

**Towns County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
January 14, 2019**

The Towns County Board of Education met in a regular board meeting on Monday, January 14, 2019 at the Towns County School Auditorium. Members present were Laura Banister, Dr. Kilee Smith, Stan Chastain, Robert Williams and Tamie Bradley. Chairperson, Laura Banister called the meeting to order. Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong gave the invocation and Laura Banister led the pledge of allegiance.

Caroleen Woods signed up to speak during Public Forum. As a court appointed advocate for children; Ms. Woods wanted to ask the board some questions about the presentation the counselors gave at the January 7th work session, on the Mental Health Training.

Robert Williams made a motion, seconded by Tamie Bradley, to **approve the agenda**. The motion carried.

Stan Chastain made a motion, seconded by Robert Williams, to **approve the following consent agenda**: The motion carried. Tamie Bradley abstained.

- Fundraisers:
 - a. ES School Council / Penny Wars / February 25-March 8, 2019

- Field Trips:
 - a. HS Color guard / Classic Center-Athens GA / January 19, 2019

- Work Session Minutes / December 3, 2018
- Regular Board Meeting Minutes / December 10, 2018
- Financial Statement

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong recommended the board **approve the resignation of the Head Varsity Football Coach**. Dr. Kilee Smith made a motion, seconded by Robert Williams, to **approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried. (see attached)

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong recommended the board **approve the recommendation of a Full-time Substitute Bus Driver position**. Dr. Kilee Smith made a motion, seconded by Tamie Bradley, to **approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried. (see attached)

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong recommended the board **approve the recommendation for a Substitute Nursing Assistant**. Tamie Bradley made a motion, seconded by Laura Banister, to **approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried. (see attached)

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong recommended the board **approve the recommendation for a Boys Varsity Soccer Coach**. Dr. Kilee Smith made a motion, seconded by Tamie Bradley, to **approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried. (see attached)

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong recommended the board **approve the recommendation for a 21st Century Afterschool Staff Member**. Robert Williams made a motion, seconded by Laura Banister, to **approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried. (see attached)

Elementary School Principal, Sandy Page, reported to the board on the following:

- Enrollment 421 a growth of 7 students
- Our 100th day of school for the year on January 22nd
- Team meetings for teachers and wrapping up TKES
- Gifted Program
- Crisis Go App review by Mr. Roy Perren
- Evan Lee a storyteller will be visiting 1st - 3rd grades

Middle School Principal, Erica Chastain, reported to the board on the following:

- Welcome to new board member Tamie Bradley
- Enrollment 235
- Finishing up with TKES
- Crisis Go App review
- January 4th report cards went home
- Intent to Return Forms went to Staff
- Middle School FBLA won an award for largest chapter membership for region 15
- Girls & Boys Basketball teams finished in 3rd place
- Baseball & Soccer tryouts coming up

High School Principal, Dr. Connie Hobbs, reported to the board on the following:

- Enrollment 294
- Crisis Go App review
- Review for Students
- First Semester EOC percentages to pass - Rachel Surles had 100% students pass, Christa Houser had 95% and Ken Camp had 96% pass
- Basketball Homecoming Taylor Cornett crowned Queen and Kenzlee Denton Princess
- Donation from Exxon of \$1000.00
- Meetings for Seniors

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong, reported to the board on the following:

- Baseball Field has been draining well & a new backstop will be in place ready for the season
- Summer Construction Projects Update – includes new seating in the big gym and are hoping to refurbish them for use in baseball & football stands
- Intent to return forms due in by February 8th

Stan Chastain made a motion, seconded by Robert Williams, to **go into closed session to discuss personnel**. The motion carried.

Robert Williams made a motion, seconded by Stan Chastain to **come out of closed session**. The motion carried.

Robert Williams made a motion, seconded Dr. Kilee Smith, to **adjourn the meeting**. The motion carried.

Ms. Laura Banister, Chairperson

Dr. Darren Berrong, Superintendent