

**Towns County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
April 17, 2017**

The Towns County Board of Education met in a regular board meeting on Monday, April 17, 2017 at the Towns County School Auditorium. Members present were Robert Williams, Laura Banister, Jerry Taylor, Stan Chastain and Dr. Kilee Smith. Chairman, Robert Williams called the meeting to order. Jerry Taylor gave the invocation and Dr. Berrong led the pledge of allegiance.

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

Robert Williams made a motion, seconded by Laura Banister, to **approve the fundraisers**. The motion carried.

Fundraisers:

- HS Boys Basketball / Krispy Kreme / May 20, 2017
- HS Girls Basketball / Fundamental Camp / May 24-26, 2017
- HS Girls Basketball / Cookout & Car Wash / June 3, 2017
- HS Boys Basketball / Shoot-a-thon / June 3, 2017

Laura Banister made a motion, seconded by Jerry Taylor, to **approve the following field trip**. The motion carried.

Field Trip:

- MS 4-H / UGA / April 22, 2017
- HS Girls Basketball / UGA, YH, Polk Co. Camps / June 9-10, June 15-18 & June 19-20, 2017
- HS Boys Basketball / Tennessee Wesleyan Camp / June 12-14, 2017
- HS Girls Basketball / Six Flags over GA / June 12, 2017
- HS Boys Basketball / Polk Co. Tennessee Camp / June 19, 2017
- HS Boys Basketball / Rabun Co. HS Camp / June 20, 2017
- HS Boys Basketball / Murphy, NC HS Camp / June 24, 2017

Robert Williams made a motion, seconded by Jerry Taylor, to **approve the February meeting minutes**:

Minutes:

- Work Session Minutes / February 6, 2017
- Regular Board Meeting Minutes / February 13, 2017

Laura Banister made a motion, seconded by Stan Chastain, to **approve the Financial Report**. The motion carried (see attached)

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong recommended the board **approve returning Administrators and Certified Staff for 2017-2018 School Year**. Robert Williams made a motion, seconded by Laura Banister, to **approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried. (see attached)

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong recommended the board **approve extending medical leave for a SPED Paraprofessional**. Stan Chastain made a motion, seconded by Jerry Taylor, to **approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried. (see attached)

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong recommended the board **approve the resignation of a Maintenance Employee, effective April 21, 2017**. Laura Banister made a motion, seconded by Jerry Taylor, to **approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried. (see attached)

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong recommended the board **approve the resignation of the Varsity Girls Basketball Coach**. Robert Williams made a motion, seconded by Laura Banister, to **approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried. (see attached)

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong recommended the board **approve the recommendation of a Driver's Education Teacher**. Stan Chastain made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kilee Smith, to **approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried. (see attached)

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong recommended the board **approve the recommendation of a Varsity Girls Basketball Coach**. Stan Chastain made a motion, seconded by Laura Banister, 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, pending MVR and Georgia School Bus Training**. Laura Banister 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 Full Time Maintenance/Custodial employee, upon the completion of fingerprints and criminal background check**. Robert Williams made a motion, seconded by Jerry Taylor, to **approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried. (see attached)

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong recommended the board **approve the recommendation of a Full Time Bus Driver**. Laura Banister 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 MS/HS Art Teacher for the 2017-18 School Year, upon the completion of fingerprints and criminal background check**. Robert Williams made a motion, seconded by Stan Chastain, to **approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried. (see attached)

Elementary School Principal, Dr. Sandy Page, reported to the board on the following:

- Enrollment 238
- Thanked MS. Usher for outstanding job with testing coordination
- End of test celebration on April 28th
- TKES Due May 12th
- Ribbons won at Regional Science Olympiad
- 4-H Shooting team go to State

Middle School Principal, Erica Chastain, reported to the board on the following:

- English & L.A. testing were today
- Math testing will be next week
- 5th grade orientation to help with their transition to MS

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

- Enrollment 335
- FBLA advance to State Competition
- Jr. Board members chosen
- Teacher Appreciation Week coming up
- Dr. Hobbs recognized 9th grader Julia Chinkham for her amazing heroics in saving a young boy, by resuscitating him after becoming unresponsive, just days after receiving her CPR certification from a course taken with TCHS Coach Jeannie Ledford.

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

- Modernization application sent in - waiting to hear back

No Closed Session.

Robert Williams made a motion, seconded Jerry Taylor, **to adjourn the meeting.** The motion carried.

Mr. Robert Williams, Chairperson

Dr. Darren Berrong, Superintendent

