

Towns County Board of Education

Work Session

March 4, 2024

6:00 PM

AGENDA

1. Public Forum
2. Call to Order
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Discuss Consent Agenda
 - Fundraisers:
 - i. MS Baseball / Homerun Derby / February 22 - March 29, 2024 (pre-approved)
 - ii. MS Baseball / Fan Gear T-shirt Sale / February 22 - March 6, 2024 (pre-approved)
 - iii. MS, HS Art / Art Show / April 18, 2024
 - Field Trips:
 - i. HS Jr's & Sr's / North GA Tech – Clarkesville / March 13, 2024
 - ii. HS Ag Mechanics Class / Interstate Welding Marble, NC / March 14, 2024
 - iii. MS, HS Band / Dawson County HS / March 14, 2024
 - iv. MS 8th grade / Jump Factory Franklin, NC / May 22, 2024
 - Work Session Meeting Minutes / February 5, 2024
 - Regular Board Meeting Minutes / February 5, 2024
5. Discuss the Resignation of the Varsity Girls Basketball Head Coach
6. Discuss the Resignation of a Special Education Paraprofessional
7. Discuss the Resignation of an Elementary Teacher
8. Discuss the Retirement of the Elementary School Principal
9. Discuss the Recommendation of the listed Facility Items for Surplus
10. Discuss the Recommendation of a Head Coach for the Varsity Girls Basketball
11. Discuss the Recommendation of a Substitute Teacher
12. Discuss the Recommendation of an Elementary Paraprofessional
13. Discuss the Recommendation of a Maintenance Position

14. Discuss the Recommendation for Elementary School Cafeteria Manager
15. Discuss the Recommendation of an Elementary Teacher
16. Discuss the Recommendation for the CTAE Director / WBL Coordinator Position
17. Discuss the Recommendation for the List of Returning Certified Staff for 2024-25 School Year
18. Financial Director, Myra Underwood to update the Board on the January 2024 Financial Statement and FY25 Budget
19. Discuss Budget Amendment #1 for FY24
20. Closed Session
21. Adjourn

Other items may be added as necessary.

Original posted March 1, 2024

Towns County Board of Education
Pre-board Work Session
March 4, 2024
6:00 PM

The Towns County Board of Education met in a called meeting on Monday, March 4, 2024 at the Towns County Middle/High School Media Center. Members present were Caroleen Woods, David Phillips, Stephanie McConnell, Brandon Grimsley and Sara Rogers. Chairperson, Caroleen Woods called the meeting to order.

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

Discuss the Consent Agenda:

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Financial Director, Myra Underwood spoke to the board regarding the January 2024 Financial Statements, and the FY25 Budget Process.

No Closed Session.

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

Caroleen Woods, Chairperson

Dr. Darren Berrong, Superintendent

Towns County Board of Education
Board Meeting
March 4, 2024
6:45 PM

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1. Public Forum
2. Call to Order
3. Invocation
4. Pledge of Allegiance
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6. Approval of Consent Agenda
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7. Discuss and Approve the January 2024 Financial Statements
8. Discuss and Approve the Budget Amendment #1 for FY24
9. Discuss and Approve the Resignation of the Varsity Girls Basketball Head Coach
10. Discuss and Approve the Resignation of a Special Education Paraprofessional
11. Discuss and Approve the Resignation of an Elementary Teacher
12. Discuss and Approve the Retirement of the Elementary School Principal
13. Discuss and Approve the Recommendation of the listed Facility Items for Surplus

14. Discuss and Approve the Recommendation of the Head Coach for the Varsity Girls Basketball
15. Discuss and Approve the Recommendation of a Substitute Teacher
16. Discuss and Approve the Recommendation of an Elementary Paraprofessional
17. Discuss and Approve the Recommendation of a Maintenance Position
18. Discuss and Approve the Recommendation for the Elementary School Cafeteria Manager
19. Discuss and Approve the Recommendation of an Elementary Teacher
20. Discuss and Approve the Recommendation for the CTAE Director / WBL Coordinator Position
21. Discuss and Approve the Recommendation for the List of Returning Certified Staff for 2024-25 School Year
22. Elementary School Report – Shannon Moss
23. Middle School Report – Dr. Connie Hobbs
24. High School Report – Bryan Thomason
25. Superintendent Report – Dr. Darren Berrong
 - Update on Ag Building
 - Board Training
26. Closed Session
27. Adjourn

Other items may be added as necessary.

