

**Towns County Board of Education  
Regular Board Meeting  
April 12, 2021  
6:45 PM**

The Towns County Board of Education met in a regular board meeting on Monday April 12, 2021 at the Towns County Middle/High School Media Center. Members present were Brandon Grimsley, Stephanie McConnell, Tamie Bradley and Stan Chastain. Caroleen Woods joined the meeting via conference call. Chairperson, Tamie Bradley called the meeting to order. Roy Perren gave the invocation, and Tamie Bradley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Stephanie McConnell made a motion, seconded by, Brandon Grimsley to **approve the agenda**. The motion carried.

Stan Chastain made a motion, seconded by, Stephanie McConnell, to **approve the consent agenda**. The motion carried.

- Fundraisers:
  - i. HS Basketball / State Champions T-Shirts sale / April 12-19, 2021
  - ii. ES & MS PTSO / Candy Bar Sales / April 12-28, 2021
  - iii. MS Art / Art Show / April 29, 2021
  - iv. HS Baseball / Parking Cars @ Car Show / April 30-May 1, 2021
- Field Trip
  - i. HS Students / North Georgia Tech, Clarkesville / April 13, 2021
- Work Session Minutes / March 1, 2021
- Regular Board Meeting Minutes / March 1, 2021
- Monthly Financial Statement

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong, recommended the board **approve to lay on the table for one month, the following policies:**

- Policy IHF(6) Graduation Requirements (revision)
- Policy BCBD Board Meeting Agendas (revision)
- GBIA Teacher Evaluation Appeals (new)

Stephanie McConnell made a motion, seconded by Brandon Grimsley, **to approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried. (see attached)

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong recommended the board **approve the School Calendar for the 2021-22 School Year**. Stan Chastain made a motion, seconded by Brandon Grimsley, to **approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried. (see attached)

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong, recommended the board **approve the recommendation of the FY2021 Budget Amendment #1**. Stephanie McConnell made a motion, seconded by Brandon Grimsley, **to approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried. (see attached)

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong, recommended the board **approve the resignation of an Athletic Trainer/Physical Education Teacher, effective at the end of the 2021 school year.** Brandon Grimsely made a motion, seconded by Stan Chastain, **to approve the Superintendent's recommendation.** The motion carried. (see attached)

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong, recommended the board **approve the resignation of the High School Girls Assistant Basketball Coach.** Brandon Grimsely made a motion, seconded by Stan Chastain, **to approve the Superintendent's recommendation.** The motion carried. (see attached)

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong, recommended the board **approve the resignation of the High School Wrestling Coach.** Stan Chastain made a motion, seconded by Brandon Grimsely, **to approve the Superintendent's recommendation.** The motion carried. (see attached)

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong, recommended the board **approve the retirement of a Family Partner with the Towns County Head Start/ Pre-K, effective immediately.** Brandon Grimsely made a motion, seconded by Stephanie McConnell, **to approve the Superintendent's recommendation.** The motion carried. (see attached)

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong, recommended the board **approve the Towns County School Employees for Renewal of the 2021-22 School Year.** Stan Chastain made a motion, seconded by Stephanie McConnell, **to approve the Superintendent's recommendation.** The motion carried. (see attached)

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong, recommended the board **approve the recommendation of a Head Coach for High School Boys Basketball.** Stephanie McConnell made a motion, seconded by Brandon Grimsely, **to approve the Superintendent's recommendation.** The motion carried. (see attached)

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong, recommended the board **approve the recommendation of a Media Center Paraprofessional.** Brandon Grimsely made a motion, seconded by Stephanie McConnell, **to approve the Superintendent's recommendation.** The motion carried. (see attached)

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong, recommended the board **approve the 3 recommendations for Elementary School Teacher, upon completion of fingerprint and background check.** Stan Chastain made a motion, seconded by Brandon Grimsely, **to approve the Superintendent's recommendation.** The motion carried. (see attached)

Elementary School Principal, Shannon Moss, reported to the board on the following:

- Fun-Friday's coming up are Green Day (for Earth Day) and Nerd Day
- Positivity – the theme of the Mateys of the Month
- STEM virtual night was a great success
- PBIS Celebration
- Art show – April 29<sup>th</sup> spacing the times to social distance
- Milestones April 27<sup>th</sup> – May 3<sup>rd</sup>

- TOTY has been voted on
- Special Olympics May 5<sup>th</sup>
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade Honors May 18th
- Kindergarten Graduation May 20th
- Enrollment 407 - 27 online

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

- Enrollment 224 - 25 online
- Thanked the Towns County Health Department for making the COVID vaccine so convenient to receive
- Progress Reports April 21<sup>st</sup>
- Art Show 29<sup>th</sup>
- Milestones May 3-10

High School Principal, Roy Perren, reported to the board on the following:

- Enrollment 315 - 37 online
- Boys Basketball are STATE CHAMPS
- Championship Rings have been paid by the generosity of the community
- AJC named Kolby Moss & Jake McTaggart 1<sup>st</sup> Team All State for Single A Public
- Coach Benson named Coach of the Year
- Jake McTaggart named Player of the Year
- Winter Sport Awards went well
- 7 top 10 finishers for HOSA: Kennedi Henderson, Kayla Peacock, Kaylea McClure, Aiden Berrong, Vanessa Floyd, Sarah Shook & Kabe Ellis
- 4 students placed in the top 10 for FBLA: Will McConnell, Eden Hill, Kenzi Livingston & Maci Walls – Maci was named Who's Who in FBLA for Region 15
- Laura Kate Gleaton was Rotary Student of the Month
- Athletic Scholarships awarded:
  - ✓ Reace Hampton Football @ Reinhardt
  - ✓ Peyton Barrett Soccer @ Young Harris
  - ✓ Liam King Cross Country @ Young Harris
  - ✓ Kenzie Livingston Soccer @ Shorter
  - ✓ Kabe Ellis Basketball @ West Virginia Wesleyan
  - ✓ Kolby Moss Basketball @ young Harris
- Robotics received a \$1500 Grant from TVA & BRMEMC
- Students will visit Blairsville & Clarkesville Campus of NGTC
- Nick Sisco to go to Area Tournament for Golf

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

- COVID update – No positive cases in the last 3 weeks of school before we went out on spring break
- Health Department has been in touch to let the school know there will be vaccines available for students 16 and older
- Dr. Berrong presented the Certificates of Accreditation to the school principals

No Closed Session.

Stan Chastain made a motion, seconded by Stephanie McConnell, **to adjourn the meeting**.  
The motion carried.

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Tamie Bradley, Chairperson

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Dr. Darren Berrong, Superintendent