

**Towns County Board of Education**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**June 7, 2021**  
**6:45 PM**

The Towns County Board of Education met in a regular board meeting on Monday June 7, 2021 at the Towns County Middle/High School Media Center. Members present were Stephanie McConnell, Tamie Bradley, Caroleen Woods, Stan Chastain and Brandon Grimsley. Chairperson, Tamie Bradley called the meeting to order. Dr. Darren Berrong gave the invocation, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Brandon Grimsley 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. HS Girls Basketball / Car Wash / June 18, 2021
- ii. HS Boys Basketball / Children's Camp / June 28-30, 2021
- iii. ES Leap & Rise Class / Craft Sale / October 19-29, 2021
- iv. ES Leap & Rise Class / Craft Sale March 23-31, 2022
- v. ES Assorted Fundraisers for the FY22 School Year

➤ Field Trips:

- i. HS Soccer / 7 v 7 @ Hart County HS / June 18, 2021
- ii. HS Boys Basketball / Scrimmage @ White Co HS / June 10, 2021
- iii. HS Girls Basketball / Scrimmage @ Murphy & Hayesville HS / June 14 & 15, 2021
- iv. HS Boys Basketball / Scrimmage @ Banks & N Forsyth HS / June 14, 21, & 23, 2021
- v. HS Soccer / 7 v 7 @ Hart County HS / June 24, 2021
- vi. HS Football / Scrimmage @ Fannin Co HS / July 7, 2021
- vii. HS Soccer / 7 v 7 @ Hart County HS / July 15, 2021
- viii. HS Girls Soccer / 7 v 7 @ Victor Cord Park Winder / July 17, 2021
- ix. HS Soccer / 7 v 7 @ Hart County HS / July 22, 2021

- Work Session Minutes / May 3, 2021
- Regular Board Meeting Minutes / May 3, 2021
- Monthly Financial Statement

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong, recommended the board **approve to lay on the table the following policy revisions:**

- GARH: Employee Leave and Absences
- IDE(3) Competitive Interscholastic Activities, Grade 6-12

Brandon Grimsley 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 FY22 Family Connection Contract**. 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 Renewal of the Contract between Towns County Board of Education and the UGA Cooperative Extension**. Brandon Grimsley 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 FY2022 Towns County Board of Education Final Budget, Salary and Supplement Schedules**. Stephanie McConnell 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 FY2021 Budget Amendment #2**. Brandon Grimsley 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 a Custodial Employee**. 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 resignation of the Middle/High School Chorus /Drama Teacher**. 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 resignation of a High School Business Teacher**. 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 the School Psychologist**. 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 resignation of the Elementary Art Teacher**. 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 resignation of a Substitute Bus Driver**. Caroleen Woods 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 retirement of an Elementary School Paraprofessional**. Brandon Grimsley 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 an Assistant Softball Coach, upon completion of fingerprint & 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 for approval of a New System English Language Learners Teacher Position**. 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 recommendation for approval of a New Elementary School Intervention Teacher Position**. 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 New Elementary School Instructional Paraprofessional Position**. Caroleen Woods 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 a Summer Maintenance Helper, upon completion of fingerprint & background check, retroactive to May 26<sup>th</sup>**. Brandon Grimsley 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 2 School Nutrition Assistants, upon completion of fingerprint & background check**. 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, upon completion of fingerprint & background check, the recommendation of 5 Special Education Paraprofessionals**. Stan Chastain 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, upon completion of fingerprint & background check, the recommendation of 3 Elementary School Paraprofessionals**. 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, upon completion of fingerprint & background check, the recommendation of 5 Elementary Teachers. The hires will include teachers for these positions; Physical Education, Art, Kindergarten, 5<sup>th</sup> grade and Literacy Intervention.** Stan Chastain made a motion, seconded by Brandon Grimsley, **to approve the Superintendent's recommendation.** The motion carried. (see attached)

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

- Teacher of the Year announced – Congratulations Hilary Tallent
- Milestone Data
- Kindergarten Graduation and Elementary Honors

Middle School Principal report, Dr. Darren Berrong

- Despite all the things that had to change in the school because of COVID, I think our teachers and students did remarkably well.

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

- Graduation was a huge success
- EOC update

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

- Despite the kind of year we did great dealing with the hurdles of Online Learning
- We never had to close the school like so many other districts, staff worked hard together to keep things as safe as possible

Stephanie McConnell made a motion, seconded by Caroleen Woods, **to go into closed session to discuss personnel.** The motion carried.

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

Stephanie McConnell made a motion, seconded by Caroleen Woods, for amendment of the agenda to discuss the Superintendent's Contract. The motion carried.

Caroleen Woods made a motion, seconded by Stan Chastain, to approve the Superintendent's Contract. The motion carried.

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

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Brandon Grimsley, Chairperson

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Dr. Darren Berrong, Superintendent