The Toombs County Board of Education met for its regular meeting on Thursday, March 10, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present: Mr. Clint Williams, Chairman, Mr. Russ Benton, Vice Chairman, Mr. Trent Akins, Mr. Mitch Bellflower, Mr. Michael Grimes, Mr. Jonathan Holland, Mrs. Toni Wilkes, and Superintendent Richard Smith.

Visitors in attendance were Ruston Russell, Stacy Reese, Miranda Kight, Tabatha Nobles, Sandra Floyd, Rhonda Stone, Belinda Denmark, Stormy Knight, Chasity Denmark, Millie Price, Rhonda Gerritts, Dee Tapley, Angie Wilds, Joey Montford, Mark Montfort, Brandi Anthony, Larry Smith, Crystal Blocker, Rushing Stephens, Schlonda Phillips, Anthony Phillips, Julie Spivey, Sonja Ross, Bill Benton, Zack Fowler, and Chris Bell.

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

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

Unanimously Approved

On motion by Mrs. Wilkes and seconded by Mr. Grimes, the board approved the consent agenda for the meeting that included the minutes from the February regular meeting and the over-night, out of state field trip for the Redcoat Band.

Unanimously Approved

During the Superintendent’s report, Mr. Smith invited board members to attend the performance of Romeo & Juliet at TCHS, gave information on Oren Morgan being accepted to the United States Naval Academy’s Summer Seminar, and thanked Mr. Bell, Dr. Hart, and the FFA staff and students for the tree landscape project at TCHS. It looks great! FFA President Brad Sanders and fellow officers, Chasity Denmark and Stormy Knight, provided an update on their club activities and invited members of the board to attend their annual banquet that is coming up soon. The also had a drawing for 2 hanging baskets prepared by the Ag classes. They were won by Dr. Kip Hart and Mrs. Rosemary Wickstrom.

Mr. Smith presented the board with the monthly financial reports which included the SPLOST report, The YTD Budget Report, Monthly Cash Flow Report, and the Capital Outlay Report. No action was required.

On a motion by Mr. Akins and seconded by Mr. Grimes, the board approved the purchase of two (2) new 2015 International 72 passenger school buses (bus is equipped with A/C, angel track, and radio) from Rush Bus Centers of GA for $78,561 each using SPLOST 2 funds. This will be accomplished by moving prior year expenditures from SLOST 2 and charging them to SPLOST 3 as they are allowable under either SLOST account. The purchase of buses is an allowable expenditure for SPLOST 2. This has been approved by the state auditors as allowable and the best use of tax payer money.

Unanimously Approved

On a motion by Mrs. Wilkes, and seconded by Mr. Holland, the board approved the purchase of 2 Milk Coolers for Lyons Primary School at a total cost of $6,182, $5,000 of which is a grant from the Georgia
The board will hold their 3 hour Whole Board Training session on April 28, 2016 in the Board Conference room at TCHS from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM.

On a motion by Mr. Bellflower, and seconded by Mr. Benton, the board approved to appoint Toni Wilkes as Board Delegate to the GSBA Spring Conference in Savannah.

On a motion by Mr. Holland, and seconded by Mrs. Wilkes, the board approved the Toombs County High School Weighted Average for Rigorous Courses procedure. The most advanced courses would have a five points added to a student’s final average for the purpose of calculating student grade point averages and class rank.

On a motion by Mr. Akins, and seconded by Mr. Benton, the board approved the FY2017 School Calendar with 165 student days and 175 faculty and staff days.

On a motion by Mrs. Wilkes, and seconded by Mr. Grimes, the board approved the Wide Area Network E-Rate Bid from ATC Broadband.

On a motion by Mr. Bellflower, seconded by Mr. Akins, 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.
On a motion by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Grimes, the board approved the following personnel recommendations: **Employment Recommendation:** Administrative Staffing Plan (certified staff) for FY2017: Carmen Roberts, Assistant Superintendent; Courtney Gay, School Nutrition Director; Jesse Scott, Technology Director; Pam Sears, Title I Director; Larry Smith, Migrant and ESOL Education Director; Deanna Stoddard, Parent Involvement and Alternative Learning Director; Sabrina Woodruff, Special Education and Human Resources Director; Bill Benton, System Athletic Director, Transportation Assistant; Missy Dixon, Technology Coordinator; Brent Coleman, TCHS Assistant Principal; Chris Bell, TCMS Assistant Principal; Sandra Floyd, TCMS Assistant Principal; Tonawanda Irie, TCES Principal; Tabatha Nobles, LUES Principal; Rhonda Stone, LUES Assistant Principal/CTAE Director; Reggie Roberts, LPS Assistant Principal. **Employment Recommendation:** Classified Positions for current year: Larry Moore, Substitute Bus Driver. **Retirement Notice for the end of the current year:** Angela Cloud, TCMS Teacher; Maria Sasser, TCMS Teacher; Randy Callahan, TCMS Teacher, Debra Lewis, TCMS Instructional Coach; Jean Hill, Toombs County Schools Secretary. **Resignation Notice for the end of the current year:** Bradley Benton, TCHS Assistant Principal; Kari Charles, TCMS Paraprofessional; Shelia Gay, LUES SIS Clerk. **Supplemental Duties:** Neal Salter, Volunteer-Unpaid TCMS Assistant Baseball Coach.

Unanimously Approved

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

Unanimously Approved