

**Towns County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
September 14, 2009**

The Towns County Board of Education met in a regular board meeting on Monday, September 14, 2009 at the Towns County School Auditorium. Members present were Bob Gibby, Larry Kimsey, Michael Anderson, Donna Hedden and Emily Phillips. Bob Gibby called the meeting to order. Emily Phillips gave the invocation and Bob Gibby led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The Board approved by acclamation the following consent agenda:

- Work Session Meeting Minutes, August 3, 2009
- Regular Board Meeting Minutes, August 10, 2009
- Field Trips:
 - HS Yearbook Staff / Herff Jones Yearbook Work Shop, Piedmont / Sept. 24, 2009
 - HS Healthcare Science / The Bodies Exhibit, Atlanta / Oct. 2009
 - Mrs. Schuette's CBVI / Etowah Indian Mounds, Cartersville, GA / Oct. 2, 2009
 - ES Second Grade / Cherokee Reservation, Oconaluftee Village / Oct. 2, 2009
 - ES First Grade / Hill Crest Apple Orchard, Ellijay / Oct. 6, 2009
 - MS Sixth Grade / Medieval Times, Duluth / Oct. 16, 2009
 - HS Band / Univ. Tennessee—Chattanooga / Oct. 31, 2009
- Fund Raisers:
 - MS Cheerleaders / Jerry Tee's / Sept. 15 – Oct. 30, 2009
 - MS Cheerleaders / Krispy Kreme Doughnuts / Sept. & Oct. 2009
 - HS Scream Team / Krispy Kreme Doughnuts / Sept. 2009
 - HS Band / Band Boosters BBQ /

Superintendent Dr. Richard Behrens presented the 2009 System Teacher of the Year Award to Mrs. Stephanie Keller.

Superintendent Dr. Richard Behrens presented each school with their Georgia Accrediting Commission Certificate.

Superintendent Dr. Richard Behrens recommended the board **approve the following for substitute teacher positions for the Head Start Pre-K program upon completion of finger prints and criminal background check:**

- **Patricia Rogers**
- **Tammy Jackson**
- **Marcella Collier**

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

Emily Phillips made a motion, seconded by Larry Kimsey, to **approve Family Medical Leave for Neil Lambert effective September 2, 2009**. The motion carried.

Michael Anderson made a motion, seconded by Donna Hedden, to **approve the waiver for minimum direct instruction (65% Rule)**. The motion carried.

Donna Hedden made a motion, seconded by Michael Anderson, to **approve the FY2009 Final Financial Report**. The motion carried. (see attached)

Emily Phillips made a motion, seconded by Michael Anderson, to **approve the FY2010 Final Budget**. The motion carried.

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

- Lynn Abernathy reported on the new kindergarten report card.
- Jennifer Hicks & Stephanie Moss reported on the 1st & 2nd grade standards based report cards.

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

- Darren Berrong reported on the GAPS Review
- Vicki Turner, Intervention Specialist, reported on the MS students

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

- Georgia HS Graduation Test Results
- Georgia HS Writing Test scheduled for September 24, 2009
- SAT Prep Test scheduled for October 26 & 27, 2009
- Senior / Parent information posted on the school web site.

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

- DOE Approval of 21st Century After School Program in the amount of \$162,550
- Flu Shots for teachers
- Prevention measures for flu virus
- Discussed the My College Options Report

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.

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

Bob Gibby, Chairman

Dr. Richard Behrens, Superintendent