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The Toombs County Board of Education met for its regular meeting on Thursday, March 9, 2017, 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 Denise Rogers, Terresa Winge, Stacy Reese, Brandi Anthony, Tonya Sharpe, Miranda Kight, Kip Hart, and Shannon Chambers.

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. Grimes, the board approved the consent agenda for the meeting that included the minutes from the February regular meeting.  
Unanimously Approved

During the Superintendent’s Report, Mr. Smith informed the board of recent awards received by our schools. Toombs Central was named a 2016 Title I Reward School for Highest Progress. Lyons Upper Elementary and Toombs Central Elementary were both named 2016 “Beating the Odds” Schools for academic performance beyond what is typically expected given the demographic and socio-economic makeup of the school. Both LUES and TCES are to be commended on their accomplishments. Toombs County High School was named a 2016 AP Challenge School for offering AP courses to students in the four academic areas of English, math, science and social studies. All awards are evidence of the great work being accomplished by our students, teachers, and staff in the Toombs County Schools.

Mr. Smith also shared a legislative update with the board. Members where provided a list of all the education bills that made it through the cross-over day process and are still alive for passage during this year’s session. Additionally, an update on the facility project was given by Shannon Chambers. First draft drawings of the work at Toombs Central were shared.

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

On a motion by Mrs. Wilkes, seconded by Mr. Grimes, the board voted to approve the following policy updates: DFC, DIE, JRA, JR, BH, GARH, GAE, GCA, GBRC, IED, IDCH, IED, IDDD, IHE, JBC and JCDAA.  
Unanimously Approved

On a motion by Mrs. Wilkes, seconded by Mr. Grimes, the board voted to approve the 2017-2018 School Calendar.  
Unanimously Approved

Clint Williams agreed to serve as the board delegate to the 2017 Summer GSBA Conference to be held June 9 and 10 in Savannah.

