

Towns County Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
May 3, 2021
6:45 PM

The Towns County Board of Education met in a regular board meeting on Monday May 3, 2021 at the Towns County Middle/High School Media Center. Members present were Stan Chastain, Stephanie McConnell, Tamie Bradley, Brandon Grimsley, and Caroleen Woods. Chairperson, Tamie Bradley called the meeting to order. Dr. Darren Berrong gave the invocation, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

- Work Session Minutes / April 12, 2021
- Regular Board Meeting Minutes / April 12, 2021
- Monthly Financial Statement and the Student Activity Quarterly Reports

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong recommended the board **approve to advertise the FY2022 Towns County Board Education Tentative Budget**. 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 recommendation to use the REACH Georgia Scholarship Program**. 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 to following policies to be revised and added:**

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

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 the painting of the Elementary School**. Stan Chastain 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 request for Educational Leave of an Elementary School Paraprofessional**. Brandon Grimsely 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 a Substitute for Special Education, effective April 29, 2021.** 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 the recommendation of a School Nutrition Substitute.** 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 recommendation of for a Wrestling Coach for the FY2022 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 for the Girls Varsity Basketball Coach for the FY2022 School Year.** 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, upon completion of fingerprint & background check, the recommendation of a High School Math Teacher for the FY2022 School Year.** Stephanie McConnell made a motion, seconded by Caroleen Woods, **to approve the Superintendent's recommendation.** The motion carried. (see attached)

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

- Art show was a huge success
- Finished Counsel Wall
- Milestones April 27th – May 3rd
- MAP Testing K-2 this week
- Special Olympics May 5th drive through banquet @ 7 pm @ Macedonia
- Make the world a better place
- Dental Bus arrives may 7th
- Fun-Fridays – Twin Day, Flip Flop Day
- Teacher Appreciation Week 10th – 14th
- Mateys of the Month - Honesty
- PBIS Celebration May 19th
- Partners in Ed. – Mt Zion will have bouncy house, obstacle course & popcorn
- Careers on Wheels –May 17th Helicopter on roof
- TOTY announcement coming up this month
- Yearbooks for the Board Members
- 5th grade Honors May 18th HS Gym
- Kindergarten Graduation May 20th
- Enrollment 410 - 28 online

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

- Enrollment 224
- Transition meeting with students moving up to High School and moving into Middle School
- Art show and Band performance was outstanding, many great artists in our midst
- Thank you to board member Caroleen Woods for doing an awesome job setting up the Fun Run for Brandy Roquemore, a great success
- 1st day of testing got off without a hitch
- Teacher Appreciation week May 10th-14th
- Science Olympiad will pick back up in the future
- Teaching life lessons – how to conduct a bank account, how to change oil and tire on a car...
- COVID update

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

- Enrollment 313 – 50 online
- May 3rd is Future Educator Signing Day
- Soccer -May 4th Girls Elite 8 game and May 5th Boys Elite 8 game
- EOC's
- Rotary Student of the Month Kennedy Henson - Rotary Lunch May 11th
- Prom went exceedingly well, students had great fun!
- Senior Leadership Day
- Evening with the Stars: **STAR Student & Teacher:** McKenzie Livingston & Christa Houser, **TOTY:** Rachel Surles, **Stellar Staff:** Brandi King, **Shining Star:** Brooke Whitt, **Friend of TCHS:** Caroleen Woods, **Alumni Award:** Dr. Darren Berrong, **Rising Star Award:** Connor Chastain, **Community Service Award:** Hailey Bechtol, **Indian Award:** Garrett Oakes, & **CTAE Award:** Camren Owenby
- Basketball Ring Ceremony 6pm May 13th
- Senior Honors Day, Senior Parade and Picnic May 14th
- Baccalaureate 6pm Macedonia Baptist Church
- Underclassman Honors May 17th @ 6pm
- Spring Sports Awards 6pm May 18th
- Graduation Rehearsal May 21st 10am
- Graduation 10am May 22 Football Field

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

- COVID update

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

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

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

Tamie Bradley, Chairperson

Dr. Darren Berrong, Superintendent