Toombs County Board Minutes
April 11, 2019

The Toombs County Board of Education met for its regular meeting on Thursday, April 11, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present: Mr. Russ Benton, Vice-Chairman, Mr. Mitch Bellflower, Mr. Trent Akins, Mrs. Toni Wilkes, Mr. Jonathan Holland, and Mr. Michael Grimes. Mr. Clint Williams was absent.

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

On a motion by Mrs. Wilkes and seconded by Mr. Akins, the board approved the agenda for the meeting.

Unanimously Approved

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

1. Approve Minutes of the March 14, 2019 Toombs County Board of Education Meeting
2. Approve FCCLA Field Trip to Anaheim, CA to the National FCCLA Leadership Conference (June 30-July 4)
3. Approve LUES Media Specialist to attend the “Scholastic Reading Summit” in Greenwich, CT (July 18)
4. Adopt SPLOST Referendum Results Resolution

Unanimously Approved

During the Superintendent’s Report, Mr. Waller discussed the SPLOST Bond Financing Timeline. He shared the Resolution of the Toombs County Board of Education declaring the results of the election held on March 19, 2019. The election results in favor of SPLOST was an overwhelming majority.

Mr. Waller recognized the employees who had demonstrated exceptional service and dedication to students and the Toombs County School System. The Extra Mile Award was presented to Brandi Anthony, Vicki Caraway and Ruthie McKenzie of Toombs County High School. The WOW Award was presented to Beth Barnard, Gracy Dykes and Lesli Garrett (School Nurses). Mr. Waller thanked his colleagues for their exceptional service to Toombs County Schools!
Mrs. Roberts represented the Toombs County School System in recognizing the winners of the Young Georgia Authors Award. The winners and their submissions were recognized as follows:

Grade 3 - Lawton Toole  
Grade 4 - Nathaly Zamorano  
Grade 5 - Sarah Ellis Walker  
Grade 9 - Ashlynn Morris  
Grade 10 - Gracie Hamlin  
Grade 11 - Dayon Doyle  
Grade 12 - Zaida Maldonado

"Prisoner of War"  
"The Farm"  
"Pepper's Story"  
"Yin and Yang of the Stars and Stripes"  
"All Over the Worlds"  
"How the Tiger Earned His Stripes"  
"Pena: A Personal Narrative"

During the Superintendent’s Report, Mr. Waller requested Mrs. Marrisa Morris, Principal of Toombs County High School (TCHS), to provide the Spotlight on Student Achievement. During the Spotlight on Student Achievement, Mrs. Morris and her staff members highlighted the following:

Mrs. Morris recognized Zaida Maldonado as securing both the Toombs County School System Young Georgia Author’s Award winner and the First District RESA System Award Winner. First District RESA encompasses 18 counties.

The STAR Student for Toombs County High School, Alex Boyett, was recognized for his accomplishment of securing the highest SAT score within his senior class and his academic achievements. The STAR Teacher for Toombs County High School, Miss Megan Morris, who was selected by Alex Boyett, was recognized for her contributions to all Toombs County High School students.

Mr. Spell, TCHS Assistant Principal, recognized the Altamaha EMC Washington Youth Tour Representative, Falyn Holland. Falyn Holland was selected through a rigorous application process which expanded through multi-counties and will attend Washington as a delegate in June, which also includes meeting with state and national leaders and leadership training.

Mrs. Peggy Snow, TCHS Work Based Learning Coordinator, recognized the economic impact generated through the Work Based Learning program. During the current school year, 63 students have earned over $253,000 in wages in Toombs County. They currently have 41 active employers. Mrs. Snow expressed her gratitude to these employers for dedicating time to mentor the students and also assisting them in developing character attributes which are critical to success.

Mrs. Theresa Standard, FCCLA sponsor, recognized many FCCLA students who received awards during the year. As well, it was recognized that Trevor Sconyers was selected to serve as the State Secretary Officer for Georgia FCCLA.
Mrs. Standard also recognized Southern Community Hospice for their Platinum Sponsorship to Georgia FCCLA. Mr. Duane Tomlin received this award on behalf of this organization.

