The Toombs County Board of Education met for its regular meeting on Thursday, September 8, 2016, at
6:30 p.m. with the following members present: Mr. Russ Benton, Vice Chairman, Mr. Trent Akins, Mr.
Mitch Bellflower, Mr. Michael Grimes, Mr. Jonathan Holland, Mrs. Toni Wilkes, and Superintendent
Richard Smith. Mr. Clint Williams was absent.

Visitors in attendance were Rosemary Wickstrom, Tammy Oliver, Rhonda Benton, Reggie Roberts,
Carmen Roberts, Judy Hellgren, Sabrina Woodruff, Kathy Roberts, Shannon Chambers, Denise Rogers,
Jennifer Tatum, Julie Spivey, Stacy Reece, Maranda Kight, Nathan Miller, Tyler Outen, Joey Montford,
Olivia Johnson, Chasity Denmark, Karlie Wright, Courtney Edenfield, Sherry Burton, Brandi Anthony,
Bill Benton, Tabatha Nobles, Rhonda Stone.

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.

On a motion by Mrs. Wilkes and seconded by Mr. Grimes, the board approved the consent agenda for the
meeting that included the minutes from the August regular meeting and called work session.

During the Superintendent’s report, Mr. Smith asked Mrs. Sabrina Woodruff to present information about
the partnership between the Toombs County Schools Special Education Department and the Lowe’s
Heroes Team. She gave a slide presentation of the before and after pictures from two classrooms at
Lyons Primary School that Lowe’s Heroes Team donated time, materials and funding to completely
remodel these classrooms for our students. The members of the Lowe’s Heroes Team were present
and recognized for their contribution to the children of our schools. Mrs. Courtney Edenfield and Mrs. Kathy
Roberts also presented each team member with a special treat from their class. Toombs County Schools
extends a huge thank you to the Lowe’s Heroes Team for their work in our system.

Lyons Primary School Physical Education Teachers Jennifer Tatum and Sherry Burton were recognized
by the board for their Georgia SHAPE Award. This recognizes PE programs across the state who place
high emphasis on the health living and exercise for their students. This is the 5th year in a row Lyons
Primary School has won the award. Dr. Judy Hellgren presented the teachers with flowers and a framed
plaque to hang at the school.

Toombs County High School FFA officers Olivia Johnson, Chasity Denmark and Karlie Wright gave the
board and update of the organizations activities over the past month.

Mr. Smith presented the board with the monthly SPLOST and monthly Bank Fund Balance reports. No
action was required.

On a motion by Mr. Grimes, and seconded by Mr. Bellflower, the board approved to set the tax year 2016
millage rate at 13.956. This is the same rate as the previous year but constitutes an increase in local
property tax due to inflationary growth and reevaluation of property in the county. As required by law,
the increase will be published in The Advance and three public hearings will be held. All hearings will be
held at the Toombs County Board of Education, 500 Bulldog Road, Lyons, GA 30436. The dates of the
hearings will be set as follows: Thursday, September 22, 2016 at 8:30 AM; Thursday, September 22,
2016 at 6:30 PM; Thursday, September 29, 2016 at 8:30 AM. The final millage rate will be set at the
September 29, 2016 meeting.

On a motion by Mrs. Wilkes and seconded by Mr. Grimes, the board approved the FY2016 Local School
Board Training Report.

On a motion by Mr. Bellflower and seconded by Mr. Grimes, the board approved the FY2017 Local
School Board Training Plan.

On a motion by Mr. Akins and seconded by Mrs. Grimes, the board approved the 2016 GSBA Quality
Board Application.

On a motion by Mr. Akins, 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
Johnathan Holland – yes
Toni Wilkes - yes

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

Trent Akins – yes
Mitch Bellflower - yes
Russ Benton – yes
Michael Grimes – yes
Johnathan Holland – yes
Toni Wilkes - yes

On a motion by Mrs. Wilkes, seconded by Mr. Grimes, the board approved the following personnel
recommendations: Employment Recommendation: Rachel Ford, Teacher, TCHS; Linda Scott (49%)
Teacher, TCMS; DeLaine Braddy, Migrant Paraprofessional, TCMS. Resignation Notice: Fancisco
DePaz, Teacher, TCHS; Melissa Brewer, Teacher TCMS; Miranda Rowland, Samantha Graham,
Michelle Aguilar, Food Service Workers; Allison Fowler, Mirla Morgan, Migrant Paraprofessionals.
Supplemental Duties: Extended Day - Debbie Dykes, Dana Williamson, John Almond, TCMS; Meredith
Brodnax, Angie O’Conner, Theresa Standard, Brad Jeffcoat, Ryan Durham, Patricia Brinson, TCHS;
Phillip Morris, LPS.

Unanimously Approved
The Board Tabled the new contract with All Clean Services pending further information.

On a motion by Mr. Grimes, and seconded by Mr. Bellflower, the board approved a tax anticipation note (TAN) to be used between September 8 and December 31, 2016 for the purpose of meeting payroll and other financial obligations until such time as local tax collections are received. Unanimously Approved

Mr. Smith also presented historical and current enrollment information that had been requested by the board. A discussion was held concerning the November constitutional amendment that allows the creation of the “Opportunity School District” in the state. The board was presented with a sample resolution against the amendment that will be considered for adoption at the next meeting. No action was needed.

On a motion by Mrs. Wilkes, seconded by Mr. Bellflower, the board voted to adjourn the meeting. Unanimously Approved