The Toombs County Board of Education met for its regular meeting on Thursday, July 12, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present: Mr. Clint Williams, Chairman, Mr. Russ Benton, Vice-Chairman, Mr. Mitch Bellflower, Mrs. Toni Wilkes, Mr. Jonathan Holland, Mr. Michael Grimes and Interim Superintendent, Mr. Barry Waller. Mr. Trent Akins was absent.


The Invocation was given by Mr. Waller 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 Mr. Grimes and seconded by Mrs. Wilkes, the board approved the consent agenda for the meeting which included the minutes of the June 14, 2018 regular meeting.

Unanimously Approved

During the Superintendent’s Report, Mr. Waller presented the board with sample certificates of a Certified Staff Monthly Award (Extra Mile) and a Classified Staff Monthly Award (Wow). Beginning the 2018-2019 school year, on a monthly basis, the Toombs County School System will recognize employees who continually seek venues to improve the lives of students and the advancement of the Toombs County School System. Mr. Waller also informed the board that beginning the 2018-2019 school year, the schools will provide a Spotlight on Student Achievement at each board meeting. One school will be highlighted each month for the purpose of informing stakeholders and the board of the progress and accomplishments of its students.

Mrs. Therese Standard and Toombs County High School FCCLA students were present to inform the board of the activities in which they have participated during the school year. Mrs. Standard and her students also shared the results from the State Competition. Out of 75 school districts which participated in state level competition, Toombs County Schools earned 3rd place. State and National representatives were present to congratulate these students. Senator Blake Tillery presented a Senate Resolution Award to the Toombs County FCCLA student leaders for their exemplary work for Teens in the Driver’s Seat program and challenged them to continue their community involvement to better the lives of others. Congratulations to Mrs. Standard and the Toombs County FCCLA students!
Mr. Waller informed the board that Caleb Worth, TCHS student, will be working to build a life size chess board at TCMS. This is an Eagle Scout project and will assist in promoting middle and high school Chess Club awareness.

Mr. Waller informed the board that Toombs County High School FFA is currently ranked 48th out of 300 FFA programs. *Agriculture Magazine* has featured the top 50 FFA programs within their most recent magazine issue.

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

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

No action was required.

On a motion by Mrs. Wilkes and seconded by Mr. Grimes, the board approved to amend/add the following system policies: DJEG & DCK (Amend); DIB-R (Add). These policies have been presented for public and board review for 30 days.

Unanimously Approved

On a motion by 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)).

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. Benton, the board voted to come out of executive session.

Mitch Bellflower- Yes
Russ Benton- Yes
Jonathan Holland-Yes
Toni Wilkes-Yes
Clint Williams-Yes
Michael Grimes-Yes
On a motion by Mr. Benton and seconded by Mrs. Wilkes, the board approved the following personnel recommendations:

Certified Employment Recommendations: Amelia Lane, TCMS Instructional Coach; Thomas Mercer, TCMS Assistant Principal; Jeremy Moore, TCMS Teacher; Krysta Rushing, TCMS Teacher; Robert George, TCMS Teacher; Areli Perez, LPS Teacher.

Certified Resignations: LaPortia Pitts, Teacher LPS.

Classified Recommendations: Herbert Drew, Bus Driver, Teresa Odunfa, Bus Driver.

Supplemental Duties: Sandra Floyd, Pre-K Director; Bill Benton, Attendance/Social Worker; Stacy Reese, PBIS Coordinator; Pamela Sears, Professional Learning/Curriculum.

Transfers: Nicole Roberts transfer from TCMS Teacher to TCHS Teacher.

Mr. Waller informed the board the state has approved 2 new buses for the Toombs County School System. The Transportation Director, Mrs. Belinda Denmark has indicated the system is in need of one regular bus and one handicapped bus. Bids will be solicited prior to purchase.

Mr. Waller informed the board that Toombs County Schools would be participating in the 2nd Annual Back-to-School Bash to be held at STC on Saturday, July 28, 2018. Vendors and participating school districts will be distributing school supplies to students in need.

Under Old Business, Mr. Waller informed the board current grant monies are not available to fund any new School Resource Officers for the FY19 school year; however, a School Resource Officer will continue to be available as in recent years. Chief Wesley Walker discussed potential grant programs that will soon be available and will provide the Toombs County Board of Education with the grant information.

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

Unanimously Approved