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

-March SPLOST Report
-General Fund Budget Report
-General Fund Monthly Cash Flow Report
-February Check Register for Fund 100, General Operations
-Ameris Account Balance

No action was required.

Mrs. Stephanie Smith, Toombs County School System Chief Financial Officer, provided a financial preview/review to the Toombs County Board of Education. Mrs. Smith reports that the Toombs County School System is projected to end the current fiscal year under budget which will aid the school system in building a financial reserve.

No action was required.

Mr. Waller discussed the current Toombs County School System 2018-2019 budget. Expenditures and additional monies have been obtained since the beginning of the school year which have created the necessity for a budget amendment. Mr. Waller recommended that the Toombs County Board of Education amend the 2018-2019 current budget to reflect the non-budgeted SPLOST purchased technology, SPLOST purchased school buses, and the Facility and Safety reimbursable grant monies. The amended budget will also reflect the current year Federal Grant Award amounts.

On a motion by Mrs. Wilkes and seconded by Mr. Grimes, the board approved the recommendation to amend the 2018-2019 current budget to reflect the non-budgeted SPLOST purchased technology, SPLOST purchased school buses, and the Facility and Safety reimbursable grant monies.

Unanimously Approved
On a motion by Mr. Bellflower and 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
Russ Benton- Yes
Jonathan Holland-Yes
Toni Wilkes-Yes
Michael Grimes-Yes

On a motion by Mr. Bellflower and seconded by Mr. Akins, the board voted to come out of executive session.

Trent Akins-Yes
Mitch Bellflower- Yes
Russ Benton- Yes
Jonathan Holland-Yes
Toni Wilkes-Yes
Michael Grimes-Yes

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

**Certified Recommendations:**
Daniel Dorsey/Teacher/TCHS  
Dana Burton/Teacher/TCMS  
Victoria Dorsey/Teacher/LUES  
Melissa Wiggins/Teacher/LUES  
Angela Williams/Teacher/LUES

**Certified Resignations:**
Mike Owens/Teacher/TCMS  
Londa Braddy/Teacher/LUES  
Jared Hamlin/Teacher/TCHS  
Tonya Stone/Teacher/TCHS  
Kip Hart/Teacher/TCHS  
Joe Depenhart/Assistant Principal/TCHS

**Classified “At Will” Recommendations:**
Allison Fowler/Paraprofessional (Migrant/TCMS)
Classified “At Will” Resignations:
Herbert Drew/ Bus Driver/Transportation

Transfers
Missy Dixon  TCBOE to LPS/ Media Specialist & Technology Coordinator (System)
Pam Calloway  TCHS to Toombs County Alternative School (Director)
Luther Caraway  TCMS to TCHS/ Teacher
Kay Palmer  LUES Teacher to LUES RTI Teacher
Tyler Corley  LPS Teacher to TCMS Teacher

Unanimously Approved

Mr. Waller recommended to the Toombs County Board of Education to use All Clean Custodial services to completely outsource custodial services for the Toombs County School System. Upon approval, All Clean will absorb all custodial positions at all schools in the Toombs County School System beginning July 1, 2019. All Clean will hire all remaining Toombs County Schools’ custodial staff at the hourly rate they are currently employed and in the current positions they hold. On a motion made by Mr. Grimes and seconded by Mrs. Wilkes, the board voted to use All Clean Custodial services to completely outsource custodial services for the Toombs County School System beginning July 1, 2019.

Unanimously Approved

Mr. Waller provided information regarding RFP for Professional Landscaping Services. Mr. Waller indicated bids would be obtained for these services.

Mr. Waller provided information for Final Whole Board Training to be held on May 23, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at the location of 117 East Wesley Avenue, Lyons, Georgia.

No Old Business was presented.

No New Business was presented.

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

Unanimously Approved