Toombs County Board Minutes
July 9, 2015
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The Toombs County Board of Education met in regular session with the following board members present: Russ Benton, Michael Grimes, Jonathan Holland, Toni Wilkes, and Clint Williams. Also present was Superintendent Richard Smith.

Visitors attending the meeting: Julie Spivey, Maryann Warnock, Sonya Ross, Crystal Blocker, Carmen Roberts, Jesse Scott, Deanna Stoddard, Kip Hart, Tabatha Nobles, Stacy Reese, Tabitha Scott, Larry Threlkeld, Roy Stewart, Zack Fowler, Judi Stewart, Abbie Smith, and Will Smith.

Clint Williams opened the meeting with an invocation and Pledge to the Flag.

The meeting began with Probate Judge Larry Threlkeld administering the Oath of Office for the position of Superintendent of Schools for Toombs County to William Richard Smith.

On motion by Toni Wilkes, seconded by Michael Grimes, the board approved the agenda for the meeting.

Unanimously Approved

On motion by Russ Benton, seconded by Michael Grimes, the (1) Minutes of the June 11, 2015, Board Meeting and (2) Minutes of the June 17, 2015, Called Board Meeting were approved.

Unanimously Approved

The Superintendent’s report was given by Mr. Smith with no action needed. Items of interest presented by the Superintendent were SPLOST revenues for the month of June and enrollment counts at each school for the beginning of the new year.

Due to the Toombs County Board of Education not having adopted a budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016, Mr. Smith submitted a Spending Resolution for board approval. On motion by Russ Benton, seconded by Toni Wilkes, the board approved a Spending Resolution for the month of July, 2015.

Unanimously Approved

Mr. Smith presented the tentative budget for FY2016 to the board. On motion by Toni Wilkes, seconded by Michael Grimes, the board approved the tentative budget for FY2016. The tentative budget will be advertised as required by Georgia law and submitted for final approval at the regular August 2015 meeting.

Unanimously Approved

On motion by Michael Grimes, seconded by Toni Wilkes, the board approved for Coca-Cola Bottling Company Unlimited to become the official drink vender for Toombs County Schools.

Unanimously Approved
On motion by Russ Benton, seconded by Toni Wilkes, the board approved a substitute support stipend for a designee at each school to work with the Aesop Substitute Program in the amount of $1500.

Unanimously Approved

On motion by Michael Grimes, seconded by Jonathan Holland, the board approved accepting the bid for Stephens Truck Center to repair a 2013 Bluebird bus.

Unanimously Approved

On motion by Toni Wilkes, seconded by Jonathan Holland, the board approved accepting the bid for Orkin to provide pest control for all schools and the School Nutrition Program.

Unanimously Approved

On motion by Michael Grimes, seconded by Toni Wilkes, the board approved accepting the bid for Mayfield Dairy Products to provide milk and Derst Baking Company to provide bread to the School Nutrition Program.

Unanimously Approved

On motion by Michael Grimes, seconded by Toni Wilkes, the board approved the increase of Adult Meal Prices for FY2016 by $0.25 each due to federal regulations. Adult breakfast will now be $1.75 and lunch will $3.25.

Unanimously Approved

On motion by Russ Benton, seconded by Toni Wilkes, the board voted 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; (OCGA 50-14-3(6)).

Russ Benton- yes
Michael Grimes - yes
Jonathan Holland-yes
Toni Wilkes - yes
Clint Williams-yes

On motion by Michael Grimes, seconded by Toni Wilkes, the board voted to come out of executive session.

Russ Benton- yes
Michael Grimes - yes
Jonathan Holland-yes
Toni Wilkes - yes
Clint Williams-yes
On motion by Russ Benton, seconded by Jonathan Holland, the board approved the following personnel recommendations: **Resignation Notice**: Brandon Boston, Assistant Principal, LPS; Danitra Britt, Teacher, TCES. **Employment Recommendation**: Patricia Taylor, Receptionist, TCHS; Ricky Wilson, Substitute Bus Driver. **Transfers**: Jenny Usher to TCHS, School Nutrition; Sedina Poole to LUES, School Nutrition; Isaac Ferrell to TCHS, Teacher; Brian Fitzgerald to teach Driver’s Education. **Administrative Staffing Plan**: Sonya Ross, Associate Superintendent for Teaching and Learning; Belinda Denmark, Assistant Director of Transportation; Lyons Primary School Assistant Principal to become a full-time administrative position; all other positions remained as previously approved.

Unanimously Approved

**New Business**: There is interest in reestablishing the rental of the Ag Center. Information will be gathered and presented at the August meeting. The board asked that school officials meet with local law enforcement officials prior to the start of school to review the traffic patterns for school bus and car rider delivery of students and determine if any changes need to be made.

On motion by Michael Grimes, seconded by Russ Benton, the board voted to adjourn the meeting.

Unanimously Approved