The Toombs County Board of Education will hold a six hour training session on Thursday April 27, 2017 beginning at 10 AM. The training will be held at TCHS.
On a motion by Mr. Bellflower, 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; (O.C.G.A. 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. Akins, seconded by Mr. Holland, 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 Mr. Grimes, seconded by Mrs. Wilkes, the board approved the following personnel recommendations: Employment Recommendations: Luray Metzler, Teacher, TCMS; Amy Anken, Teacher, LUES; Kristen Spikes, Teacher LPS; Jamie Lewis, Teacher, TCHS; Ryan Lewis, Teacher, TCHS; Barry Waller, Central Office; Anthony Payne, Bus Driver. Transfers: Kellie Bellflower, TCES Teacher to TCES Media Specialist; Megan Calhoun, TCES to LPS; Kip Hart, TCHS to TCMS; Stephanie Lawless, TCMS to Elementary Music. Resignations: Jessica Scott, Teacher, LUES; Deborah Brown, Teacher, LPS; Jonell Gonzales, Bus Driver. 2017-2018 Certified Staff: Jaime Aaron, Hunter Adams, Mallory Adams, Kim Alexander, Marcella Alexander, Michael Alford, John Allmond, Karen Anderson, Brandi Anthony, Celella Aultman, Addy Baker, Jessica Baldwin, Candi Barnett, Melissa Batton, Kellie Bellflower, Donna Beall, Mandy Beasley, Rhonda Benton, William Beasley, Tara Bishop, Christopher Travis Blewett, Jala Bohannon, Amber Botelho, Sherri Bowen, Deidre Braddock, Brad Braddy, Hollie Braddy, Karen Braddy, Londa Braddy, Stephanie Braddy, Patricia Brantley, Selina Brantley, Linda Bratton, Patricia Brinson, Meredith Brodnax, Tom Brodnax, Traci Brown, Noah Bullard, Kayla Burkett, Whitney Burkett, Jennifer Burns, Megan Calhoun, Pam Calloway, Sabrina Campbell, Luther Caraway, Vicki Caraway, Maria Collins, Nicole Corbitt, Tyler Corley, Caroline Coursey, Rachel Cowart, Pat Craft, Lindsey Crosby, Rita Curl, Haile Thompson - Darley, Jennifer Davis, Michelle Denmark, Angela Dennard, Melani Dixon, Sonja Dowd, Jessica Downie, Ryan Durham, Debra Dykes, Courtney Edenfield, Matilda Edwards, Isaac Ferrell, Angela Findley, Brian Fitzgerald, Derrick Fitzgerald, Coopie Foshee, Jodi Foster, Ashlen Fowler, Bonnie Gardner, Kim George, Eric Gerrish, Rhonda Gerrits, Christi Gillis, Trina Graham, Shane Griffin, Kim Hamilton, Jared Hamlin, Pamela Harden, Attallaka Harris-Williams, Lindsey Harris, Judy Hart, Kip Hart, Laura Hart, Melanie Hart, Brandon Hartley, Jessica Hartley, Lacey Hartley, Michelle Hayes, Nicholas Hayes, Matthew Helms, Sam Hicks, Marcy Hill 49%, Rob Hilton, Teresa Holland, Kayci Howell, Melanie Hutcheson, Robin Jarriel, Brad Jeffcoat, Kim Jenkins, Jessica Jones, Andrea Kelley, Stephanie Kelly, Heather Kight, Miranda Kight, Sherrill Kirkley, Amelia Lane, Nichole Larsen, Billie Lashley, Kim Lashley, Stephanie Lawless, Destiny Levant, Dana Lucke, George Lucke, Dorothy Lyles, Janet Lynn, Rhonda McBride, Olivia McClendon, Ashleigh McCoy, Mark McDaniel, Nancy McDonald, Linda McKenzie, Ruthie McKenzie, Leslie McLendon, Dana Manning, Diane Manning, Richard Marsh, Jerrod Martin, Marsha Gail Mason, Brenda Gail Miller, Whitney Milligan, Mark Montford, Joey Montfort, Heather Moore, Mary Georgia Moore, Megan Morris, Phillip...
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Morris, Cali Mosley, Alisha Moxley, Sharon Moye, Ann Murphy, Ashton NeeSmith, Ty NeeSmith, Rachel Nuss, Angie O'Conner, Lana Odom, Tammy Oliver, Callen Outen, Tyler Outen, Terri Overstreet, Michelle Padgett, Nikki Page, Kay Palmer, Donald Parker, Kate Parker, Matt Parker, Rustin Parker, Amanda Peterson, Marshia Pierce, Jimmy Price, YaVonne Quigley, Stacy Reese, April Reddish, Kyle Redmond, Michelle Rhodes, Natalie Richter, Pam Riner, Kathy Roberts, Nicole Roberts, Jill Rodgers, Laken Rodgers, Ryan Rodgers, Sam Rodgers, Denise Rogers, Gloria Rowland, Tonya Sharpe, Wendi Sikes, Laberton Sims, Anna Sitzman, Christy Smesny, Julie Smith, Suzanne Smith, Tammy Smith, Windy Smith, Peggy Snow, Therese Standard, Lisa Stanley, Deanna Stodder, Bernice Stokes, Kay Summerset, Dee Tapley, Mary Ann Tapley, Jennifer Tatum, Deborah Thigpen, Lorie Tillman, Chelsea Todd, Bonnie Tomberlin, Becky Toole, Candace Toole, Janice Toole, Jessica Toole, Franchester Turner, Brandon Walker, Melody Walker, Nichole Waters, Lisa Watkins, Rosemary Wickstrom, Angie Wilds, Angela Williams, Dana Williamson, Brenda Wilson, Pamela Wimberly, Terresa Winge, Rusty Wright, Elisabeth Zamorano and Nancy Zeigler.

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

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

Unanimously Approved

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