Toombs County School System Board Minutes
October 8, 2019

The Toombs County Board of Education met for its regular meeting on Tuesday, October 08, 2019, 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. Benton and was followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

During Public Participation, Falyn Holland, TCHS student, provided the Board with information regarding Toombs County High School’s One Act Play to be held at Toombs County High School on October 19, 2019. Miss Holland invited both the Board and the Public to come out and support this event.

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. Benton and seconded by Mrs. Wilkes, the board approved the consent agenda for the meeting which included:

1. Approve Minutes of the September 12, 2019 Board of Education Meeting
2. Authorization for SECCA to renew Charter
3. Approve Out of State Field Trip
   i. TCMS ACE Classes to Charleston, SC (January 23, 2020)
4. Adopt New System Policy (DJEAC)

Unanimously Approved

During the Superintendent’s Report, Mr. Waller provided information on the following:

A. Strategic Planning Team Meeting- To date, 2 meetings have convened for the purpose of System Strategic Planning. On August 29, 2019 an Initial Stakeholders’ Meeting was held and on September 25 & 26, 2019, a 2nd meeting was conducted. A 3rd meeting for strategic planning will be held in October to develop the final plan. The Toombs County School System Strategic Plan will be submitted to the Board by the November board meeting.
B. Spotlight on Student Achievement (Lyons Upper Elementary School)- Mrs. Nobles, Principal of Lyons Upper Elementary School, discussed the primary focus areas for LUES for the current school year. For 2019-2020, the 3 primary goals include: Goal 1: Reading, Goal 2: Student Achievement, Goal 3: Attendance. Mrs. Nobles also highlighted some of the staff members’ successes and recognized several students who had demonstrated outstanding academic and artistic accomplishments this school year.

C. 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 Melanie Hart of Lyons Upper Elementary School. The WOW Award was presented to Elaine Wright, Toombs County School System Transportation Dept. Mr. Waller thanked his colleagues for their exceptional service to Toombs County Schools!

D. Tony Wright, of TQ Construction, provided a construction update to the Board. Mr. Wright reported that the Toombs Central Elementary School Gym is in its final stage of completion. Additionally, the canopies for the walkways should be completed within the next month. All gates/fencing have been installed and A/C units that need to be replaced will be forthcoming, as well as some other minor repairs/updates that need to be made. At the Pit, some fascia will be replaced in the next few weeks. The Toombs County Athletic Facility will be the next project that will begin in the next few weeks and it is estimated that it will take approximately 7 months for its completion, dependent upon weather and/or unforeseen circumstances.

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

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

No action was required.
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; (OCSA §50-14-3 (6)).

Clint Williams- Yes
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. Grimes, the board voted to come out of executive session.

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

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

**Classified “At Will” Recommendations:**
Taylor Thompson/Food Service/TCHS
Jennifer Powell/Food Service/TCES
Rachel Johnson/Food Service/TCES
Sarah Trimble/Food Service(Part-Time)/LPS

**Classified “At Will” Resignations:**
Sharon Collins/Paraprofessional/LPS
Yolanda Goodwin/Food Service/LPS
LaNishia Green/Food Service/LUES

Unanimously Approved
Mr. Waller provided information regarding the following items:

1. Aspiring Leaders Program will be conducted throughout the 2019-2020 school year
2. Strategic Planning Action Team Meeting will be held October 29-October 30, 2019
3. Whole Board Training will occur on October 22, 2019

No Old Business was presented.

No New Business was presented.

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

Unanimously Approved