

Towns County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
August 10, 2009

The Towns County Board of Education met in a regular board meeting on Monday, August 10, 2009 at the Towns County School Auditorium. Members present were Bob Gibby, Donna Hedden, Larry Kimsey, Michael Anderson and Emily Phillips. Bob Gibby called the meeting to order. Emily Phillips gave the invocation and Bob Gibby led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Michael Anderson made a motion, seconded by Emily Phillips, to **approve the agenda**. The motion carried.

The Board approved by acclamation the following consent agenda:

- Financial Report
- Quarterly Report
- Work Session Meeting Minutes / July 6, 2009
- Regular Meeting Minutes / July 20, 2009
- Called Meeting Minutes / July 28, 2009
- Fund Raisers:
 - MS/HS Band / Candles by KISS / August 17—31, 2009
 - Junior Class / Fruit & Nut Sale / October thru December 2009

Darren Berrong presented to the board the school's energy conservation effort. (see attached)

Scott Hamilton presented to the board the revised bus route pick up and drop off times. He also reported that during the first DOE Transportation Audit in March 2009, that Towns County got a good report. (see attached)

Jenny Stowers, 21st Century After School Program Director, presented to the board a program update and schedule. (see attached)

Superintendent Dr. Richard Behrens recommended the board **approve the following for substitute teacher positions**,

- Julie Wilson
- Amy Stiles
- John Demko
- Katherine Rich
- Ellen Engelmann
- Maureen Dickson

Donna Hedden made a motion, seconded by Emily Phillips, to **approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried.

Donna Hedden made a motion, seconded by Emily Phillips, to **go into closed session to discuss personnel**. The motion carried.

Michael Anderson made a motion, seconded by Donna Hedden, to **come out of closed session**. The motion carried.

Superintendent Dr. Richard Behrens recommended the board **approve the resignation of Jan Schrock, paraprofessional**. Michael Anderson made a motion, seconded by Emily Phillips, to **approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried.

Emily Phillips made a motion, seconded by Donna Hedden, to approve to **adopt the following policy as presented in the policy manual packet**:

- **JGCD – Medicines**

The motion carried.

Michael Anderson made a motion, seconded by Larry Kimsey, to **approve the CTAE Budget for the 2009-10 school year**. The motion carried.

Emily Phillips made a motion, seconded by Donna Hedden, to **approve to write a resolution to waive state BOE Rule 160-5-1-08 regarding class size**. The motion carried.

Michael Anderson made a motion, seconded by Donna Hedden, to **approve the tentative 2009—2010 budget**. The motion carried.

Donna Hedden made a motion, seconded by Emily Phillips, to **approve adopting a Spending Resolution for September 2009**. The motion carried. (see attached)

Elementary School Principal, Mr. Don Dermody, reported to the board on the following:

- Student enrollment for the new school year.
- Parent pick up & parking procedures started off with out any problems.
- Team teaching per grade level is going well.
- AIMS web testing this week.
- AYP data

Middle School Principal, Dr. Marian Sumner, reported to the board on the following:

- A very good turn out for middle school orientation.
- Middle school students being mentored / assisted with environment and structure changes
- Mrs. Brumbaugh presented some of her 8th grade student's photos that had been entered into a photo contest. Student Olivia Hardin was presented an award and check for her outstanding photography.

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

- Students have responded positively to the “new look” of the school.
- Test scores on the Graduation test were down for the Juniors that are first time test takers.

Superintendent, Dr. Richard Behrens reported to the board on the following:

- Student Enrollment numbers for the school are: 536 for Elementary, 270 for Middle, and 327 for High.
- Wind Turbine grant update
- Facility update
- Thank you very much to Monroe Ledford and the entire maintenance staff for their hard work this summer in getting the school improvement projects completed.
- The H1N1 flu virus prevention and cleaning measures that are being done.
- The new school year has started well.

Michael Anderson made a motion, seconded by Larry Kimsey **to adjourn the meeting**. The motion carried.

Bob Gibby, Chairman

Dr. Richard Behrens, Superintendent