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

Visitors in attendance were Shannon Chambers, Courtney Gay, Belinda Denmark, Larry Smith, Bill Benton, and Zack Fowler.

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

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

Unanimously Approved

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

Unanimously Approved

The Board recognized Mrs. Courtney Gay, School Nutrition Director for Toombs County Schools and presented her with a resolution expressing their appreciation of her and the entire School Nutrition Staff in celebration of National School Lunch Program Week, October 12-16, 2015.

The Board also recognized Mr. Larry Smith, Transportation Director, and Mrs. Belinda Denmark, Assistant Transportation Director along with the entire Toombs County Transportation Staff by presenting them with a resolution expressing the board’s appreciation of their hard work in celebration of Georgia School Bus Safety Week, October 19-23, 2015.

Mr. Smith presented the board the Superintendent’s report which included information on SPLOST collections for the month, the very positive results of the Toombs County Schools’ Special Education Parent Survey released by the Georgia Department of Education, and the winners from Toombs County Schools of the Real Squeal Writing Contest. It was also shared that Toombs County Schools received a Georgia Power Energy Efficiency Program rebate totaling $29,349. This was the result of work done by Mr. Shannon Chambers in the building of the new high school.

On a motion by Mrs. Wilkes and seconded by Mr. Grimes, the board approved the FY2016 Toombs County Schools’ Strategic Plan.

Unanimously Approved
On a motion by Mrs. Wilkes and seconded by Mr. Bellflower, the board approved the Toombs County Schools’ facility plan change. The change was to replace one Business Lab in the new high school with one Plant Science/Horticulture Program Lab. This work has been completed in the construction of the high school but had not been officially presented for board approval.

Unanimously Approved

On a motion by Mr. Grimes and seconded by Mr. Benton, the board approved to deed the sewage lift station located at Lyons Upper Elementary School to the City of Lyons. Toombs County Schools will pay repair cost for the lift station to insure it is fully operational after which the City of Lyons will assume maintenance and operation of the lift station.

Unanimously Approved

Mr. Smith presented the board with the FY2015 Year-End Financial reports. The closing reports showed a better than expected ending fund equity. FY2016 July financial report were also presents. No action was needed.

On a motion by Mr. Bellflower, seconded by Mr. Grimes 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
Mitch Bellflower - Yes
Russ Benton - yes
Michael Grimes - yes
Jonathan Holland - yes
Toni Wilkes - yes
Clint Williams-yes

On motion by Mr. Bellflower, seconded by Mr. Holland, 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 Mr. Benton, seconded by Mrs. Wilkes, the board approved the following personnel recommendations: **Employment Recommendation**: Amanda Singleton, Paraprofessional, LUES; Michael Griffin, Substitute Bus Driver. **Supplemental Duties**: Migrant and ESOL After School Program: Angela Findley, Rhonda Gerrits, Jessica Downie, Caroline Geereux, Pam Wimberly, Stephanie Kelly, Dana Williamson, Megan Morris, Becky Toole, Ashleigh McCoy, Dee Tapley, Angie Wilds, Stacy Reese, and Melanie Hart; Jorge Zamorano, Community Soccer Coach, TCMS; Derrick
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Fitzgerald, MS Wrestling Coach; Tyler Corley, JV Wrestling Coach; Bill Benton, HS boys and Girls Tennis Coach; Rhonda Benton, Assistant HS Tennis Coach; Pam Calloway, HS Basketball Cheer Coach. **Resignation:** Eric Burns, MS Wrestling Coach; Rustin Howard, HS Basketball Cheer Coach; Lucky Hayes, Paraprofessional, TCMS; Jason Holloway, Bus Driver; Denise Lawler, School Nutrition worker; Ana Mayorga, Migrant Service Provider.

Unanimously Approved

On a motion by Mr. Akins, seconded by Mr. Grimes the board voted to name Richard S. Thompson as the Toombs County School Board Attorney for the FY2016 school year.

Unanimously Approved

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

Unanimously Approved

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