Toombs County Board Minutes
October 9, 2018

The Toombs County Board of Education met for its regular meeting on Tuesday, October 9, 2018, 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, Mr. Jonathan Holland, and Mr. Michael Grimes. Mrs. Toni Wilkes was not present.

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

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

Unanimously Approved

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

1. The minutes of the September 25, 2018 Called TCBOE meeting
2. Amend System Policies: JBC & JBC (1)
3. Local Board Training Plan FY19

Unanimously Approved

During the Superintendent’s Report, Mr. Waller presented the Spotlight on Student Achievement in Schools.

Falyn Holland, TCHS student, presented the board with information regarding TCHS and their upcoming participation in Georgia High School Association’s One Act Play competition. Miss Holland invited the board and the community to support TCHS’ One Act Play by attending the local presentation which will be held in October and also to purchase an ad to help support this event.

Mr. Bill Benton, Toombs County Athletic Director, provided information on the decision to host the football game Friday night, October 12, 2018, rather than the scheduled time of October 11, 2018. Due to the impending weather conditions, the October 11, 2018 was cancelled and the Georgia High School Association determined October 12, 2018 would be the official make-up date for this game.

Dr. Renee Garbutt, principal of Toombs County Middle School, TCMS student representatives and TCMS teachers highlighted many of the clubs available at TCMS. As part of an effort to encourage students to get involved and work with others for a common purpose, TCMS dedicates a specified time period once monthly for club activities. Student Representatives presented the highlights of the following clubs: BETA Club, FFA, Random Acts of Kindness (RAKS) Corps, GCBA, Bordettes, and FCA. New clubs will be added as the year progresses.
Dr. Garbutt cited studies on the benefits of students participating in group activities and its impact on achievement and social/emotional development and the staff members are encouraged by the current progress the students are making in these areas.

Mr. Waller recognized the employees who had been voted by their peers as demonstrating exceptional service and dedication to students and the Toombs County School System. The Extra Mile Award was presented to Luray Metzler, TCMS. The WOW Award was presented to Sharon Collins, LPS. Mr. Waller thanked his colleagues for their exceptional service to Toombs County Schools!

Mr. Waller commended TCHS staff and all other staff members in the system for the increase in the graduation rate. The graduation rate is currently 87.6% which is above the state average. The graduation rate has increased over 17% in the last two years.

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
- Amazon Purchases
- Ameris Account Balance

No action was required.

On a motion Mr. Akins 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
Clint Williams-Yes
Michael Grimes-Yes

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

Trent Akins-Yes
Mitch Bellflower- Yes
Russ Benton- Yes
Jonathan Holland-Yes
On a motion by Mr. Bellflower and seconded by Mr. Grimes, the board approved the following personnel recommendations:

Certified Recommendations: Laura McCain, RTI Intervention Specialist (49%), TCES

Classified Recommendations: Linda Hower, Paraprofessional, TCMS

Unanimously Approved

Mr. Waller provided information regarding the Toombs County School System land that is being acquired by the Georgia Department of Transportation for the future development of the US HWY #1 Bypass. The land is located directly behind the Agriculture Center. On a motion by Mr. Akins and seconded by Mr. Holland, the board approved to sell 13.734 acres of land to the Georgia Department of Transportation for $65,000.00.

Mr. Waller provided information on the SPLOST Resolution which will be ready for approval by the November BOE meeting and will be developed during the Whole Board Training which will be held on October 23, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

No Old Business was presented.

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

Unanimously Approved