

July 13, 2017  
6:00 p.m.

The Fannin County Board of Education met in 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.

Dr. Michael Gwatney, Superintendent, informed the Board of two items moved to the consent agenda:

Declare school nutrition program salvage property –WF Table.  
Request to transfer Ownership of SNP Tables.

By motion from Terry Bramlett, seconded by Steve Stanley, to approve the following items on the consent agenda. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Approve the meeting minutes from July 11, 2017, 8:00 a.m., and June 8, 2017, 6:00 p.m.

Approve the revised Board policy IHE- Promotion and Retention.

Declare school nutrition program salvage property – WF Table.

Request to transfer ownership of SNP tables.

Public Comment:

None.

After public comment, motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve the financial report for the month ending May 31, 2017. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Dr. Gwatney stated the SPLOST check received in June for May was \$409,781.06.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve the FY17 budget amendment. All members voted yes; motion carried (see attached).

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Steve Stanley, to approve the spending resolution for August 2017. All members voted yes; motion carried (see attached).

Dr. Gwatney reviewed the 2016 sales ratio study for information purposes only (see attached).

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Lewis DeWeese, to approve the CTAE five year plan. All members voted yes; motion carried (see attached).

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve school nutrition surplus equipment- East Fannin and West Fannin Tables. All members voted yes; motion carried (see attached).

Robert Ensley, Curriculum Director, will be in contact with Justin Old from Pioneer RESA to discuss the local board training selections for the 2017-2018 school year.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to accept the resignation of Judy A. Glasgow effective July 31, 2017. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to accept the resignation of Robin Kirby, effective July 10, 2017. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve Jessica George as a paraprofessional . All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve Tessa Deal Rogers as a paraprofessional. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Bobby Bearden, seconded by Steve Stanley, to approve Sarah Adams as a teacher. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Steve Stanley, to approve Rodney Ensley for the transportation department. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Chad Galloway, to approve Heather Boyle as a teacher at 50%. Lewis DeWeese abstained; motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bramlett, seconded by Steve Stanley, to approve Benny Long as an administrator. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Lewis DeWeese, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve Kathy Brownlee as a technology specialist. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Steve Stanley, seconded by Terry Bramlett, to approve Erin Carver as district SIS-technology assistant. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Motion by Chad Galloway, seconded by Bobby Bearden, to approve Vickie Roberson as a secretary. All members voted yes; motion carried.

#### Superintendent's Comments:

Dr. Michael Gwatney, Superintendent, stated his new role as Superintendent has gotten off to a great start. He has a great team, Board, and community that are here to serve the children of Fannin County. There are many new roles in the schools and Central Office. Dr. Gwatney stated Betsy Hyde, Associate Superintendent, continues her role and is second in command and thinks she does a wonderful job. Betsy is the heart of the Central Office. Dr. Gwatney congratulated Benny Long for being approved as Assistant Superintendent. He will continue his role with transportation, safety and support services. Dr. Gwatney welcomed and congratulated

the new Central Office Directors: Sarah Rigdon, Director of Achievement; Shannon Miller, Director of Student services; and Robert Ensley with his new role as Curriculum Director. Mary Ann Walker was welcomed to the Central Office as our District Technology Specialist. Danny Shinpaugh was unable to attend the meeting due to being in Atlanta with his daughter at an appointment. Dr. Gwatney said the unity between all departments has been amazing. He commended Mr. Cioffi for running a fantastic high school. Mr. Keith Nuckolls has completed his first year as Principal at Fannin Middle School and has done a great job. Dr. Gwatney is proud of Lucas Roof and a job well done as Principal at West Fannin Elementary. He introduced April Hodges as the new Principal of Blue Ridge Elementary and Matt Price as the new Principal of East Fannin Elementary. Dr. Gwatney commended Patricia DuBois on her excellent presentation for the CTAE program. There have been many changes in the system, and Dr. Gwatney said “Thank You” to the Board as we are blessed to have them. He is honored to be the new Superintendent for Fannin County.

#### Board Members’ Comments:

Steve Stanley stated by the next meeting school will be in session. It’s getting football season: “Go Dawgs.” He congratulated Benny Long on his new role as Assistant Superintendent and feels sure he will do a great job. Mr. Stanley feels the entire school system has the students’ best interest at heart.

Lewis DeWeese asked everyone to examine themselves to see how they change children’s lives. He said everyone is great and should be proud of the jobs they do. Mr. DeWeese is very happy that his kids have the privilege of attending here. He commended everyone for all the kids they have helped.

Terry Bramlett stated it was truly an honor to be associated with this system. The standard of excellence which permeates this organization is remarkable. The presentation Patricia DuBois gave for the CTAE is one example of that standard of excellence. The new and relatively new principals who were carefully chosen are stepping up and filling those roles successfully. The experience Mr. Nuckolls brings to the middle school program is welcoming. He commended Mr. Cioffi for his success at the high school. He couldn’t say enough about the orderly progression and change of leadership within the central office. He gave a “hats off” to Dr. Gwatney for the continuity of the system and the way he has brought key team members like Mr. Long and the two elementary principals on board. The retention of Ms. Hyde is a key element of that stability. He wanted to say “Thank You” to the nutrition department and the transportation service. They are examples for others to follow.

Chad Galloway reiterated what Mr. Bramlett said. He is also honored and proud to be on the Board and to be a part of the system and to be able to see how well everyone works with the kids. Mr. Galloway stated he is impressed with the leadership and appreciates each one of them.

Bobby Bearden agreed with his fellow Board members’ comments. He is looking forward to the facility that is being built on Ada Street and feels the finished product will be out of this world because of all the accomplishments that will be completed in that facility. He is excited for Ms. Matthews who will expand her work from the facility to all the schools in the county. Mr. Bearden commended Patricia DuBois for an excellent presentation about CTAE. He stated he is here for the new principals if they need his help in any way. Mr. Bearden congratulated Dr. Gwatney on his first Board meeting as Superintendent and said he thought he

did an excellent job. He also congratulated Benny Long on his new position as Assistant Superintendent. Mr. Bearden thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

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.

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Bobby Bearden, Chairperson

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Michael Gwatney, Superintendent

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