

**Towns County Board of Education**

**Work Session**

**May 4, 2026**

**6:00 PM**

**AGENDA**

1. Public Forum
2. Call to Order
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Discuss Consent Agenda
  - Fundraisers:
    - i. MS Boys & Girls Basketball / Basketball Camp / June 15-18, 2026
  - Field Trips:
    - i. HS Boys Basketball / University of North Georgia / June 16 & 18, 2026
    - ii. HS Boys Basketball / Franklin High School, Franklin NC / June 4 & 25, 2026
    - iii. MS Boys & Girls Basketball / Banks County Middle School / June 23, 2026
  - Work Session Meeting Minutes / April 13, 2026
  - Regular Board Meeting Minutes / April 13, 2026
5. Discuss the Resignation of a High School Assistant Principal and Athletic Director
6. Discuss the Resignation of a Special Education Paraprofessional
7. Discuss the Recommendation of a Special Education Paraprofessional
8. Discuss the Recommendation of two Custodial Positions
9. Discuss the Recommendation of an Elementary School Literacy Coach
10. Discuss the Recommendation of an Elementary School Teacher
11. Discuss the Recommendation of a Substitute Bus Driver
12. Discuss the Recommendation of a School Nutrition Food Assistant
13. Discuss the Recommendation of a Middle School Assistant Softball Coach Volunteer

14. Discuss the Towns County Schools Internet Acceptable Use Guideline Policy, Descriptor Code: IFBG-R(2)
15. Discuss to Advertise the FY27 Towns County Board of Education Tentative Budget
16. Financial Director, Myra Underwood to update the Board on the March 2026 Financial Statement
17. Discuss Superintendent Evaluation
18. Closed Session
19. Adjourn

Other items may be added as necessary.

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**Towns County Board of Education**  
**Pre-board Work Session**  
**May 4, 2026**  
**6:00 PM**

The Towns County Board of Education held their second of two public budget hearings at 5:30 p.m. in the Towns County Middle/High School Media Center. The purpose of this meeting is to encourage public input for the FY27 School Operating Budget. The floor was open for Public Comment & Participation. During the second budget hearing, community member Mark Anderson presented several questions concerning the FY27 budget. Finance Director Myra Underwood and Superintendent Dr. Darren Berrong provided responses and clarification.

The Towns County Board of Education met in a called meeting on Monday, May 4, 2026 at the Towns County Middle/High School Media Center. Members present were Brandon Grimsley, Roy Perren, Sara Rogers, David Phillips, and Gregory Rogers. Chairperson, Brandon Grimsley called the meeting to order.

Roy Perren made a motion, seconded by David Phillips, **to approve the agenda**. The motion carried.

Discuss the Consent Agenda:

- Fundraisers:
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Financial Director, Myra Underwood spoke to the board regarding the March 2026 Financial Statements and FY27 Budget Process.

No Closed Session.

David Phillips made a motion, seconded by Sara Rogers, **to adjourn the meeting**. The motion carried.

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Brandon Grimsley, Chairperson

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Dr. Darren Berrong, Superintendent



**Towns County Board of Education**  
**Board Meeting**  
**May 4, 2026**  
**6:45 PM**

**AGENDA**

1. Public Forum
2. Call to Order
3. Invocation
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Approval of Agenda
6. Approval of Consent Agenda
  - Fundraisers:
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  - Field Trips:
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  - Work Session Meeting Minutes / April 13, 2026
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7. Discuss and Approve the Resignation of a High School Assistant Principal and Athletic Director
8. Discuss and Approve the Resignation of a Special Education Paraprofessional
9. Discuss and Approve the Recommendation of a Special Education Paraprofessional
10. Discuss and Approve the Recommendation of two Custodial Positions
11. Discuss and Approve the Recommendation of an Elementary School Literacy Coach
12. Discuss and Approve the Recommendation of an Elementary School Teacher
13. Discuss and Approve the Recommendation of a Substitute Bus Driver
14. Discuss and Approve the Recommendation of a School Nutrition Food Assistant

15. Discuss and Approve the Recommendation of a Middle School Assistant Softball Coach Volunteer
16. Discuss and Approve the Towns County Schools Internet Acceptable Use Guideline Policy, Descriptor Code: IFBG-R(2)
17. Discuss and Approve to Advertise the FY27 Towns County Board of Education Tentative Budget
18. Discuss and Approve the March 2026 Financial Statement
19. Facility and Federal Programs Report – Erica Chastain
20. Elementary School Principal Report – Dr. Crystal Beach
21. Middle School Principal Report – Dr. James Epps
22. High School Principal Report – Bryan Thomason
23. Superintendent Report – Dr. Darren Berrong
24. Closed Session
25. Adjourn

Other items may be added as necessary.

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**Towns County Board of Education**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**May 4, 2026**  
**6:45 PM**

The Towns County Board of Education met in a regular meeting on Monday, May 4, 2026 at the Towns County Middle/High School Media Center. Members present were Brandon Grimsley, David Phillips, Sara Rogers, Roy Perren, and Gregory Rogers. Chairperson, Brandon Grimsley called the meeting to order. Roy Perren gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

David Phillips made a motion, seconded by Gregory Rogers to **approve the agenda**. The motion carried.

Roy Perren made a motion, seconded by Sara Rogers to **approve the consent agenda**. The motion carried.

