

**Towns County Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
July 20, 2009**

The Towns County Board of Education met in a regular board meeting on Monday, July 20, 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. Michael Anderson gave the invocation and Bob Gibby led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The Board approved by acclamation the following consent agenda:

- Work Session Meeting Minutes / June 1, 2009
- Regular Board Meeting Minutes / June 8, 2009
- Fund Raisers:
  - TCHS Varsity Cheerleaders / T-Shirt Spirit Sale / Aug. 2009 – Feb. 2010

Dr. Sheri Hardin, Sick Leave Bank Committee Chairperson, presented to the board the annual sick leave bank report. Sheri explained to the board the process and criteria for the sick leave bank and then reported that there are currently 131.5 days remaining in the bank.

Superintendent Dr. Richard Behrens recommended the board **approve Angie Berrong for 49% teaching position**. Larry Kimsey made a motion, seconded by Emily Phillips, to **approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried.

Superintendent Dr. Richard Behrens recommended the board **approve Sharon Everette for up to 25% teaching position as needed**. Donna Hedden made a motion, seconded by Michael Anderson, to **approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried.

Superintendent Dr. Richard Behrens recommended the board **approve Bobbie Steenerson's position move from resource coordinator to teacher aid for the Head Start Pre-K program**. Michael Anderson made a motion, seconded by Larry Kimsey, to **approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried.

Superintendent Dr. Richard Behrens recommended the board **approve the following for substitute bus driver positions:**

- Tonya Nichols
- Brian Weaver

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

Larry Kimsey made a motion, seconded by Emily Phillips, to **approve the resignation of Ronald Johnson, custodian**. The motion carried.

Superintendent Dr. Richard Behrens recommended the board **approve Janet Burrell for full time custodial position**. Donna Hedden made a motion, seconded by Michael Anderson, to **approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried.

Emily Phillips made a motion, seconded by Michael Anderson, to **approve the resignation of Amanda Holden, school food service worker**. The motion carried.

Superintendent Dr. Richard Behrens recommended the board **approve Carole Shirley for school food service position**. Donna Hedden made a motion, seconded by Emily Phillips, to **approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried.

Larry Kimsey made a motion, seconded by Michael Anderson, to **approve the resignation of Tonya King, paraprofessional.** The motion carried.

Superintendent Dr. Richard Behrens recommended the board **lay on the table the following Policies presented in the Policy Manual Packet:**

**a. JGCD - Medicines**

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

Donna Hedden made a motion, seconded by Michael Anderson, to approve the 2009—2010 Student Hand books. The motion carried.

Emily Phillips made a motion, seconded by Donna Hedden, to approve the Towns County Family Connection grant in the amount of \$48,500. The motion carried.

Michael Anderson made a motion, seconded by Donna Hedden, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for Ninth District Opportunity, Inc. The motion carried.

Donna Hedden made a motion, seconded by Emily Phillips, to approve the School Food Service Vendor List for FY10:

- U.S. Foodservice for food, paper, chemicals
- Sysco Food Services for food, paper, chemicals
- Samples Foods for food
- North Georgia Paper for paper, chemicals
- PFG Milton for food, paper, chemical
- Mayfield Dairy Farms for milk
- Sara Lee Baking Company for bread
- Lance, Inc. for food
- Carden Foods, Inc. for produce

The motion carried.

Michael Anderson made a motion, seconded by Larry Kimsey, to approve the following annual service bids for FY10:

- a. Pest Control – Duncan Exterminating
- b. Propane – Thomas Oil Co. d/b/a Appalachian Propane
- c. Sanitation – Advanced Disposal

The motion carried.

Superintendent Dr. Richard Behrens recommended the board **approve adopting a Spending Resolution for August 2009.** Emily Phillips made a motion, seconded by Michael Anderson, to **approve the Superintendent's recommendation.** The motion carried. (see attached)

Emily Phillips made a motion, seconded by Donna Hedden, to approve to surplus the following maintenance equipment:

1. Blue Star Mop Machine – Model # 607047 – Voltage 24 VDC – Serial # 607047—10164149
2. (Two) Minute Man Burnishers – Automatic Burnishing 2700
  - a. Model # M22010AP – Batt Burnisher – Voltage 36 DC 70 AMP – Serial # TM27010QP0883
  - b. Model # M27010QP – Batt Burnisher – Voltage 36 DC 70 AMP – Serial # YM27010QP084

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

- CRCT Results

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

- CRCT Results

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

- Summer School was a success
- Schedules for next year are being done
- July 30, 2009 is 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation
- Students working at the Georgia Mountain Fair did a great job!

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

- City of Hiawassee Sewer Rehabilitation Project is in the final stage of the grant
- The Air Test for Asbestos in the MS/HS is negative, and school is scheduled to start on time August 6, 2009
- All schools made AYP
- Of 69 applications, Towns County is in the final 17 considered for the Wind Turbine Grant
- Tour Middle School and High School for construction updates

Donna Hedden made a motion, seconded by Emily Phillips **to adjourn the meeting**. The motion carried.

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Bob Gibby, Chairman

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Dr. Richard Behrens, Superintendent