The Toombs County Board of Education met for its regular meeting on Thursday, July 13, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present: Mr. Clint Williams, Chairman, Mr. Russ Benton, Vice-Chairman, Mr. Mitch Bellflower, Mr. Michael Grimes, Mr. Jonathan Holland, and Superintendent Richard Smith.

Visitors in attendance were Barry Waller, Juli Alligood, Shannon Chambers, Dorsey Hart, and Vivian Hart.

The Invocation was given by Mr. Benton, 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.

On a motion by Mr. Bellflower and seconded by Mr. Grimes, the board approved the consent agenda for the meeting that included the minutes from the called June 2nd meeting, the regular June 8th board meeting, and the Training Session meeting from June 19th.

During the Superintendent’s Report, it was announced that two students have won gold in Nashville for FCCLA. Further, Joey Montford, the Young Farmers’ Teacher, has won a state award for an outstanding post-secondary program. Mr. Smith shared the Georgia Milestones EOG system report that shows some increases. Fourth grade should be particularly commended with significant growth. Finally, school begins August 11, 2017. The kick off meeting for teachers will be held Tuesday, August 8, 2017, at 8:30 in the high school auditorium.

Regarding the financial report, Mr. Smith noted that Stephanie Smith has been out on maternity leave. However, the Superintendent noted that TCS has a nice fund balance. Mrs. Smith is working on end of the year reports. The April and May monthly reports were shared.

Mr. Smith presented a recommendation for bread and milk purchases for the school nutrition department. Derst Baking Company and Mayfield Milk are recommended. A motion to accept was made by Mr. Grimes and a second by Mr. Bellflower.

Mr. Smith presented some changes in the high school handbook. The changes are outlined in red. Discussion about length of shorts ensued. After discussion, a motion to accept the changes by Mr. Holland and second by Mr. Grimes.
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; (OCGA 50-14-3(6)).

Mitch Bellflower – yes  
Russ Benton - yes  
Michael Grimes - yes  
Jonathan Holland - yes  
Clint Williams-yes

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

Mitch Bellflower – yes  
Russ Benton - yes  
Michael Grimes - yes  
Jonathan Holland - yes  
Clint Williams-yes

On a motion by Mr. Holland, seconded by Mr. Grimes, the board approved the following personnel recommendations: Employment Recommendations: Kelby Toomey, teacher TCES; Sidney Spell, Assistant Principal, TCHS; Bobby Waller, teacher TCHS; Magen Morris, teacher, TCHS; Larry Smith, 49% migrant coordinator TCS; Paola Palacious, Migrant Paraprofessional TCHS. Further, the board accepted the resignation of Jala Bohannon, teacher TCMS. Finally, the board approved the middle and high school athletic staffing plans.

Unanimously Approved

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

Unanimously Approved