Toombs County Board Minutes
January 10, 2019

The Toombs County Board of Education met for its regular meeting on Thursday January 10, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present: Mr. Clint Williams, Chairman, Mr. Russ Benton, Vice-Chairman, Mr. Mitch Bellflower, Mr. Trent Akins, Mrs. Toni Wilkes, Mr. Jonathan Holland, and Mr. Michael Grimes.

The Invocation was given by Mr. Williams and was followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

On a motion by Mr. Bellflower and seconded by Mr. Grimes, 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 which included:

1. Minutes of December 13, 2018 Toombs County Board of Education Meeting
2. Approval of System Policy GAG (Staff Conflict of Interest)

Unanimously Approved

During the Superintendent’s Report, Mr. Waller asked Mrs. Tonawanda Irie, Principal of Toombs Central Elementary School, to provide the Spotlight on Student Achievement. During the Spotlight on Student Achievement, Mrs. Irie and her staff members spotlighted those students who demonstrated the highest growth, from fall to winter in the current school year, on the Reading Inventory (RI) and Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS). These assessments provide measures of the acquisition of literacy skills. Mrs. Irie indicated that the majority of the students recognized demonstrated exponential growth during the current school year. Mrs. Irie also provided the board with a book which highlighted Toombs Central Elementary School.
Mr. Waller recognized the employees who had been voted by their peers as demonstrating exceptional service and dedication to students and the Toombs County School System. The Extra Mile Award was presented to Robert George of Toombs County Middle School. The WOW Award was presented to Lou Beall of Lyons Upper Elementary School. Mr. Waller thanked his colleagues for their exceptional service to Toombs County Schools!

Mr. Waller presented the board with the monthly financial reports which included the:

- December SPLOST Report
- General Fund Budget Report
- General Fund Monthly Cash Flow Report
- November Check Register for Fund 100, General Operations
- Amazon Purchases
- Ameris Account Balance

No action was required.

As publicly advertised, the Toombs County Board of Education solicited sealed bids for the purchase of property at 298 North Lexington Street. A total of 5 sealed bids were received. Mr. Williams opened the 5 sealed bids and Mr. Waller publically disclosed the bidders and their bid amounts. Mr. Williams thanked those who bid for this property and announced that all 5 bidders will be contacted within 3 business days regarding the board’s decision on the acceptance or decline of their offer.

No action was required.

On a motion Mr. Bellflower and 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
Jonathan Holland-Yes
Toni Wilkes-Yes
Clint Williams-Yes
Michael Grimes-Yes
On a motion by Mr. Bellflower and seconded by Mr. Grimes, 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
Michael Grimes-Yes

On a motion by Mr. Wilkes and seconded by Mr. Grimes, the board approved the following personnel recommendations:

**Classified “At Will” Recommendations:**
Calvin Wilcox, Paraprofessional/ LPS

**Classified “At Will” Resignations:**
Wendy Hitchcock, Paraprofessional/TCES
Jessica Longtin, Paraprofessional/TCMS

Unanimously Approved

Mr. Waller provided information regarding Toombs County Board of Education whole board required training to be held on January 31, 2019. This training is provided by the Georgia School Boards’ Association and will focus on marketing and branding of the Toombs County School System and strategic planning.

Mr. Waller provided information regarding the 2019-2020 and 2021-2022 Toombs County School System Calendars. It was indicated 3 calendars were presented to school and district level administration to determine which calendar would best meet the needs of the students. The school calendar will be presented at the February board meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mrs. Wilkes, the board approved Barry Waller as the Superintendent of the Toombs County School System.

Unanimously Approved

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

Unanimously Approved