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Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong, recommended the board **approve the Resignation of a High School Assistant Principal and Athletic Director, Brian Hunnicutt, effective June 30, 2026**. David Phillips made a motion, seconded by Gregory Rogers, to **approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried. (see attached)

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong, recommended the board **approve the Resignation of a Special Education Paraprofessional, Ryan Barnett, effective May 22, 2026**. Sara Rogers made a motion, seconded by Gregory Rogers, to **approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried. (see attached)

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong, recommended the board **approve the Recommendation of a Special Education Paraprofessional, Cheyenne Doche, pending fingerprint and background check, effective FY27 School Year**. David Phillips made a motion, seconded by Roy Perren, to **approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried. (see attached)

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong, recommended the board **approve the Recommendation of two Custodial Positions, Lisa Little, pending fingerprint and background check, effective May 7, 2026 and Jena Paul, pending fingerprint and background check, effective May 11, 2026**. Sara Rogers made a motion, seconded by David Phillips, to **approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried. (see attached)

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong, recommended the board **approve the Recommendation of an Elementary School Literacy Coach, Brittany Moates, effective FY27 School Year**. Roy Perren made a motion, seconded by Gregory Rogers, **to approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried. (see attached)

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong, recommended the board **approve the Recommendation of an Elementary School Teacher, Sunny Mulkey, effective FY27 School Year**. David Phillips made a motion, seconded by Gregory Rogers, **to approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried. (see attached)

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong, recommended the board **approve the Recommendation for a Substitute Bus Driver, Theresa Andretla, pending completion of CDL, fingerprints, criminal background check, MVR, pre-employment drug test and Georgia School Bus Training, effective FY27 School Year**. Roy Perren made a motion, seconded by Sara Rogers, **to approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried. (see attached)

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong, recommended the board **approve the Recommendation of a School Nutrition Food Assistant, Susan Harrington, pending fingerprint and background check, effective FY27 School Year**. Gregory Rogers made a motion, seconded by Sara Rogers, **to approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried. (see attached)

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong, recommended the board **approve the Recommendation of a Middle School Assistant Softball Coach Volunteer, Lauren Elliott, effective FY27 School Year**. Sara Rogers made a motion, seconded by David Phillips, **to approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried. (see attached)

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong, recommended the board **approve the Towns County Schools Internet Acceptable Use Guideline Policy, Descriptor Code: IFBG-R(2)**. Roy Perren made a motion, seconded by David Phillips, **to approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried. (see attached)

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong, recommended the board **approve to Advertise the FY27 Towns County Board of Education Tentative Budget**. Gregory Rogers made a motion, seconded by Sara Rogers, **to approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried. (see attached)

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong, recommended the board **approve the March 2026 Financial Statements for all funds including school activity accounts**. Roy Perren made a motion, seconded by David Phillips, **to approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried. (see attached)

Facility and Federal Programs Director, Erica Chastain gave an update to the Board.

Elementary School Principal, Dr. Crystal Beach gave an update to the Board on the Elementary School Activities.

- Enrollment is 417

Middle School Principal, Dr. James Epps gave an update to the Board on the Middle School Activities.

- Enrollment is 228

High School Principal, Brian Thomason gave an update to the Board on the High School Activities.

- Enrollment is 258

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong gave an update to the Board.

No Closed Session.

Gregory Rogers made a motion, seconded by David Phillips, **to adjourn the meeting**. The motion carried.

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Brandon Grimsley, Chairperson

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Dr. Darren Berrong, Superintendent



**Towns County Board of Education**  
**Called Meeting**  
**May 18, 2025**  
**6:00 PM**

**AGENDA**

1. Public Forum
2. Call to Order
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Discuss Consent Agenda
  - Fundraisers:
    - i. NONE
  - Field Trips:
    - i. NONE
5. Discuss and Approve the Recommendation of a High School Assistant Principal and Athletic Director
6. Closed Session
7. Adjourn

Other items may be added as necessary.

Original posted May 13, 2025



**Towns County Board of Education  
Called Meeting  
May 18, 2026  
6:00 M**

The Towns County Board of Education met in a called meeting on Monday May 18, 2026 at the Towns County Middle/High School Media Center. Members present were David Phillips, Roy Perren, Brandon Grimsley, Sara Rogers and Gregory Rogers. Chair, Brandon Grimsley called the meeting to order.

Roy Perren made a motion, seconded by Gregory Rogers, **to approve the agenda.** The motion carried.

No Consent Agenda.

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong recommended the board **approve the Recommendation of a High School Assistant Principal and Athletic Director, Andrew Grodecki, upon completion of fingerprints and background check, effective FY27 School Year.** Roy Perren made a motion, seconded by Gregory Rogers, **to approve the Superintendent's recommendation.** The motion carried. (see attached)

David Phillips made a motion, seconded by Roy Perren **to go into Closed Session to discuss Personnel.** The motion carried.

Roy Perren made a motion, seconded by Greg Rogers **to come out of Closed Session.** The motion carried.

David Phillips made a motion, seconded by Sara Rogers, **to adjourn the meeting.** The motion carried.

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Brandon Grimsley, Chairperson

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Dr. Darren Berrong, Superintendent