

**Towns County Board of Education**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**January 4, 2021**  
**6:45 PM**

The Towns County Board of Education met in a regular board meeting on Monday January 4, 2021 at the Towns County Middle/High School Media Center. Members present were Tamie Bradley, Brandon Grimsley, Caroleen Woods, and Stan Chastain. Stephanie McConnell was absent. Chairperson, Tamie Bradley called the meeting to order. Shannon Moss gave the invocation, and Tamie Bradley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

- Fundraisers:
  - a. PTSO / ES PTSO / Prize Calendar / January & February 2021
  - b. ES PTSO / Valentine Sales / January 15 – February 14, 2021
- Work Session Minutes / December 7, 2020
- Regular Board Meeting Minutes / December 7, 2020
- Monthly Financial Statement

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong, recommended the board **approve the Amendment #1 to SFY 2021 DHS Family Connection Contract of the \$5,000.00 Budget Restoration**. Caroleen Woods made a motion, seconded by Brandon Grimsley, to **approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried.

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong, recommended the board **approve the procedure providing 10 COVID sick days through May 2021 for any fulltime employee that did not previously use all 80 hours of EPSL prior to December 31, 2020**. 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 a Ninth District Opportunity Head Start Assistant Teacher, upon completion of a fingerprint and background check**. Brandon Grimsley made a motion, seconded by Caroleen Woods, to **approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried. (see attached)

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong, recommended the board **approve the recommendation of a non-certified employee to work and be paid as a certified employee**. Caroleen Woods made a motion, seconded by Stan Chastain, to **approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried. (see attached)

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

- Enrollment 404 students, 33 online
- COVID update for students and staff
- PBIS celebration
- Fun Fridays
- The Counsel on Alcohol and Drugs has a suicide prevention grant that they sometimes use to help schools. TCES is asking them to use some of this grant money to buy us a Social Emotional Learning program called Second Step.
- Lots of positive feedback from Deck the Halls

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

- Enrollment 229 students, 23 online
- Report cards go home Wednesday
- 4 basketball games left
- Wrestling has finished
- Dr. Hobbs extended a special thank you to teachers and staff for the continued hard work during this school year
- COVID report for students and staff

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

- Enrollment 322 students
- COVID report for students and staff
- Fall sports celebration
- Basketball was able to get in a couple games over the Christmas break

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

- COVID update, the numbers have been kept surprisingly low and thankfully at this time we will continue in person learning where many other systems have decided to postpone in person learning till the end of the month
- We will decide on board training options once we have them

No Closed Session.

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

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Tamie Bradley, Chairperson

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Dr. Darren Berrong, Superintendent