

April 13, 2017
4:30 p.m.

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

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

The Board participated in their second Local Board Training session for the 2016-2017 school year. Dr. Ruth O'Dell, consultant for Pioneer RESA, facilitated the training. The topic was Leading Change from the Board Level.

Mr. Henson explained the four changes made to the agenda.

Two items were moved to the consent agenda:

Resolution – Amend School Calendar 2016-2017

Revise Board Policy IHF (7) Graduation Requirements-Entering Fall 2017-2018 and thereafter to lay on table for public view until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Two items were added to the agenda:

Approve Easement Agreement between Fannin County Board of Commissioners and Fannin County Board of Education.

Resolution to approve 5-year plan update.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve the following items on the consent agenda. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Approve the meeting minutes from March 9, 2017, 4:30 p.m.; March 24, 2017, 12:00 p.m.; and April 11, 2017, 8:00 a.m.

Approve field trip request:

Mountain Education Charter School System – Atlanta Braves Game at Sun Trust Park, Atlanta, GA– May 6, 2017;

Review of Local Board Training:

Conflict of Interest

Code of Ethics

Resolution – Amend School Calendar 2016-2017

Revise Board Policy IHF (7) Graduation Requirements-Entering Fall 2017-2018 and thereafter.

Public Comment:

None.

After public comment, motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve the financial report for the month ending February 28, 2017. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Mr. Henson stated the SPLOST check received in March for February was \$342,899.68.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the Budget Amendments FY2017, Amendment 4- April 13, 2017. All members voted yes; motion carried (see attached).

Susan Holloway, Finance Director, reviewed the Audit Report for FY16 (see attached).

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Steve Stanley, to approve the easement agreement between Fannin County Board of Commissioners and Fannin Count Board of Education. All members voted yes, motion carried (see attached).

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve the Resolution to approve 5-year plan update. All members voted yes; motion carried (see attached).

Karen Walton, Assistant Superintendent, School Improvement & Curriculum (P-8), announced that the next Local Board Training will be on May 11, 2017. Pioneer RESA will facilitate the training on Legal Issues. The meeting will begin at 4:30 p.m.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Chad Galloway, to go into executive session to discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee or to interview applicants for the position of superintendent; (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(2)). All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to go back into regular session. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Bobby Bearden announced that no action was taken during executive session.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve the executive session minutes from March 24, 2017.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Steve Stanley, to accept the resignation of Patricia Adams effective May 31, 2017. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to accept the resignation of Fayrene Addington effective June 1, 2017. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to accept the resignation of J. Kyle Davis effective end of SY 2016-2017. All members voted yes, motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Steve Stanley, to accept the resignation of Deborah Satterfield effective May 31, 2017. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Steve Stanley, to accept the resignation of Peggy Sue Taylor May 31, 2017. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded Steve Stanley, to accept the resignation of Michelle Thomas effective May 31, 2017. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to accept the resignation of Mark Wade effective April 11, 2017. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve Joe Hutsell as a teacher. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve Niki Hutsell as a teacher. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by, Chad Galloway, to approve Mike Newton as a teacher. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett to approve Andrea Crump as an administrator. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Superintendent's Comments:

Mark Henson, Superintendant, stated ETC has been a great partner to the school system. They have given scholarships, along with many other things. They came up with an idea of the IGNITE Grant for all the counties they serve. Mr. Henson and Cynthia Panter discussed the Fannin School system winning 4 out of 5 of the grants for a total of \$30,000.00. Mr. Henson said he was proud of the public support of the school system. Feed Fannin donated \$9,000.00 for STEM projects. Tim Mercier from Mercier orchards was digging in the dirt at West Fannin Elementary School helping to plant an orchard.

Board Members' Comments:

Bobby Bearden said the class he attended early was about transition from the superintendent Mark Henson to Dr. Michael Gwatney. Mr. Henson has done an excellent job for

the last ten years. Dr. Gwatney will do an excellent job when he begins his role as Superintendent as well. Mr. Bearden spoke about the expansion of the radio station and is very excited about the system. Mr. Bearden said he was blessed to be a part of the system, and it's one of the best in the state of Georgia.

Lewis DeWeese stated happy children do good work. STEM stirs up the initiative to make learning fun.

Terry Bramlett thanked everyone for being at the meeting. He said the Board completed a training session this afternoon on transition. He feels the group in the room is being honored for their dedication to the system. Mr. Bramlett is also very excited about the future with the changes and transitions taking place. He stated the one thing that would not change is the Board's commitment to the students, to the faculty, the administration, staff, the central office, and the taxpayers of Fannin County. They are dedicated to pursuing excellence and opportunities for the students. Mr. Bramlett addressed Susan Holloway, Finance Director, and her staff for their dedication and commitment to excellence as being remarkable. It inspires confidence from the Board, and it inspires confidence from the taxpayers and the stake holders in the system. Susan's remarkable accuracy is something to be celebrated. Mr. Bramlett congratulated Susan and her staff.

Chad Galloway stated he appreciated all the cards sent from the kids for Board Appreciation Week. He has started a folder to place his cards and letters in. Mr. Galloway enjoys reading them and sharing them with his own children. He is excited to be a part of the Board and impressed at each meeting to see what the school system is doing. He said he would probably be a different student than what he was when he attended school – Such a huge improvement and very exciting to see!

Steve Stanley thanked all the schools for sending cards for Board appreciation week. Mr. Stanley said the best part was receiving letters from the students. He has started keeping a scrapbook through the years that he can look back through. It really means a lot to him. Mr. Stanley wanted to steal a line from one school: "Thanks a Latte."

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.

Bobby Bearden, Chairperson

Mark Henson, Superintendent