

Towns County Board of Education
Called Board Meeting
September 27, 2024
5:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Public Forum
2. Call to Order
3. Invocation
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Approval of Agenda
6. Discuss and Approve the Resignation of the Middle/High School Half Day Chorus/Drama Teacher
7. Closed Session
8. Adjourn

Other items may be added as necessary.

Original posted: September 26, 2024

**Towns County Board of Education
Called Board Meeting
September 27, 2024**

The Towns County Board of Education met in a called meeting on Friday September 27, 2024 at 5:00 PM. in the Towns County Board of Education Central Office. Members present were David Phillips, Caroleen Woods, Sara Rogers, and Brandon Grimsley. Stephanie McConnell was absent. Chairperson, Caroleen Woods called the meeting to order.

Brandon Grimsley made a motion, seconded by Sara Rogers to **approve the agenda**. The motion carried.

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong recommended the board **approve the Resignation of the Middle/High School Half Day Chorus/Drama Teacher, Adam Trotman**. David Phillips made a motion, seconded by Brandon Grimsley, to **approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried. (see attached)

No Closed Session.

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

Caroleen Woods, Chairperson

Dr. Darren Berrong, Superintendent

Towns County Board of Education

**Work Session
September 3, 2024
6:00 PM**

AGENDA

1. Public Forum
2. Call to Order
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Discuss Consent Agenda
 - Fundraisers:
 - i. HS FFA / Homemade ice cream sale / All Year
 - i. HS FFA / Meat Sticks / All Year
 - i. HS FFA / Plant Sale / All Year
 - ii. HS FFA / Gift Card Raffle / Fall Semester
 - iii. HS FFA / Buck O Rama / Fall & Spring
 - iv. HS HOSA / Daily Bread Company / September 9-27, 2024
 - v. HS Boys Soccer /Krispy Kreme Donut / September 16-25, 2024
 - vi. MS Cheer / Money Wars / September -October 1, 2024
 - vii. MS Cheer / “Our Fund” / September 2024 – February 2025
 - viii. HS Boys Soccer / Calendar Fundraiser / October 14-31, 2024
 - ix. MS & HS Art / Art Show / November 21, 2024
 - Field Trips:
 - i. HS FBLA / Yearly Trips / 2024-25 SY
 - ii. HS Healthcare & Business Class / Dalton State’s Mtn Campus / September 13, 2024
 - iii. HS Marching Band / Franklin County High School / September 28, 2024
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 - ix. MS 8th gr / Duke Energy Seneca, SC / December 12, 2024
 - Work Session Meeting Minutes / August 5, 2024
 - Regular Board Meeting Minutes / August 5, 2024
5. CTAE Director, Brooke Whitt to report on FY25 CTAE Perkins Local Plan & Budget
6. Discuss the Resignation of a Head Start Pre-K Assistant Teacher
7. Discuss the Resignation of a Custodian

8. Discuss the Recommendation for the Appalachian Christian Leadership Council Curriculum
9. Discuss the Recommendation for a Custodian
10. Discuss the Recommendation for a Custodial Substitute
11. Discuss the Recommendation to fill a Maintenance Position
12. Discuss Academic Bonuses
13. Financial Director, Myra Underwood to update the Board on the July 2024 Financial
14. Closed Session
15. Adjourn

Other items may be added as necessary.

Original posted August 30, 2024

**Towns County Board of Education
Pre-board Work Session
September 3, 2024
6:00 PM**

The Towns County Board of Education met in a called meeting on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at the Towns County Middle/High School Media Center. Members present were Stephanie McConnell, Caroleen Woods, David Phillips, Brandon Grimsley and Sara Rogers. Chairperson, Caroleen Woods called the meeting to order.

Brandon Grimsley made a motion, seconded by Sara Rogers, **to approve the agenda.** The motion carried.

Discuss the Consent Agenda:

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Financial Director, Myra Underwood spoke to the board regarding the July 2024 Financial Statements.

No Closed Session.

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

Caroleen Woods, Chairperson

Dr. Darren Berrong, Superintendent

Towns County Board of Education
Board Meeting
September 3, 2024
6:45 PM

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7. Discuss and Approve the July 2024 Financial Statements

8. Discuss and Approve the Resignation of a Head Start Pre-K Assistant Teacher
9. Discuss and Approve the Resignation of a Custodian
10. Discuss and Approve the FY25 CTAE Perkins Local Plan & Budget
11. Discuss and Approve the Recommendation for the Appalachian Christian Leadership Council Curriculum
12. Discuss and Approve the Recommendation for a Custodian
13. Discuss and Approve the Recommendation for a Custodial Substitute
14. Discuss and Approve the Recommendation to fill a Maintenance Position
15. Elementary School Report – Dr. Crystal Beach
16. Middle School Report – Dr. Connie Hobbs
17. High School Report – Bryan Thomason
18. Superintendent Report – Dr. Darren Berrong
 - AG Center Update
 - HB 581 Homestead Exemption Update
19. Closed Session
20. Adjourn

Other items may be added as necessary.

Original posted August 30, 2024

Towns County Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
September 3, 2024
6:45 PM

The Towns County Board of Education met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at the Towns County Middle/High School Media Center. Members present were Stephanie McConnell, Caroleen Woods, David Phillips, Brandon Grimsley and Sara Rogers. Chairperson, Caroleen Woods called the meeting to order. Roy Perren gave the invocation and Chairperson, Caroleen Woods led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Stephanie McConnell made a motion, seconded by Sara Rogers to **approve the consent agenda**.

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Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong, recommended the board **approve the July 2024 Financial Statements for all funds including school activity accounts**. Brandon Grimsley 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 Resignation of Hannah Dukes, a Towns County Head Start Pre-K Assistant Teacher.** 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 Resignation of Keith Bani, a Custodian.** David Phillips made a motion, seconded by Brandon Grimsley, **to approve the Superintendent's recommendation.** The motion carried. (see attached)

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong, recommended the board **approve the FY25 CTAE Perkins Local Plan & Budget.** 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 for the Appalachian Christian Leadership Council Curriculum.** Brandon Grimsley 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 for a Custodian, Kimberly Shook. Pre-approved and effective August 14, 2024, fingerprints and background check were performed.** 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 for a Custodial Substitute, Lisa Spoone.** David Phillips made a motion, seconded by Brandon Grimsley, **to approve the Superintendent's recommendation.** The motion carried. (see attached)

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong, recommended the board **approve the Recommendation for Maintenance, Paydon Shook, pending fingerprints and background check.** Brandon Grimsley made a motion, seconded by Sara Rogers, **to approve the Superintendent's recommendation.** The motion carried. (see attached)

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

- Enrollment is 435

Middle School Principal, Dr. Connie Hobbs gave an update to the Board on the Middle School Activities.

- Enrollment is 203

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

- Enrollment is 286

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

- Ag Center Update
- HB 581 Homestead Exemption Update
- School Dog App

No Closed Session

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

Caroleen Woods, Chairperson

Dr. Darren Berrong, Superintendent