurricane Florence.

Board Members' Comments:

Mr. Bobby Bearden thanked those in attendance, especially the principals and said "ditto" to Dr. Gwatney's comments. He told Darren Danner that the tree falling was a blessing for the view of FCHS and the additional parking. He offered his thanks to the school system personnel in assisting with the vaping crisis. Mr. Bearden thanked Chad Cheatham and stated that he likes what Mr. Cheatham stands for. Mr. Bearden stated that we are blessed to have the FCHS Writing Club Students and asked that we remember a three-year-old child dealing with a serious illness.

Mr. Terry Bramlett stated that he is honored to be part of the system and proud to be part of the team. He thanked Sarah Rigdon for her work on the Strategic Plan and Susan Holloway for her work on budget and finance. Mr. Bramlett stated that our principals are all exceptional and thanked Mr. Cioffi for promoting the student writing center. He thanked Danny Shinpaugh for his perspective on the history of the Fannin County School System facilities as the Maintenance Department had patched things up and made do with what they had.

Mr. Chad Galloway stated that it is an honor to be part of the system. He agreed with how the vaping issue was handled. He commented on a Facebook post showing volleyball players circled in prayer when their coach had a medical issue and stated that it is an honor to be part of a system with faith, family, and academics. He stated that he loved the enthusiasm shown by Chad Cheatham and what he stands for.

Mr. Steve Stanley agreed with all that had been said by Dr. Gwatney and the other Board members. He also stated "Go Dawgs!"

Mr. Lewis DeWeese said that school personnel make it easy to be a Board member. Kids are blessed with passionate and caring teachers, administrators, and support staff. He stated that it is a privilege to be part of the Board.

Danny Shinpaugh was asked by the Board to speak on the history of the Fannin County School System Maintenance Department. Mr. Shinpaugh gave a brief history of the maintenance crew from the early 1980s to present. He stated that the community is blessed to have the facilities offered today because of SPLOST being approved by the voters of Fannin County.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, a motion was made by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett, 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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