The Toombs County Board of Education met for its regular meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present: Mr. Clint Williams, Chairman, Mr. Trent Akins, Mr. Russ Benton, Mr. Michael Grimes, Mr. Jonathan Holland, Mrs. Toni Wilkes, and Superintendent Richard Smith. Mr. Mitch Bellflower was absent.

Visitors in attendance were Deanna Stoddard, Anna Bullard, Jesse Scott, Sonya Ross, Joey Montford, Paige Williamson, Tabatha Nobles, Shannon Chambers, Edwardo Delgado, Mark Deardorff, Randy Thompson, Cassey Reese, Crystal Blocker, and Chris Bell.

The Invocation was given by Mr. Williams, followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

On a motion by Mr. Akins and seconded by Mr. Grimes, the board approved the agenda as amended for the meeting.

Unanimously Approved

Joey Montford, advisor for the Toombs County High School FFA spoke during Public Participation. He gave an update on activities of the FFA and thanked the board for their support.

Anna Bullard, Director of the 21st Century After-school Program addressed the board. She gave a report of the FY2015 program progress. She informed the board that we are one of only 80 systems in the state to receive this grant. The program focuses on academic improvement of its students as well as helping to develop other social skills. Mrs. Bullard was happy to say that 99 percent of all program students met their attendance requirement and that our program serves far more students than the grant pays for due to the support of the community. This year’s program is off to a great start. She thanked the board for allowing them to work with our students. (Mrs. Bullard was moved up in the agenda so that she could give her presentation to the Toombs County Board first before attending another meeting.)

On motion by Mrs. Wilkes and seconded by Mr. Grimes, the board approved the consent agenda for the meeting that included the minutes from previous meetings.

Unanimously Approved

Mark Deardorff, Cassey Reese, and Edwardo Delgado, officers of the Toombs County High School FBLA, spoke to the board about organization. They gave a presentation about the many activities the club will be involved in throughout the year. They also discussed the state and national conventions for this year which are to be held in Atlanta. It is their hope to qualify many Toombs County students for the national event. The board thanked the students for attending and commended them on a job well done.

Mr. Smith presented the board the Superintendents report which included information on SPLOST collections for the month, Toombs County SAT scores, and an enrollment update.

On a motion by Mr. Akins and seconded by Mr. Grimes, the board approved the acceptance of the 21st Century Community Learning center grant in the amount of $350,000.00 for FY2016.
On a motion by Mrs. Wilkes and seconded by Mr. Grimes, the board approved the Toombs County Schools to serve as the fiscal agent for the 21st Century Community Learning center grant for FY2016.

Unanimously Approved

On a motion by Mr. Grimes and seconded by Mr. Benton, the board approved the following policies as presented; JCDAE, GAD, JGCD, JGI, and JCDAG. They have sat on the table for one month per board policy.

Unanimously Approved

Mr. Smith discussed with the board the request to rent the new auditorium at the Toombs County High School. Currently the board policy allows for school facilities to be rented under certain guidelines but does not allow for the rental of facilities on a continual basis. After some discussion no action was taken. The board will take the matter up for further discussion at their next work session.

On a motion by Mrs. Wilkes, seconded by Mr. Holland 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)).

| Trent Akins – yes |
| Russ Benton - yes |
| Michael Grimes - yes |
| Jonathan Holland - yes |
| Toni Wilkes - yes |
| Clint Williams-yes |

On a motion by Mr. Akins, seconded by Mr. Grimes, the board voted to come out of executive session.

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

On a motion by Mrs. Wilkes, seconded by Mr. Grimes, the board approved the following personnel recommendations: **Employment Recommendation:** Candi Toole, Teacher, TCHS; Michelle Montes Aquilar, Michelle Williams, and Tonya Johnson, Food Service Workers, LUES; Miranda Rowland, Food Service Worker, TCES; and Ashley Ramos, Food Service Worker, LPS. **Supplemental Duties:** Brooke Hall, Assistant Cheer Coach; Shane Griffin, Extended Day Math Teacher at TCAS. **Transfers:** Bernice Stokes, from TCHS to the Alternative School. **Resignation:** Sedina Poole, Food Service Worker TCES. The board also received an updated Athletic and Extra-curricular Staffing Plan.

Unanimously Approved
On a motion by Mr. Grimes, seconded by Mr. Akins the board voted to go into executive session to discuss or vote on authorizing negotiations to purchase, dispose of, or lease property as provided in OCGA 50-14-3(b)(1)(B).

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

On motion by Mr. Akins, seconded by Mr. Grimes, the board voted to come out of executive session.

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

No action was needed.

On a motion by Mr. Akins, seconded by Mr. Holland, the board voted to adjourn the meeting.

Unanimously Approved