Original posted March 1, 2024

Towns County Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
March 4 2024
6:45 PM

The Towns County Board of Education met in a regular meeting on Monday, March 4, 2024 at the Towns County Middle/High School Media Center. Members present were Caroleen Woods, David Phillips, Stephanie McConnell, Brandon Grimsley and Sara Rogers. Chairperson, Caroleen Woods called the meeting to order. Elementary School Principal, Shannon Moss gave the invocation and Chairperson, Caroleen Woods led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Brandon Grimsley made a motion, seconded by Stephanie McConnell to **approve the consent agenda**.

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High School Principal, Bryan Thomason presented the 2023-24 School Year STAR Student, Drudy Patel to the board and spoke of how proud he is to have a student of her caliber and what a wonderful role model she is to other students of Towns County High School.

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong, recommended the board **approve the January 2024 Financial Statements for all funds including school activity accounts and ESSER Funds. Financial Director, Myra Underwood also updated the board on the FY25 Budget Process.** Brandon Grimsley 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 Budget Amendment #1 for FY 24.** 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 Resignation of the Girls Varsity Basketball Head Coach.** David Phillips 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 Special Education Paraprofessional**. Brandon Grimsely made a motion, seconded by David Phillips, **to approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried. (see attached)

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong, recommended the board **approve the Resignation of an Elementary Teacher, effective end of 2023-24 school year**. 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 Retirement of the Elementary School Principal, effective September 30, 2024**. David Phillips 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 to Surplus the listed Facility Items**. Brandon Grimsley 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 Head Coach for the Varsity Girl Basketball Team**. David Phillips made a motion, seconded by Stephanie McConnell, **to approve the Superintendent's recommendation. 4 in favor and Sara Rogers abstains**. The motion carried. (see attached)

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong, recommended the board **approve the Recommendation of a Substitute Teacher, pending fingerprints and background check**. Sara Rogers made a motion, seconded by David Phillips, **to approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried. (see attached)

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong, recommended the board **approve the Recommendation of an Elementary Paraprofessional**. 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 of a Maintenance Position, pending fingerprints and background check**. Sara Rogers 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 an Elementary School Cafeteria Manager**. 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 an Elementary Teacher**. Stephanie McConnell made a motion, seconded by David Phillips, **to approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried. (see attached)

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong, recommended the board **approve the Recommendation of the CTAE Director / Work Base Learning Coordinator**. 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 List of Returning Certified Staff for the 2024-25 School Year**. Sara Rogers made a motion, seconded by Stephanie McConnell, **to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation**. The motion carried. (see attached)

Elementary School Principal, Shannon Moss gave an update to the Board on the Elementary School Activities.

- Enrollment is 431

Middle School Principal, Dr. Connie Hobbs gave an update to the Board on the Middle School Activities.

- Enrollment is 209

High School Principal, Brian Thomason gave an update to the Board on the High School Activities.

- Enrollment is 285

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

- Board Training
- Update on the Ag Building
- GSBA Savannah Summer Conference in June

No Closed Session.

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

Caroleen Woods, Chairperson

Dr. Darren Berrong, Superintendent

Towns County Board of Education
Called Board Meeting
March 19, 2024
6:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Public Forum
2. Call to Order
3. Invocation
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Approval of Agenda
6. Discuss and Approve the Resignation of an Elementary School Teacher
7. Discuss and Approve the Recommendation for a High School Math Teacher
8. Discuss and Approve the Recommendation for 2 Elementary School Teachers
9. Discuss and Approve the Recommendation of an Elementary School Special Education Teacher
10. Discuss and Approve the Recommendation for the Elementary School Principal Position
11. Closed Session
12. Adjourn

Other items may be added as necessary.

Original posted: March 15, 2024

**Towns County Board of Education
Called Board Meeting
March 19, 2024**

The Towns County Board of Education met in a called meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the Towns County Middle/High School Media Center. Members present were Stephanie McConnell, Sara Rogers, Caroleen Woods, David Phillips and Brandon Grimsley. Chairperson, Caroleen Woods called the meeting to order. Roy Perren gave the invocation and Caroleen Woods led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong recommended the board **approve the resignation of an Elementary School Teacher**. 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 recommendation for a High School Math Teacher, pending fingerprints and background check**. 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 of 2 Elementary School Teachers, pending fingerprints and background check**. Sara Rogers made a motion, seconded by David Phillips, to **approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried. (see attached)

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong recommended the board **approve the recommendation of an Elementary School Special Education Teacher**. Stephanie McConnell made a motion, seconded by David Phillips, to **approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried. (see attached)

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong recommended the board **approve the recommendation of the Elementary School Principal, pending fingerprints and background check**. Brandon Grimsley made a motion, seconded by Sara Rogers, to **approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried. (see attached)

No Closed Session.

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

Caroleen Woods, Chairperson

Dr. Darren Berrong, Superintendent