

August 9, 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 Chad Galloway, to approve the consent agenda.

Approve the agenda.

Approve the Board meeting minutes from July 12, 2018, at 5:30 p.m.; July 12, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.; July 30, 2018, at 8:00 a.m.; and August 7, 2018, at 8:00 a.m.

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

Sarah Rigdon, Director of Achievement, reviewed the draft Fannin County School System 2018-2022 Strategic Plan and the Department of Education (DOE)-approved 2018-19 District Improvement Plan with Board members. Board members were encouraged to provide input and feedback regarding the draft strategic plan between now and the next regular board meeting and contact Mrs. Rigdon with any questions. Mrs. Rigdon will ask for Board approval of the 2018-2022 FCSS Strategic Plan in September. The Strategic Plan is a GSBA requirement and is considered an overarching plan that includes the mission, vision, belief statements and long-range goals for the system. The district improvement plan is required by the DOE and includes specific, time-bound goals, a system for measuring progress toward meeting our goals, and a compliant plan to expend our federal funds in a manner consistent with meeting our goals. The Fannin County District Improvement Plan was approved on July 25, 2018 by the DOE.

Erik Cioffi, Fannin County High School Principal, introduced David Henson, Athletic Director for Fannin County School System. Mr. Henson gave an overview of the programs he oversees as Athletic Director for the school system.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve the district financial report for June 30, 2018. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(see attached)**

Dr. Gwatney stated the ESPLOST check received in July for June was \$499,055.47.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Steve Stanley, to approve the school quarterly financial reports as of June 30, 2018. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Data necessary to calculate the millage rate was received from the courthouse on August 8, 2018. Dr. Gwatney and the Board discussed the importance of giving due diligence to the review of the data, as well as the budget. It was decided that it would be prudent to allow additional time for this review. Dr. Gwatney recommended that the Board have a called meeting and reconvene after taking time to consider the needs of taxpayers and students. No action was taken on agenda

item 11, Approve FY 19 Tentative Budget, and no action was taken on agenda item 12, Approve 2019 Tentative Millage.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve a spending resolution for September 2018. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(see attached)**

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve the purchase of the Salto Lock System for East Fannin Elementary School from Howard Technologies Solutions for \$25,512.00 to be paid for out of ESPLOST funds. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve revised Board policy DJED – Bids and Quotations. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(see attached)**

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to table revised Board policy KG – Use of School Facilities for public comment and to be voted on at the next regularly scheduled meeting. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(see attached)**

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to table revised Board policy GAN – Smoking and Use of Tobacco Products for public comment and to be voted on at the next regularly scheduled meeting. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(see attached)**

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to salvage the following items

Technology Center

3 Filtering appliances

10 Laptops

9 Desktops

1 Router

1 Ren Place Server

Xirrus Wireless Equipment from Fannin County Middle School and Fannin County High School

HP Server – Inventory number 1100829, fixed asset number 365, Model MXQ11300VZ

Dell Server – Inventory number 0700190, fixed asset number 308, Model Poweredge 2950 2X Intel Xeon 5160 3 GHz

Lightspeed Web Filter – Inventory number 1400304, fixed asset number 447, Model Bottle Rocket SYS-G-LSS-WF-R

Blue Ridge Elementary School

14 TV's

Fannin County Middle School

12 VCR's

7 Promethean activate cases with devices

1 Promethean board

1 large format printer

9 Promethean tables

40 Desktops

13 LCD monitors

### 3 Projectors

East Fannin Elementary School  
Dolphin scanner Y3411199  
Hand scanner  
Small tv 18980292  
2 Tiny speakers  
Scanner PHD+1 2715169401859531  
3100 Barcode scanner

All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the following items located at Fannin County Middle Schools as surplus equipment:

Lot 1: 4 Boom box stereo system  
Lot 2: 3 Televisions (various sizes)  
Lot 3: 3 Movie projectors  
Lot 4: 3 Stereo listening stations  
Lot 5: 3 Movie screens  
Lot 6: 1 Opaque projector  
Lot 7: 1 Card catalog

All members voted yes; motion carried.

