The Toombs County Board of Education met for its regular meeting on Thursday, December 8, 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. Mr. Benton opened the meeting and served in the chairman’s role for the meeting.

Visitors in attendance were Tonawanda Irie, Shannon Chambers, Amanda ?, Stacy Reese, Gloria Rowland, Brittney Beckum, Karlie Wright, Lexie Martin, Stormy Knight, Gerry Perez, Chasity Denmark, Kevin Perez, Madison Hall, Joey Montford, Michael Hackle, Tabatha Nobles

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

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

Unanimously Approved

Mr. Michael Hackle addressed the board during the Public Participation segment. He asked that the board reconsider suspending service to his home via Hackle Lane, stating that he maintained his road and did not believe his road was causing any damage to buses. Mr. Benton thanked him for his comments and stated the matter would be looked at.

On a motion by Mr. Holland and seconded by Mr. Bellflower, the board approved the consent agenda for the meeting that included the minutes from the November regular meeting.  

Unanimously Approved

During the Superintendent’s Report, Mrs. Sabrina Woodruff was called upon to introduce the 2016 Toombs County Schools Debra Brantley Special Education Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Gloria Rowland. Mrs. Rowland is a Speech and Language Pathologist at Toombs Central Elementary School. She expressed her gratitude for being recognized with this award, and thanked her family, her principal, Tonawanda Irie, and her fellow teachers for their support. On behalf of the Toombs County Board of education and the entire faculty and staff, we congratulate Mrs. Rowland on her recognition and thank her for all she does for the students in our system.

The 2016 CCRPI Scores from the all Toombs County Schools were shared. Lyons Upper Elementary School was recognized for showing an increase in their score over 2015. LUES has been recognized as a National BETA School of Distinction for the 2016-2017 school year, and also as a PBIS Operational School by the Georgia Department of Education. The Toombs County Board of Education was named a 2016 Quality Board by the Georgia School Board Association. The Toombs County High School FFA Officers addressed the board and gave an overview of the recent activities of the club. Advisor Joey Montford announced that Mr. Charles James, an employee with the Toombs County School System, has been named a 2016 Young Farmer of the Year for our region. He invited everyone to attend the annual convention to be held in Savannah during January.

Mr. Smith presented the board with the monthly SPLOST and monthly Bank Fund Balance reports. No action was required.
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On a motion by Mr. Akins, and seconded by Mrs. Wilkes, the board approved a Resolution requesting the Georgia Department of Education granting a one-year extension of the current Five-Year Local Facility Plan.  

Unanimously Approved

On a motion by Mr. Bellflower and seconded by Mr. Grimes, the board approved SP Design Group as the Toombs County Schools’ Architect of Record.  

Unanimously Approved

On a motion by Mrs. Wilkes and seconded by Mr. Grimes, the board approved the contract for Workers Compensation coverage for 2017 be awarded to GSBA Risk Management.  

Unanimously Approved

On a motion by Mr. Grimes and seconded by Mr. Akins, the board approved the 2017 Toombs County Board of Education Meeting dates. The recommendation is to continue to meet the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM in the Toombs County Board Room located at 500 Bulldog Road, Lyons, GA 30436.  

Unanimously Approved

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
Jonathan Holland - yes
Toni Wilkes - yes
Clint Williams-yes

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

Trent Akins – yes
Mitch Bellflower - yes
Russ Benton – 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: Nancy O’Neal, Teacher (49%) LUES; Gils Cribb, Bus Driver; Lattora Wilson, Food Service Worker, LUES. Termination of Employment, Larry Moore.  

Unanimously Approved
The following informational items were presented to the board: TCES Newsletter.

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

Unanimously Approved