

**Towns County Board of Education  
Regular Board Meeting  
August 2, 2021  
6:45 PM**

The Towns County Board of Education met in a regular board meeting on Monday August 2, 2021 at the Towns County Middle/High School Media Center. Members present were Stan Chastain, Brandon Grimsley, Stephanie McConnell, Caroleen Woods and Sara Rogers. Chairman, Brandon Grimsley called the meeting to order. Pastor, Danny Byers of McConnell Baptist Church gave the invocation and Brandon Grimsley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Caroleen Woods made a motion, seconded by Stan Chastain, to **approve the agenda**. The motion carried.

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

➤ Fundraisers:

- i. All schools / PTSO Popcorn sales / Various dates throughout the year
- ii. All schools / PTSO Snow Cone sales / Various dates throughout the year
- iii. HS Softball / Spirit wear / August 5- 20, 2021
- iv. HS Soccer / Duck Race / August 5-September 6, 2021
- v. HS Allied Health / Blood Drive / August 16, November 9, 2021, January 25, & March 29, 2022
- vi. HS HOSA / Butterbraid / August 30 - September 15, 2021
- vii. ES PTSO / Book Fair /September 10-17, 2021
- viii. ES, MS PTSO / Secret Santa / December 3-10, 2021

➤ Field Trips:

- i. HS Robotics / North GA Technical College / September 14, 2021
- ii. HS HOSA / Fall Conference TBD / November 9 & 10, 2021
- iii. HS HOSA / State Conference Atlanta / March 10 -12, 2022
- iv. HS HOSA / International Leadership Conference TBD / June 22-25, 2022

- Work Session Minutes / July 5, 2021
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- Monthly Financial Statement & Student Activity Quarterly Reports

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong, recommended the board **approve the October 12<sup>th</sup> Flu Vaccine Clinic**. 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 an additional position to the School Nutrition Staff**. Caroleen Woods 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 Intergovernmental Agreement with the Towns County Sheriff for the SRO Program**. Stan Chastain made a motion, seconded by Sara Rogers, **to approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried. (see attached)

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong, recommended the board **approve the following policy revisions:**

- **EEE-Wellness Program**
- **EEE-R (1) Wellness Program –The Sale of Competitive Foods**

Caroleen Woods 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 resignation of a Special Education Paraprofessional**. Stephanie McConnell 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 recommendations of an Assistant Pre-K Teacher and two Assistant Head Start Teachers, upon completion of fingerprint & background check**. Stephanie McConnell made a motion, seconded by Sara Rogers, **to approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried. (see attached)

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong, recommended the board **approve the recommendation of the listed Substitute Teachers, upon completion of fingerprint & background check**. Stephanie McConnell 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 recommendation of a Special Education Paraprofessional, upon completion of fingerprint & background check**. Stan Chastain made a motion, seconded by Sara Rogers, **to approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried. (see attached)

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong, recommended the board **approve the recommendation of an Elementary Paraprofessional, upon completion of fingerprint & background check**. Caroleen Woods made a motion, seconded by Stephanie McConnell, **to approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried. (see attached)

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

- Enrollment 425
- Big Thank you to everyone's hard work, the Elementary School looks great and ready for school to begin
- Theme for this year is "Safari for Success"
- Robotics' Olympiad to begin again this year
- New Phonics Program called Reading Horizons

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

- Enrollment 219
- Teachers are very busy setting their rooms up and getting ready for students
- Thank you to the Facilities crew for all their hard work getting the school ready for students to return
- Teachers are excited and ready for Open House
- Freshly painted TC on the Middle School Gym

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

- Enrollment 321
- Teachers have been preparing, working really hard to get ready
- We are prepared to help any students catch up where needed because of the past year
- Fall sports will be starting right away
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Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong, reported to the board on the following:

- New Entrance Sign
- System Breakfast
- Open House
- Focus for this year is test scores
- Black top in parking lot should be ready for Open House
- Ready & Prepared to make changes to learning if the need arises

No Closed Session.

Stephanie McConnell made a motion, seconded by Caroleen Woods, **to adjourn the meeting.**  
The motion carried. (see attached)

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Brandon Grimsley, Chairperson

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Dr. Darren Berrong, Superintendent