Toombs County Board Minutes  
June 13, 2019

The Toombs County Board of Education met for its regular meeting on Thursday, June 13, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present: Mr. Clint Williams, Chairman, Mr. Russ Benton, Vice-Chairman, Mr. Trent Akins, Mrs. Toni Wilkes, and Mr. Michael Grimes. Mr. Jonathan Holland and Mr. Mitch Bellflower were not present.

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

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

Unanimously Approved

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

1. Approve Minutes of the May 09, 2019 Toombs County Board of Education Meeting
2. Approve Minutes of the May 20, 2019 Toombs County Board of Education Called Meeting
3. Approve Adoption of the New State Salary Scale
4. Approve to Amend System Policy (JB)
5. Approve out of State Field Trip for LUES ACE Class (Washington DC-April 1-4, 2020)

Unanimously Approved

During the Superintendent’s Report, Mr. Waller recognized students at Toombs County High School who had earned State Championship Honors (1st or 2nd place) during the 2018-2019 school year. Track & Field Coach Charlie Hartley recognized Divoria Gaffney, LiliAnn Pittman and Caleb Hartley (state winner) for their success at the state level. Mr. Waller also recognized Ricardo Santana (state winner) in the area of Wrestling.

Mr. Waller informed the board that Toombs County High School would be hosting a banquet and Young Farmer’s tour on June 21, 2019. This is a honor for our district to host this event.

Mr. Tony Wright, of TQ Contractors, provided an update on the SPLOST projects which are currently in progress. Mr. Wright informed the board that Toombs Central Elementary School will be receiving an extended parking lot; a bricked entrance sign; new fencing; automated gates in specified areas of the school to control unauthorized access to the classrooms/gym; a front entrance renovation; gym flooring, HVAC, etc. The majority of the renovations will be
completed prior to the school’s start date for FY20. However, Mr. Wright indicated some projects, including the canopy covers, which have been ordered for the school, will not be installed by the system’s start date. The canopies selected are not pre-fabricated and will be customized to exceed the durability of traditional aluminum canopies. Once the canopies are available for installation, Mr. Wright indicates they will be installed during a time not to interfere with student instruction.

Mr. Wright indicated the renovations of the football field are also in progress despite some rain delays. It was indicated that construction for athletic facilities would transpire during the FY20 school year; however, priority is currently afforded to the projects at Toombs Central Elementary School and the football field.

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

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

No action was required.

Mr. Waller recommended to the Toombs County Board of Education to approve the 2019-2020 Budget. The required budget hearings have been advertised to the public and were conducted on:

1. Thursday, June 6, 2019 @ 12:30 p.m.
2. Thursday, June 13, 2019 @ 6:15 p.m.

On a motion by Mrs. Wilkes and seconded by Mr. Grimes, the board approved the Toombs County Schools’ 2019-2020 Budget.

Unanimously Approved

Mr. Waller recommended to the Toombs County Board of Education to approve the opening of 2 new Financial Accounts which include:

1. Georgia Fund Investment Pool (Georgia Fund 1)
2. Open Credit Card for Board of Education (Ameris Bank)

On a motion by Mr. Grimes and seconded by Mr. Akins, the board approved the recommendation to open 2 new Financial Accounts which include:

1. Georgia Fund Investment Pool (Georgia Fund 1)
2. Open Credit Card for Board of Education (Ameris Bank)

Unanimously Approved
Mr. Waller recommended to the Toombs County Board of Education to award the Landscaping Contract to Sweet City Landscaping for $75,759.88.

On a motion by Mrs. Wilkes and seconded by Mr. Williams, the board approved to award the Landscaping Contract to Sweet City Landscaping for $75,759.88.

Mr. Waller recommended to the Toombs County Board of Education to approve funding up to $75,000.00 to continue the Afterschool Program for one year for the Toombs County School System.

On a motion by Mrs. Wilkes and seconded by Mr. Grimes, the board voted to approve funding up to $75,000.00 to continue the Afterschool Program for one year for the Toombs County School System.

Unanimously Approved

On a motion by Mr. Grimes 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)).

Clint Williams- Yes
Trent Akins-Yes
Russ Benton- Yes
Toni Wilkes-Yes
Michael Grimes-Yes

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

Clint Williams- Yes
Trent Akins-Yes
Russ Benton- Yes
Toni Wilkes-Yes
Michael Grimes-Yes

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

Certified Recommendations:
Wesley Woods/Teacher/TCHS
Elaine Allen/Teacher/TCMS
Scott Tuck/Teacher @ TCMS/TCHS
Classified “At Will” Recommendations:
Wendy Woods/Paraprofessional/TCMS
Kim Pittman/Paraprofessional/LPS
Madison Adams/Paraprofessional/LPS
Paula Fowler/Nurse@ LPS/LUES

Classified “At Will” Resignations:
Karen Lillard/ Retirement/Transportation
Paola Palacios/Migrant Paraprofessional

Supplemental Duties and Contractual Amendments 2018-2019
Carmen Roberts, Co-CTAE Director
Joey Montford, Co-CTAE Director

Transfers
Kristen Hartley  LPS to LUES/Paraprofessional  Unanimously Approved

Mr. Waller provided information regarding the following items:

1. Renewal of Property and Liability Insurance
2. Renewal of Worker’s Comp Insurance
3. Toombs County Alternative School Hours and Location
   A. Beginning the FY20 School year, the Toombs County Alternative School will be housed at the Old Bus Shop and the school operating hours will be from 9:00 AM- 2:00 PM, rather than operating 2 half day rotations as in recent years.
4. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with City of Lyons
   A. The City of Lyons will be utilizing “The Pit” for sports’ recreational activities during the year. The City of Lyons has agreed to pay the Toombs County School System $15,000.00 for the next 10 years for the use of this facility. The Toombs County School System Athletic Director will work with the City of Lyons to coordinate facility usage.

No Old Business was presented.
No New Business was presented.

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

Unanimously Approved