

**Towns County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
October 8, 2018**

The Towns County Board of Education met in a regular board meeting on October 8, 2018 at the Towns County School Auditorium. Members present were Dr. Kilee Smith, Robert Williams, Stan Chastain and Jerry Taylor. Laura Banister was absent. Chairman, Stan Chastain called the meeting to order. Dr. Darren Berrong gave the invocation and Jerry Taylor led the pledge of allegiance.

Dr. Kilee Smith made a motion, seconded by Robert Williams, to **approve the agenda**. The motion carried.

Dr. Kilee Smith made a motion, seconded by Robert Williams, to **approve the consent agenda**. Jerry Taylor opposes. The motion carried.

➤ Fundraisers:

- a. Elementary TCMS – New York / Yankee Candle Sale / October 2018-December 2018
- b. Elementary School PTSO / Great American Chocolate / October 15-19, 2018
- c. All Schools PTSO / Fundraiser Night @ Barney's / October 16-31, 2018
- d. All Schools PTSO Family Fitness Fright Night / October 22, 2018
- e. ES PTSO / Yeti Cooler Raffle / October 23, 2018
- f. MS Basketball / Shoot-a-thon / October 26, 2018
- g. TCMS – New York / Dance / October 26, 2018
- h. ES PTSO / Secret Santa / December 3-7, 2018
- i. ES & MS PTSO / Spring Book Fair / March 1-5, 2019

➤ Field Trips:

- a. MS & HS FFA / Uncle Shucks Farm & Corn Maze Dawsonville / October 12, 2018
- b. MS FCA / "Hell's Gate's Dawsonville / October 27, 2018
- c. MS FBLA / Classic Center Athens / November 7, 2018

- Final FY2018 Financial Statement and the Final FY2019 Financial Statement
- Work Session Minutes / September 4, 2018
- Regular Board Meeting Minutes / September 10, 2018

Superintendent Dr. Darren Berrong asked each Principal to present their Teacher of the Year awards. Elementary School, Principal Dr. Sandy Page spoke of **Lisa Ledford**, who was unable to attend. Middle School, Principal Erica Chastain presented the teacher of the year award to **Kerry Rogers**, and for the High School, Principal Dr. Connie Hobbs presented the teacher of the year award to **John Cornett**. Superintendent Dr. Darren Berrong explained the System Teacher of the Year process, and proudly presented Lisa Ledford with System Teacher of the Year. Peach State Credit Union presented gifts and congratulated the Teachers on their wonderful accomplishments. Lastly, PTSO President, Amy Barrett spoke about the roles teachers play and presented each teacher of the year with a check from PTSO and gift certificates from McClain's on Main.

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong recommended the board **approve the 21st Century Afterschool Program Survey**. Robert Williams 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 Classified Employee to Substitute for a certified teacher**. Jerry Taylor made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kilee Smith, to **approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried.
(see attached)

Robert Williams made a motion, seconded by Stan Chastain to **approve the Tax Anticipation Note and Resolution**. Dr. Kilee Smith opposes. (see attached)

Elementary School Report - Dr. Sandy Page

- Commended the TOTY winners on their hard work
- Response to Intervention process
- Milestones Workshop to better understand scoring
- PBIS Team
- Wellness Committee
- Mobile Dental Bus

Middle School Report - Erica Chastain

- Enrollment – 228
- Congrats to TOTY Winners
- Professional Learning Community (PLC) meetings
- Mental Health Training during teacher work day
- Progress Reports – October 24
- 7th Grade to participate in Narrative Writing Scoring Institute
- Football season wrapping up
- Basketball tryouts October 22

High School Report - Dr. Connie Hobbs

- Enrollment – 298
- Softball season wrapping up
- Football has two more games
- Mental Health Training during teacher work day
- Meetings for Seniors to go over requirements for graduation
- Chromebooks- nearly 1 to 1 coverage
- 2018 TCHS Highest Graduation Rate in RESA

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

- Mental Health Training
- Will soon have a 1 to 1 ration for Chromebooks

No Closed Session.

Dr. Kilee Smith made a motion, seconded Jerry Taylor, **to adjourn the meeting**. The motion carried.

Mr. Stan Chastain, Chairperson

Dr. Darren Berrong, Superintendent