

**Towns County Board of Education**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**April 11, 2022**  
**6:45 PM**

The Towns County Board of Education met in a regular board meeting on Monday April 11, 2022 at the Towns County Middle/High School Media Center. Members present were Stephanie McConnell, Sara Rogers, Brandon Grimsley, Stan Chastain and Caroleen Woods. Chairperson, Brandon Grimsley called the meeting to order. High School Principal, Roy Perren gave the invocation, and Brandon Grimsley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Stephanie McConnell made a motion, seconded by Caroleen Woods, **to amend the agenda and move STAR Teacher and STAR Student Presentation of the Work Session to the line after Approving the February 2022 Financial Statements of the Regular Board Meeting.** The motion carried.

Caroleen Woods made a motion, seconded by Stephanie McConnell, **to approve the amended agenda.** The motion carried.

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

➤ Fundraisers:

- i. MS & HS Art / Art Show / April 21, 2022
- ii. ES Art / Art Show / April 21, 2022

➤ Field Trips:

- i. HS Allied Health / Piedmont -Demorest / March 16, 200 (pre-approved)
- ii. MS Baseball / UGA Baseball game / April 26, 2022

➤ Work Session Minutes / March 7, 2022

➤ Regular Board Meeting Minutes / March 7, 2022

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong, recommended the board **approve the February 2022 Financial Statements for all funds including school activity accounts.** Stan Chastain made a motion, seconded by Stephanie McConnell, **to approve the Superintendent's recommendation.** The motion carried. (see attached)

High School Principal, Mr. Roy Perren introduced the **STAR Student and STAR Teacher** to the board members. Our school is very proud to have Bazya Smith, a high school senior and Sara Ewing, the high school art teacher as representatives of Towns County High School.

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong, recommended the board **approve to lay on the table for one month the revisions to the Towns County School District Capital Asset Policy.** Caroleen Woods made a motion, seconded by Stephanie McConnell, **to approve the Superintendent's recommendation.** The motion carried. (see attached)

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong, recommended the board **approve to lay on the table for one month the revisions to the Board Policy DJED: Bids and Quotations**. Stephanie McConnell 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 for all full-time employees to receive a \$2,000.00 one-time payment. Governor Kemp recommended employees receive this payment for their hard work. The State will fund the majority of the expense. The Towns County Board of Education will supplement additional cost from local funds**. Stan Chastain made a motion, seconded by Caroleen Woods, **to approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried.

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong, recommended the board **approve the recommendation of an Athletic Trainer position for the 2023 School Year**. Sara Rogers made a motion, seconded by Stephanie McConnell, **to approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried.

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong, recommended the board **approve the recommendation of the Substitute Teachers, upon completion of the required Pioneer RESA Substitute Training, fingerprints and background check**. Stan Chastain 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 Science/Robotics Connections Teacher for the 2023 School Year**. Caroleen Woods made a motion, seconded by Stephanie McConnell, **to approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried. (see attached)

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong, recommended the board **approve the recommendation of an 8<sup>th</sup> grade Mathematics Teacher for the 2023 School Year, upon completion of fingerprint and background check**. Sara Rogers made a motion, seconded by Stephanie McConnell, **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 Music Teacher for the 2023 School Year, upon completion of fingerprint and background check**. Stan Chastain made a motion, seconded by Stephanie McConnell, **to approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried. (see attached)

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong, recommended the board **approve the recommendation of a High School Assistant Principal for the 2023 School Year, upon completion of fingerprint and background check**. Caroleen Woods made a motion, seconded by Stan Chastain, **to approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried. (see attached)

Elementary School Principal, Shannon Moss, reported to the board on the following:

- Enrollment 446 students, 2 online
- COVID update – no positive cases or quarantined
- CHAMPS Graduation was March 23- the elementary school very much appreciates the support of the Sheriff's Department

- Honors Day for 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be May 18<sup>th</sup> & Kindergarten graduation is May 19<sup>th</sup>
- Chorus 2<sup>nd</sup> grade May 10<sup>th</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade DRUM May 12<sup>th</sup>
- Milestones grades 3-5 May 5-10<sup>th</sup>
- Art Show April 21<sup>st</sup> @ 9 a.m.
- Kindergarten screeners to incoming Kindergartners planned for April
- 4H District Project Achievement projects for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade went well in Union County, 16 TC students placed in the top 3, 7 were in 1<sup>st</sup> place
- Character Education Explorers of the month for April is “Positive”
- Ms. Deena’s class book was published
- Book Vending Machine in full operation and is a huge hit with the students – Mr. Moss gave a token to each board member to try out the machine or give their token to a student
- Yearbooks are in and the cover is by the 5<sup>th</sup> grade

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

- Enrollment 211 students, 7 online
- Scoliosis screening
- Teachers will be in full testing mode in 3 weeks
- Progress Reports next week
- Friday is the tour for new 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to meet teachers and familiarize themselves with Middle School

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

- Enrollment 297
- Thank you to the STAR student and teacher for being wonderful representatives of the school
- COVID update for school no known cases – County has the lowest cases since summer 2020
- Congratulations Sarah Vardo, Health Care Science Dept. for a job well done in gaining the Industry Certification
- FBLA competitors won 10 top ten finishes in State Competition – Will McConnell & Dhriti Patel placed 1<sup>st</sup>. Ansleigh Harden, Callie Livingston, Eden Hill, Brooke Murrell, Jacey Wood, Kade McConnell, Jay Grimsley, and Conner Williams are top 10 winners, 4 of which will move on to National Competition in Chicago end of June, our chapter also won 2<sup>nd</sup> for the highest number of wins in our division and a Superior Chapter distinction for the year
- Rising 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade parent orientation April 19<sup>th</sup> 6 pm in the auditorium
- Ms. Ewing’s students show off their talent at Fine Arts Show April 12<sup>th</sup>
- Band concert April 21<sup>st</sup>
- Prom is April 23<sup>rd</sup>
- The “Really Big Show” April 28<sup>th</sup>
- Our 4<sup>th</sup> place Baseball team has 3 region games left, Senior night is April 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Soccer season is over – Boys finished 5<sup>th</sup> in region, the girls are going on to state and are currently ranked 9<sup>th</sup> in state by Max Preps, they will travel April 12<sup>th</sup> to Armuchee who is ranked 7<sup>th</sup>

- Collin Crowder has been named to the AJC 1<sup>st</sup> team All-State in basketball
- Basketball Banquet Tuesday April 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm

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

- Annual Conflict of Interest and Compliance forms for board members
- April 23<sup>rd</sup> local politicians will be in the auditorium for a 9<sup>th</sup> District Debate – all are welcome
- Maintenance building is under construction
- Math & Science supply orders

No Closed Session.

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

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Brandon Grimsley, Chairperson

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Dr. Darren Berrong, Superintendent