

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

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

Stephanie McConnell made a motion, **to amend the agenda to remove item # 17; to Discuss COVID Sick Leave**, Stan Chastain seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

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

➤ Fundraisers:

- i. HS FFA / Country Meat Sticks / All School Year
- ii. MS & HS Art Program / Sticker Sale / All School Year
- iii. HS Aquaponics & Biology / Plant Sale / September 17- October 15, 2021

➤ Field Trips:

- i. HS FFA / Events and Conferences for FY22 / September 2021 - March 2022
- ii. HS FBLA / Trips and Conferences for FY22 / October 2021 - July 2022
- iii. MS & HS CTSO / Uncle Shuck's Dawsonville / October TBD, 2021
- iv. HS Band / Murray County HS / October 2, 2021
- v. HS Band / Fannin County HS / October 9, 2021
- vi. HS Band / Collins Hill HS / October 30, 2021

- Work Session Minutes / August 2, 2021
- Regular Board Meeting Minutes / August 2, 2021
- Monthly Financial Statement

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong, recommended the board **approve to advertise the 2021 Tax Digest & Five Year History**. Caroleen Woods made a motion, seconded by Stephanie McConnell, to **approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried.
(see attached)

Stephanie McConnell made a motion, seconded by Stan Chastain to **approve the selected courses for the Annual Local Board Governance Training of FY22**. The motion carried.
(see attached)

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong, recommended the board **approve the resignation of a Ninth District Head Start Lead Teacher**. 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 resignation of a Custodial Employee**. Sara Rogers 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 recommendation of an Assistant Girls Varsity Soccer Coach, upon completion of fingerprint & background check**. Caroleen Woods 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 for the Academic Team Head Coach & an Assistant Coach**. 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 recommendations of a Ninth District Opportunity Head Start Assistant Teacher, retroactive to August 30, 2021 and a Head Start Lead Teacher, retroactive to August 17, 2021, 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 the listed Substitute Teachers, upon completion of the RESA substitute teacher course, 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 a School Nutrition Substitute, upon completion of fingerprint & background check**. Sara Rogers 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 Extended Day Pay for Middle School Online Learning Management**. 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:

- Enrollment 439 (25 online)
- COVID update
- Character Education Rally - October 1
- Student Council & Robotics to begin in next couple weeks
- Guided Reading is complete

- Dental Bus – October 29th
- Fall Pictures – September 27th
- EOG Sores Great job

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

- Enrollment 218 (23 online)
- PTSO popcorn reward
- COVID update
- Breakfast is taken in the classroom and no congregating in in lunchroom
- Fall sports underway
- EOG scores
- MAP Testing
- 100% students to take tests in the 6th & 8th grades

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

- Enrollment 306 (11 online)
- COVID update – comparisons to last year are still looking good
- Title I Reward School
- PTSO Popcorn reward
- Student Council
- Voting for Homecoming
- Homecoming Parade
- XC, Football & Softball underway

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

- Board Member pictures October 27th 8 am
- COVID Status
- Public forum on drug abuse
- School Sign update

No Closed Session.

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

Brandon Grimsley, Chairperson

Dr. Darren Berrong, Superintendent