Robert Ensley, Assistant Superintendent, shared the Fannin County Schools 2018 – 2019 Annual Board Planning Calendar with the Board. No Board action required. (**see attached**)

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve the following 2018 – 2019 Board Governance Training course Offerings:

Current System Wide Technology Initiatives/Planning for the Future  
Communicating the School System Message  
Board Roles and Responsibilities  
Legal Issues and Ethics for Boards of Educations

All members voted yes; motion carried.

School year 2017 – 2018 discipline comparison reports for Fannin County Middle School and Fannin County High School were presented to the Board for information only. No Board action required.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the addendum to the AmeriCorps Service Site Agreement to cover the 4-H AmeriCorps position for a total cost of \$2,720. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve Frances Lawrie as a Paraprofessional pending completion of paperwork and background check. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to transfer Wendi Hood from Transportation to the position of Paraprofessional pending completion of paperwork and background check. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Steve Stanley, to approve Kyra White as a Substitute Nutrition Worker pending completion of paperwork and background check. All members voted yes; motion carried.

### **Superintendent's Comments:**

**Dr. Michael Gwatney** stated that the 2018-2019 school year has had a terrific start! He and other members of the district leadership team attended each school's Open House, and Dr. Gwatney stated they were wonderful. He added that it was evident that there was lots of planning and hard work to prepare, and the schools looked great. Dr. Gwatney said it was a wonderful first day of school, too. Once again, he and members of the district leadership team were able to visit each school, and it was awesome to see all of the departments and personnel come together for the benefit of our students. Dr. Gwatney concluded that we are blessed in Fannin County.

### **Board Members' Comments:**

**Mr. Steve Stanley** thanked Darren Danner for getting his evening off to a roaring start. Mr. Stanley told Mr. Danner he owed him one. Mr. Stanley stated it was good to see Betsy Hyde back. Mr. Stanley stated on a sad note Ms. Bessie Buttram had passed. Mr. Stanley stated he was going to miss her and she was a great asset to the school system.

**Mr. Bobby Bearden** thanked David Henson for his presentation. Mr. Bearden was impressed Mr. Henson had coached every sport except two. Mr. Bearden stated he thought this would make Mr. Henson a good Athletic Director. Mr. Bearden thanked Keith Nuckolls, Principal of Fannin County Middle School, on the superb job he did on his presentation at the work session on Tuesday. Mr. Bearden also thanked the other principals for the great job they are doing. Mr. Bearden said he was happy to see Betsy Hyde's smiling face back. Mr. Bearden stated Sarah Rigdon did a good job with her presentation. Mr. Bearden stated he knew Sarah thought the presentation was long but he thought it was necessary for the Board to hear the information she had to present. Mr. Bearden thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Mr. Bearden complimented Danny Shinpaugh, Director of Facilities, and his department for all of the work they got done over the summer.

**Mr. Terry Bramlett** congratulated everyone on a smooth start for the school year. Mr. Bramlett stated he thinks this was the smoothest one he remembers. Mr. Bramlett told Mr. Nuckolls he thoroughly enjoyed his presentation on Tuesday, and his emphasis on the notion of "preparation" was clearly evident, as he was well prepared. Mr. Bramlett welcomed Betsy Hyde back. Mr. Bramlett thanked Susan Holloway, Director of Finance, for her continued dedication and stated we are so blessed to have you. Mr. Bramlett also congratulated Sarah Rigdon on the development and successful approval of the CLIP.

**Mr. Chad Galloway** told Keith Nuckolls he thoroughly enjoyed his presentation. Mr. Galloway stated it was good to have Betsy Hyde back. Mr. Galloway complimented Benny Long,

Assistant Superintendent, on a well run first day of school and having students home in a timely manner. Mr. Galloway complimented Danny Shinpaugh on all of the projects he and his staff completed this past summer. Mr. Galloway thanked all of the principals for the job they do. Mr. Galloway thanked everyone who came out for the meeting.

**Mr. Lewis DeWeese** stated he would not take away from comments already made, he would second them. Mr. DeWeese stated he does not recall ever seeing more happy and upbeat people throughout the school system.

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.

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Lewis DeWeese, Chairperson

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Michael Gwatney, Superintendent

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