

January 10, 2019
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 Mike Cole. All members were present.

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

Lewis DeWeese, Chair, relinquished the Chair to Superintendent Michael Gwatney for reorganization of the Board.

Michael Gwatney, Superintendent, called for nominations for Chair for the 2019 calendar year.

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to nominate Lewis DeWeese as Chair for the 2019 calendar year. Bobby Bearden, Terry Bramlett, Mike Cole, and Chad Galloway voted yes; Lewis DeWeese abstained; motion carried.

Superintendent Michael Gwatney turned the meeting over to the newly elected 2019 Chair, Lewis DeWeese.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Mike Cole, to nominate Chad Galloway as Vice-Chair for the 2019 calendar year. Lewis DeWeese, Bobby Bearden, Terry Bramlett, and Mike Cole voted yes; Chad Galloway abstained; motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Michael Gwatney, a motion was made by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Chad Galloway, to set the regular monthly Board of Education meetings for the 2019 calendar year on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. All meetings are to be held at the Board of Education office. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Mike Cole, to approve the consent agenda. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Approve the agenda.

Approve the Board meeting minutes from December 11, 2018, December 13, 2018, and January 8, 2019.

Approve Salvage of items from Fannin County Middle School. (**See attached.**)

Deputy Superintendent Betsy Hyde gave a presentation on the renewal application of the district's Charter.

Motion made by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve the Fannin County School System Charter Resolution. All members voted yes; motion carried. (**See attached.**)

Fannin County High School Assistant Principal Theresa Dillard introduced Information Technology Teacher and eSports Coach David Padgett. Mr. Padgett and student Porter Squires provided an update on Electronic Sports, which is under the Georgia High School Association.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve the district financial report for November 30, 2018. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Dr. Gwatney stated the SPLOST check received in December for November was \$500,946.90. **(See attached.)**

Director of Finance Susan Holloway and Director of Planning, Policy, & Curriculum Darren Danner presented the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax V (SPLOST V) Referendum. Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden to approve the SPLOST V Referendum. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Mike Cole, to approve FY19 budget amendment #4. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve the winning bid of \$25.00 made by Tim Messer for Lot 2 of Fannin County Middle School surplus property – (4) 4.4' high x 9.5' long double sided shelving. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve salvage equipment Lot 1 of Fannin County Middle School surplus property – (5) 5.5' high x 19' long double-sided shelving. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

The Board reviewed bids for district surplus property, a framed house located in Land Lot No. 263 of the 8th District and 2nd Section of Fannin County, Georgia. No bids were received. **(See attached.)**

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve the salvage of district property, a framed house located in Land Lot No. 263 of the 8th District and 2nd Section of Fannin County, Georgia. All members voted yes; motion carried. **(See attached.)**

Director of Achievement Sarah Rigdon shared an update on the upcoming accreditation visit.

Assistant Superintendent Robert Ensley provided information on local board training dates.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Chad Galloway, to accept the resignation of Misty Burnette effective January 10, 2019. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Mike Cole, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to accept the resignation of Karen George effective June 1, 2019. All members vote yes; motion carried.

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to accept the resignation of Jerry Mitchell effective January 18, 2019. All members vote yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Chad Galloway, to accept the resignation of Danny Shinpaugh effective May 31, 2019. All members vote yes; motion carried.

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve the transfer of Darren Danner as an administrator effective June 1, 2019. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve the transfer of Denver Foster as an administrator effective June 1, 2019. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve Annette Dorman, Tammy Hawkins, Monica Petersen, and Keith Sutherland as a Nutrition substitutes pending completion of paperwork. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Superintendent's Comments:

Dr. Michael Gwatney, Superintendent, welcomed Mr. Mike Cole to the Board of Education and congratulated the Board of Education Chair and Vice-Chair on their appointment. The Superintendent congratulated Denver Foster on being named Director of Transportation and Darren Danner on being appointed as an assistant superintendent – Both will begin their new roles June 1, 2019. Dr. Gwatney thanked Danny Shinpaugh for his service and congratulated him on his upcoming retirement.

Dr. Gwatney commended Keith Nuckolls and Danny Shinpaugh for their presentations at the Board work session. He also commended Betsy Hyde, David Padgett, Porter Squires, and Sarah Rigdon on their presentations to the Board during the regular meeting.

Dr. Gwatney thanked the Board for approving the Charter Resolution and the SPLOST V Resolution. He appreciates the Board for being proactive and approving SPLOST V so no lapse occurs in these funds.

Dr. Gwatney mentioned the district's new safety reporting system and noted that Law Enforcement Appreciation Day was on January 9, 2019. He appreciated all law enforcement, including Fannin County Sheriff Dane Kirby, who provides him guidance on school safety matters and is a Fannin County Middle School Governance Team member.

Dr. Gwatney announced that the Fannin County Chamber of Commerce will host its monthly "Business After Hours" event at the Fannin County Agriculture Science Facility on Tuesday, March 5, 2019, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Board Members' Comments:

Bobby Bearden appreciated those who said a prayer for him and asked that they continue to pray for him. He is looking forward to working with Mr. Cole and other Board members along with all of those present. Mr. Bearden concurred with Dr. Gwatney's comments and believes that Fannin County is the number one school system, and the people in Fannin County will ensure it will be number one.

Terry Bramlett thanked the administrators and stated that it is a joy to work with them and hear their reports. He is proud of the principals and the phenomenal work they do managing schools. He commended Mr. Nuckolls for his impressive presentation and his approach to improvement and noted that mistakes are not failures but a chance to improve.

Chad Galloway thanked those present. He agreed with Dr. Gwatney on his comments. He stated that the school system administration makes it easy to work as a Board member. He appreciated Danny Shinpaugh for his work with the school system and wished him well. He congratulated Darren Danner and Denver Foster on their new appointments. He enjoyed Keith Nuckolls's presentation.

Mike Cole stated that he is nervous and excited about being on the Board. He said he hopes to be an asset and not a hindrance. He believes this is a great school system with many great people. He enjoyed Keith Nuckolls's presentation and liked the vision – this is where we are and this is how we will get there. He stated he is glad to be a part of the school system, and he is in awe. He appreciated David Padgett and Porter Squires for their eSports presentation. He stated there are many opportunities for sports, and his daughter is a Silver Medalist in the state for the 100-meter swim. He thanked the community for the opportunity, and he will miss those who are retiring.

Lewis DeWeese stated that we are in the kid business, and he wished to parrot what others had said. He thanked administrators from the bottom of his heart and looks forward to seeing progress in upcoming years. He stated that it can only get better.

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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