Toombs County Board Minutes  
December 13, 2018

The Toombs County Board of Education met for its regular meeting on Thursday December 13, 2018, 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. Noah Bullard and was followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

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

Unanimously Approved

On a motion by Mr. Grimes and seconded by Mrs. Wilkes, the board approved the consent agenda for the meeting which included:

1. The minutes of the November 8, 2018 Toombs County Board of Education Meeting
2. Final Draft of Joint SPLOST Resolution- (March Ballot)
3. Out of State Field Trip- TCHS Wrestling Team
4. Out of State Field Trip- TCMS Beta Club

Unanimously Approved

During the Superintendent’s Report, Mr. Waller asked Mrs. Marissa Morris, Principal of Toombs County High School, to provide the Spotlight on Student Achievement. During the Spotlight on Student Achievement, several club and organization teacher representatives/sponsors recognized student officers and contributing student members of their clubs/organizations. The following clubs/organizations were highlighted:

Noah Bullard (Band/Music)  
Attallaka Harris-Williams (TSA)  
Theresa Standard (FCCLA)  
Mark Montford (FFA)  
Joey Montford (Young Farmers)  
Peggy Snow (CTAE/WBL)  
Nicole Roberts (Business)
Mr. Waller also 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 Luther Caraway of Toombs County Middle School. The WOW Award was presented to Toni Faison of Lyons Primary School. Mr. Waller thanked his colleagues for their exceptional service to Toombs County Schools!

Mr. Waller, along with Mrs. Woodruff, presented the Southeast GLRS “Debra Brantley Award” to Courtney Edenfield. As the system’s Special Education Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Edenfield was recognized by her peers and administrators for her outstanding commitment to students with special needs.

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

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

No action was required.

Mr. Waller recommended to the board that Toombs County Schools open a Money Market Account at Ameris Bank. Ameris Bank offered a percentage rate that would yield additional monies for the school system. Several other banks were contacted to determine if they could match the rate offered by Ameris Bank. Ameris Bank offered the highest percentage rate for this account. A bid process was not required for this recommendation.

On a motion by Mrs. Wilkes and seconded by Mr. Bellflower, the board approved to recommendation open a Money Market Account at Ameris Bank.

Unanimously Approved

Mr. Waller recommended to the board to add the following system policy: GAG (Staff Conflict of Interest). This policy will be available for public viewing and comments until the next scheduled board meeting.
On a motion Mr. Akins 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; (O.C.G.A §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 Mrs. Wilkes and seconded by Mr. Grimes, the board approved the following personnel recommendations:

Certified Recommendations:
Brook Hall, Teacher, LPS

Certified Resignations:
Denise Rogers, Retirement at the end of the 2018-2019 school year, LUES
Nancy McDonald, Retirement at the end of the 2018-2019 school year, LUES
Judy Hart, Retirement at the end of the 2018-2019 school year, TCES
Becky Toole, Retirement at the end of the 2018-2019 school year, TCES
Candice Toole, Teacher, TCHS

Classified Recommendations:
Ansley Tatum, Paraprofessional, LUES
Dirk Brantley, Maintenance, TCBOE

Classified Resignations:
Leslie Garrett, TCES
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 the Toombs County School System and strategic planning.

Mr. Waller provided information regarding the Toombs County School System Calendar. After meeting with school and district level administration, it was determined that for the benefit of student achievement, an additional 5 days would be added to the school calendar beginning 2019-2020. This would provide 170 days of instruction for our students. Additionally, it was discussed that a two-year system calendar be developed to aid in the long term instructional planning. The proposed calendar will be presented during the January board meeting.

No Old Business was presented.

Under New Business, Mr. Waller and the board discussed a procedural change for leave. A staff member who is working as a designed election official on election days will not be required to take a personal day for this service. This leave of service will be coded in the same manner as Jury Duty.

No action required.

On a motion by Trent Akins and seconded by Russ Benton, the board voted to adjourn the meeting.

Unanimously Approved