The Toombs County Board of Education met for its regular meeting on Thursday, June 14, 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. Trent Akins, Mr. Jonathan Holland, and Mr. Michael Grimes.


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

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

Unanimously Approved

On a motion by Mrs. Wilkes and seconded by Mr. Akins, the board approved the consent agenda for the meeting which included the minutes of the May 10, 2018 regular meeting, the minutes of the June 5, 2018 Budget Hearing and called board meeting, and a TCHS Athletes’ Out of State Trip Request for camps and ongoing associated recruitment activities.

Unanimously Approved

During the Superintendent’s Report, Mr. Waller provided information on School Safety Grant Allocations. All Georgia schools received grant monies for School Safety Capital Improvements. The Toombs County School System received a grant allocation of $43,904.00. These monies are restricted by state law to be used only for capital projects and equipment. The intent of the monies is to ensure the safety of every student.

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
- Amazon Purchases
- Ameris Account Balance

No action was required.

On a motion by Mr. Benton and seconded by Mr. Grimes, the board approved the final Toombs County School System Budget for 2018-2019. The required budget hearings were held on June 5, 2018 and June 12, 2018.

Unanimously Approved
On a motion by Mrs. Wilkes and seconded by Mr. Bellflower, the board approved the GSBA Proposal for Property/Crime/Superintendent/Cyber Coverage for FY19.

Unanimously Approved

On a motion by Mr. Grimes and seconded by Mr. Bellflower, the board approved the GSBA Proposal for Workers’ Compensation Coverage for FY19.

Unanimously Approved

The board was presented with amendments and a proposal to the following polices: DJEG & DCK (Amend) and DIB-R (Proposed). These policies will be made available for public review for one month and will be presented for action during the July board meeting. The public may view these proposed policies on the Toombs County Board of Education website.

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))

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. Akins and seconded by Mr. Benton, 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. Benton and seconded by Mr. Bellflower, the board approved the following personnel recommendations:

Certified Employment Recommendations: Elizabeth Galloway, Teacher, TCMS, Tommell Wilcox, Agriculture Teacher, TCHS, Christopher Bell, Principal, LPS.

Certified Resignations: Michael Alford, TCHS, Judy Hellgren, LPS, Jessica Downey, LPS, Ryan Durham, TCHS, Bonnie Tomberlin, TCMS


Classified Resignations: Ronnie Fields, Bus Driver, Sonya Peoples Kirkland, Bus Driver

Supplemental Duties: Joe Depenhart, CTAE Director, TCHS, Joey Montford, CTAE Coordinator, TCHS

Unanimously Approved

Mr. Waller provided the board with minutes from the SECCA Board Meeting which included their 2018-2019 strategic plan. Additionally, he provided information regarding an invitation from Toombs County Wellness Center which included a discounted offer of gym membership to all Toombs County School System employees. Information regarding this discounted offer will be made available to all system employees through email correspondence.

Under Old Business, Mr. Williams provided information regarding a Toombs County School System Tape Measure initiative for the purpose of ensuring students in the Toombs County School System are adept in this skill prior to graduating from high school.

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

Unanimously Approved