The Toombs County Board of Education met for its regular meeting on Thursday, December 10, 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 Carmen Roberts, Sandra Floyd, Sabrina Woodruff, Jeannie Morris, Chris Bell, Sabrina Campbell, Shannon Chambers, Kip Hart, Crystal Blocker, Pamela Sears, Tabatha Nobles, Stacy Reese, Doc Hackle, Wesley Walker, Bill Benton,

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

On a motion by Mrs. Wilkes, and seconded by Mr. Grimes, the board approved the agenda for the meeting.

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

Prior to the board meeting, a reception was held for Mrs. Selena Brantley, Special Education Teacher at Lyons Upper Elementary School, as she was selected as the 2016 Debra Brantley Award of Excellence winner. During the meeting, Jeannie Morris, Director of GLRS, presented Mrs. Brantley with a plaque, and spoke of her commitment and dedication to working with students with disabilities. Congratulations to Mrs. Brantley!

Sabrina Woodruff, Director of Special Education also recognized Mrs. Sabrina Campbell and her class for the work they did in preparing the reception. Mrs. Campbell had students Skyler Adams and Shelby McLendon speak to the board, telling them about planning and preparing for the reception. They also told of the new school store that their class operates each day at Toombs County High School. The board greatly appreciates all Mrs. Campbell and her class do for our school system.

On a motion by Mr. Akins and seconded by Mrs. Wilkes, the board approved the sale of one (1) 72 passenger school bus by sealed bid and several lots of used tires by sealed bid and per unit process if needed.

On a motion by Mr. Grimes and seconded by Mr. Holland, the board approved the 2016 Board of education Meeting Calendar to meet on the second Thursday of each month.
On a motion by Mr. Akins and seconded by Mr. Grimes, the board approved the hiring of one additional part-time nurse on an hourly basis as needed through the end of the year. Unanimously Approved

On a motion by Mr. Grimes and seconded by Mrs. Wilkes, the board approved the Toombs County Schools Strategic Waivers School Plan. Unanimously Approved

On a motion by Mrs. Wilkes and seconded by Mr. Grimes, the board approved the revised MOU with the City of Lyons for the Toombs County School Resource Officer. Unanimously Approved

Mr. Smith presented the board with the November SPLOST report. No action was needed.

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

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. Akins, the board voted to come out of executive session.

Trent Akins - yes
Mitch Bellflower - 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. Holland, the board approved the following personnel recommendations: Employment Recommendation: Lehmon Smith, Bus Driver Transfers; Leaette Williamson from TCHS to TCMS. Resignation Notice: Lori Hutto, TCMS Teacher, Cindy Fountain, Bus Driver. Unanimously Approved
Mr. Smith provided the board information on the following items: A request from the City of Lyons to purchase a portable building located at the old Toombs County High School; the increase in Non-Certified Health Insurance Employer premiums beginning with January payroll; an overview of the Governor’s Education Reform Commission proposed funding formula and how it might impact Toombs County Schools as well as two articles on the proposed changes.

Under old business, the board addressed a request of Billy Shiver, Pastor at Connection Church, to reconsider a long term rental agreement for the Toombs County High School Auditorium. At the present time, there is not support to change the board policy to allow for long term rental.

Under new business, Mr. Akins presented information he had received from Interquest Detection Canines, who provide safety and security programs for schools, including the use of canines to detect illegal items. The board requested that Mr. Smith arrange to have Interquest make a presentation to the board at a future meeting.

Mr. Williams asked that Mr. Smith work to provide Mr. Lee Burton, retired Navy Seal, with a location at Toombs County High School to present a lesson to interested citizens in safety precautions. The meeting will be free of charge.

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

Unanimously Approved