

**Towns County Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
January 3, 2022
6:45 PM**

During Public Forum Dr. Kilee Smith spoke to the board about her concerns with Hometown Ticketing App for the purchase of school sporting events.

The Towns County Board of Education met in a regular board meeting on Monday January 3, 2022 at the Towns County Middle/High School Media Center. Members present were Sara Rogers, Brandon Grimsley, Stephanie McConnell, Stan Chastain and Caroleen Woods who was present via phone. Chairperson, Brandon Grimsley called the meeting to order. High School Principal, Roy Perren gave the invocation, and Dr. Darren Berrong led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

- Fundraisers:
 - i. None
- Field Trips:
 - i. MS FBLA / Amended Travel Requests / February and May 2022 (see attached)
- Work Session Minutes / December 6, 2021
- Regular Board Meeting Minutes / December 6, 2021

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong, recommended the board **approve the November 2021 Financial Statements for all funds including school activity accounts**. 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 the recommendation of the Middle School Girls Soccer Head Coach and Assistant Coach** 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 recommendation of a Substitute Teacher, upon completion of a fingerprint and background check and Pioneer RESA substitute teacher course**. 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 Substitute Bus Driver, upon completion of a fingerprint and background check, MVR and Georgia School Bus requirements.** 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.** Stan Chastain made a motion, seconded by Sara Rogers, **to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation.** The motion carried. (see attached)

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

- Enrollment 448 students, 2 online
- COVID update
- Report Cards go home on January 5
- Character Education Explorers of the Month for January - “Being Safe”
- SEL – 2nd Step-teacher selected lessons
- Staff Pen Pal letters of encouragement continues
- Taekwondo Bullying Presentation January 18th
- Gifted testing/access tests Jan. 21
- MAP Testing Feb 2
- Santa’s Workshop- Chorus & DRUM were big hits
- Huge Thanks to PTSO for a phenomenal job and to Santa for visiting

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

- Enrollment 229 students, 9 online
- COVID update
- 76 students made all “A” Honor Roll
- Thank you to Stephanie McConnell for the Christmas staff breakfast
- Scoliosis Screening

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

- Enrollment 307 students, 3 online
- COVID update
- Test scores have increased – great job!
- Brandon Roland is doing a great job with Wrestling
- Basketball girls tied for 1st in region - boys won Battle of the States Tournament
- Yearbook Staff collected so many toys for Christmas it was the 2nd year in a row they collected the most toys of any group in their region

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

- COVID Report
- Updated CDC Protocols
- Property Closing

No Closed Session.

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

Brandon Grimsley, Chairperson

Dr. Darren Berrong, Superintendent