

February 8, 2018
4:00 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: Lewis DeWeese, Chair; Chad Galloway, Vice-Chair; Bobby Bearden; Terry Bramlett; and Steve Stanley. All members present.

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

The Board participated in a Local Board Training session for the 2017-2018 school year. Holly Mauney, Data Analyst and Consultant for Pioneer RESA, facilitated the training. The topic reviewed was Analyzing Student Achievement and Outcome Data.

Dr. Michael Gwatney, Superintendent, stated three items had been moved to the consent agenda since they were reviewed in detail at the work session on Tuesday. The items moved were: approve budget amendment #5, approve FY19 budget calendar, approval of 3-year technology plan.

Dr. Gwatney also stated an agenda item has been added for school field trip requests for two trips received since the Board met for the work session on Tuesday.

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

Approve the agenda.

Approve the meeting minutes from January 11, 2018, 6:00 p.m.

Approve the meeting minutes from February 6, 2018, 8:00 a.m.

Approve Budget Amendment FY 18 #5 (see attached).

Approve FY19 Budget Calendar (see attached).

Approve of 3-year Technology Plan (see attached).

Erik Cioffi, Fannin County High School Principal, gave the Board an update on extracurricular activities.

Public Comment:

Public comment was received from ten people regarding athletics:

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| 1) Donnie Kendall | 5) Chris Hyde | 9) Robin Reeves |
| 2) Cami Ledford | 6) Cliff Shirah | 10) Julie Seabolt |
| 3) Brian Johnson | 7) Ryan Walton | |
| 4) Roger Beavers | 8) Clifton Deal | |

After public comment, a motion was made by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve the following field trips:

Mountain Education Center to North Georgia Technical College on February 26, 2018.

Mountain Education Center to Blairsville Cinema on February 26, 2018.

All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve the district financial report for the month of December 31, 2017. All members voted yes; motion carried (see Attached). All members voted yes; motion carried.

Dr. Gwatney stated the SPLOST check received in January for December was \$473,011.65.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve each school's quarterly financial reports through December 2017 (see attached). All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the purchase of 12 interactive flat panels with on-board digital players from Arey-Jones for \$46,173.36 to be purchased out of SPLOST funds. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Robert Ensley, Curriculum Director, announced the next local Board trainings will be: April 12, 2018 (Legal Issues and Ethics for Boards of Education with Justin Old) and May 10, 2018 (Communicating the School System Message with Richard Krise).

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Steve Stanley, to accept the resignation of Robbi Callihan effective June 1, 2018. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to accept the resignation of Rebecca English effective the end of the 2017–2018 school year. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to accept the resignation of Marcie Harper effective June 1, 2018. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Chad Galloway, to accept the resignation of Emily Newman effective February 21, 2018. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Chad Galloway, to accept the resignation of Amanda O'Neal effective July 1, 2018. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to accept the resignation of Betty Sue Postell effective June 1, 2018. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve Christopher Parker as a media specialist for the 2018 – 2019 school year. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Steve Stanley, to approve Glenn Lewis for the transportation department. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Steve Stanley, to approve the transfer of Sheri Adams from East Fannin Elementary School secretary to Central Office secretary. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Superintendent's Comments:

Dr. Michael Gwatney expressed his appreciation to all of those in attendance, as well as all of those who viewed online. He thanked Mr. Bubba Gibbs and the Fannin County High School technology class, especially Steven Setser, as well as our FCSS Technology Department, for working together to make the live stream possible. Dr. Gwatney congratulated Mr. Darren Danner, who was named at Tuesday's meeting as the Director of Planning, Policy, and Curriculum (to take effect at the end of this school year), and said he will do an excellent job in this role. Dr. Gwatney expressed thanks for the support regarding school cancellations and adjustments to the school calendar, including April 5-6 becoming regular school days, as well as the already announced regular school days of February 19-20 and March 12-13. He appreciates everyone remembering that safety is always the top priority. Dr. Gwatney thanked the FCHS leadership, including Principal Mr. Erik Cioffi and Athletic Director Dr. Scott Ramsey, for the informative presentation; there are so many good things going on in our schools, both during regular school hours, as well as during the many after school hours when extracurricular events and practices are occurring. Dr. Gwatney stated that tonight's meeting was a reflection of the high expectations of the good people in our community. These expectations extend to all areas of our children's growth and development, and on behalf of the dedicated faculty and staff members of the Fannin County School System, he asked everyone to remember that your children are our children, too. Dr. Gwatney stated that we would continue to do everything in our power to see that each child is successful; our goal is to provide the citizens of this county with a tremendous return on their investment in the future. All of Fannin County is in this together.

Board Members' Comments:

Lewis DeWeese stated he thanked everyone for attending.

Chad Galloway thanked everyone who showed up. Mr. Galloway also thanked Robert Ensley and Erik Cioffi for their presentations. Mr. Galloway stated we had a lot of good stuff going on in Fannin and referenced the Birth-to-Five initiative, which was discussed at the work session on Tuesday.

Terry Bramlett stated he appreciated everyone's passion for children. He thanked Mr. Ensley for an excellent presentation this afternoon, and he thanked Mr. Cioffi and Dr. Ramsey for their presentations as well. Mr. Bramlett also stated he appreciated everyone for being here.

Bobby Bearden stated he appreciated everyone for coming out. He also stated he heard what they had to say, and he would do what he could as a Board member.

Steve Stanley stated he appreciated everyone for coming out. He stated no one want us to perform any higher than he does.

There being no further business to come before the board, 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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