The Toombs County Board of Education met for its regular meeting on Thursday, February 9, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present: Mr. Clint Williams, Chairman, Mr. Trent Akins, Mr. Mitch Bellflower, Mr. Michael Grimes, Mr. Jonathan Holland, Mrs. Toni Wilkes, and Superintendent Richard Smith. Mr. Russ Benton was absent.

Visitors in attendance were Rustin Howard Parker, Rita Howard, Tabatha Nobles, Belinda Denmark, Melanie McLemore, Brent Coleman, Shannon Chambers, Brandi Anthony, Oren Morgan, Stanley Morgan, Dee Morgan.

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

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

On a motion by Mrs. Wilkes and seconded by Mr. Holland, the board approved the consent agenda for the meeting that included the minutes from the January regular meeting. 
Unanimously Approved

During the Superintendent’s Report, Mr. Smith asked Toombs County Principal Melanie McLemore to come forward and recognize Oren Morgan as the 2017 Toombs County High School STAR Student. Oren was also named the regional STAR Student for having the highest SAT combined score for our educational region. Oren selected Mrs. Rustin Howard Parker as his STAR Teacher, who was also recognized. The board congratulates Oren and Mrs. Parker on their selection and thanked them for representing Toombs County Schools in such a positive manner.

Mr. Smith also shared the 2016 Star Climate Ratings from the CCRPI Report for all 5 Schools. Lyons Upper Elementary School was awarded the highest rating available to a school with a 5 STAR rating. Lyons Primary, Toombs Central Elementary, and Toombs County Middle each received a 4 STAR rating and Toombs County High School received a 3 STAR rating.

Mr. Smith presented the board with the monthly SPLOST report, the December Budget Report, the December Cash Flow Report, and the monthly Bank Fund Balance reports. No action was required.

The board was presented with an update to the following policies; DFC, DIE, JRA, JR, BH, GARH, GAE, GCA, GBRC, IED, IDCH, IED, IDDD, IHE, JBC. They will be available for public review for one month and will be presented for action at the March meeting.

The board was presented a draft version of the 2017-2018 School Calendar for review. An opportunity for comment will be given to staff members and a final version will be presented for approval at the March regular meeting.

On a motion by Mrs. Wilkes, and seconded by Mr. Akins, the board voted to approve the purchase of one (1) 2017 Blue Bird Vision 72 School Bus from Yancey Bus Sales and Service for $85,000. The bus will be financed using approximately $77,220 from the State Bus Bond Program, $4,775 from SPLOST II funds, and $3,005 from general funds.  
Unanimously Approved
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On a motion by Mr. Grimes, and seconded by Mr. Bellflower, the board voted to approve for Toombs County High School to operate on a 4x4 Block Schedule beginning in the 2017-2018 school year. The scheduling will be evaluated annually for its effectiveness.

Unanimously Approved

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

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

Trent Akins – yes
Mitch Bellflower – yes
Michael Grimes - yes
Jonathan Holland - yes
Toni Wilkes - yes
Clint Williams-yes

On a motion by Mr. Holland, seconded by Mrs. Wilkes, the board approved the following personnel recommendations: Employment Recommendation: Charlsie Mobley, Teacher, LUES. Retirement Notice for the end of the current year: Larry Smith, Migrant Director; Rushing Stephens, LUES, Elaine Allen, TCMS, Elizabeth Shaw, LPS, and JB Cone, TCHS. Resignations: Jessica Coleman, LUES, effective at the end of the current school year. Transfers; Kathy Peebles, Food Service, from TCMS to TCES. Supplemental Duties; Kyle Redmond, Girls Soccer, TCHS. FY2018 Administrative Staffing Plan; Carmen Roberts, Assistant Superintendent; Nathan Miller, Technology Director; Pam Sears, Federal Programs Director; Sabrina Woodruff, Special Education Director, Human Resources; Bill Benton, System Athletic Director, Assistant Transportation Director; Courtney Gay, School Nutrition Director; Missy Dixon, Technology Coordinator; Melanie McLemore, TCHS Principal; Brent Coleman, TCHS Assistant Principal; Marissa Morris, TCHS Assistant Principal, Special Ed Coordinator; Renee Garbutt TCMS 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; Judy Hellegrren, LPS Principal; Reggie Roberts, LPS Assistant Principal.

Unanimously Approved

Mr. Shannon Chambers gave the board an update on the projects currently taking place with ABM Building Solutions. Plans are to have initial drawings and project scope by March. Board members received the LPS Monthly Newsletter.

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

Unanimously Approved