

Towns County Board of Education
Called Board Meeting held @
Towns County Media Center
March 13, 2025
6:00 p.m.

Called Meeting
AGENDA

1. Public Forum
2. Call to Order
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Discuss and Approve the Field Trip request for 11th & 12th grade students to travel to North GA Technical College in Clarkesville, March 18, 2025
5. Discuss and Approve the recommendation for the Assistant Elementary School Principal
6. Discuss and Approve the recommendation for the Middle School Principal
7. Discuss and Approve the recommendations of 3 Elementary School Teachers
8. Discuss and Approve the recommendations of 2 Substitute Teachers
9. Closed Session
10. Adjourn

Other items may be added as necessary.

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Minutes**

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

Brandon Grimsley made a motion, seconded by Sara Rogers **to approve the field trip for 11th & 12th grade students to travel to North GA Technical College, Clarkesville GA Campus on March 18, 2025.** The motion carried. (see attached)

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong recommended the board **approve the Recommendation of the Elementary School Assistant Principal, Candice Thompson. Effective for the FY 25-26 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 the Middle School Principal, Dr. James Epps, upon fingerprints and background check. Effective for the FY 25-26 School Year.** Brandon Grimsley made a motion, seconded by Caroleen Woods, **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, Carly Dills, upon fingerprints and background check. Effective for the FY 25-26 School Year.** Caroleen Woods motioned, 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 an Elementary School Teacher, (William) Cabe Poston. Effective for the FY25-26 School Year.** Roy Perren motioned, seconded by Caroleen Woods **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, Haley Chastain, upon fingerprints and background check. Effective for the FY25-26 School Year.** Brandon Grimsley motioned, 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 for 2 Substitute Teachers, upon fingerprints and background checks:**

- **Donna Manus**

- **Judy Davis**

Caroleen Woods made a motion, seconded by Roy Perren, to **approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried. (see attached)

Brandon Grimsley made a motion, seconded by Sara Rogers **to go into Closed Session to discuss Personnel**. The motion carried.

Caroleen Woods made a motion, seconded by Brandon Grimsley **to come out of Closed Session**. The motion carried.

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

David Phillips, Chairperson

Dr. Darren Berrong, Superintendent

Pre-Board Meeting

Towns County Board of Education

Work Session

March 3, 2025

6:00 PM

AGENDA

1. Public Forum
2. Call to Order
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Discuss Consent Agenda
 - Fundraisers:
 - i. MS Baseball / Fan Cloth / February 19, 2025 (Pre-approved)
 - ii. MS Baseball / Homerun Derby / February 10- March 27, 2025 (Pre-approved)
 - Field Trips:
 - i. HS 11th & 12th Students / NGTC Clarkesville / March 12, 2025
 - ii. MS & HS Symphonic Band / Forsyth Arts & Learning Center / March 17, 2025
 - iii. HS Academic Teams / Lumpkin County & Aiken, SC High / March 21-22, 2025
 - iv. HS Soccer / Hilton Head SC / April 9-12, 2025
 - v. MS 8th grade / Fun Factory & Chick-Fil-A, Franklin / May 13, 2025
 - Work Session Meeting Minutes / February 3, 2025
 - Regular Board Meeting Minutes / February 3, 2025
5. Technology Director, Trena Stroud - Technology update
6. Discuss the Recommendation for a Custodian
7. Discuss the Recommendation for a School Nutrition Substitute
8. Discuss the Recommendation for an Athletic Trainer
9. Discuss the Recommendation for the Personnel/Curriculum Director
10. Discuss the Recommendation for the Middle School Counselor
11. Discuss the Recommendation for an Elementary School Teacher
12. Financial Director, Myra Underwood to update the Board on the January 2025 Financial Statement

13. Closed Session

14. Adjourn

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Caroleen Woods made a motion, seconded by Roy Perren, to **approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried. (see attached)

Brandon Grimsley made a motion, seconded by Sara Rogers **to go into Closed Session to discuss Personnel**. The motion carried.

Caroleen Woods made a motion, seconded by Brandon Grimsley **to come out of Closed Session**. The motion carried.

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

David Phillips, Chairperson

Dr. Darren Berrong, Superintendent

Towns County Board of Education
Pre-board Work Session
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Brandon Grimsley made a motion, seconded by Sara Rogers, **to approve the agenda.** The motion carried.

Discuss the Consent Agenda:

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Technology Director, Trena Stroud spoke to the board regarding technology liability procedures.

Financial Director, Myra Underwood spoke to the board regarding the January 2025 Financial Statements and FY26 Budget Schedule.

Caroleen Woods made a motion, seconded by Sara Rogers **to go into Closed Session to discuss Personnel.** The motion carried.

Caroleen Woods made a motion, seconded by Brandon Grimsley **to come out of Closed Session.** The motion carried.

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

David Phillips, Chairperson

Dr. Darren Berrong, Superintendent

Rugular Meeting Agenda/Minutes

Towns County Board of Education
Board Meeting
March 3, 2025
6:45 PM

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3. Invocation
4. Pledge of Allegiance
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7. Discuss and Approve the January 2025 Financial Statement
8. Discuss and Approve the Recommendation for a Custodian
9. Discuss and Approve the Recommendation for a School Nutrition Substitute
10. Discuss and Approve the Recommendation for an Athletic Trainer
11. Discuss and Approve the Recommendation for the Personnel/Curriculum Director
12. Discuss the Recommendation for the Middle School Counselor

13. Discuss the Recommendation for an Elementary School Teacher
14. Facility and Federal Programs Report – Erica Chastain
15. Elementary School Principal Report – Dr. Crystal Beach
16. Middle School Principal Report – Rollie Thomas
17. High School Principal Report – Bryan Thomason
18. Superintendent Report – Dr. Darren Berrong
 - GSBA Legislative Positions / Delegate & Alternate for Delegate Assembly
 - School Board Appreciation March 10-14
19. Closed Session
20. Adjourn

Other items may be added as necessary.

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Towns County Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
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Roy Perren made a motion, seconded by Caroleen Woods to **approve the agenda**. The motion carried.

Caroleen Woods 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 January 2025 Financial Statements for all funds including school activity accounts**. Brandon Grimsley made a motion, seconded by Caroleen Woods, **to approve the Superintendent's recommendation**. The motion carried. (see attached)

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong, recommended the board **approve the Recommendation for a Custodian, Keith Bani, pending fingerprints and background check**. Sara Rogers 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 for a School Nutrition Substitute, Ross Guzman, pending fingerprints and background check**. 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 for an Athletic Trainer, Hailey Haveck, pending fingerprints and background check**. Caroleen Woods 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 the Personnel/Curriculum Director, Rollie Thomas, effective FY25-26 School Year.** Brandon Grimsley 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 for the Middle School Counselor, LaTisha Usher, effective FY25-26 School Year.** Roy Perren made a motion, seconded by Caroleen Woods, **to approve the Superintendent's recommendation.** The motion carried. (see attached)

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong, recommended the board **approve the Recommendation for an Elementary School Teacher, Sarah Hoek, effective FY25-26 School Year and 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 444

Middle School Principal, Rollie Thomas gave an update to the Board on the Middle School Activities.

- Enrollment is 201

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

- Enrollment is 279

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

- AG building update
- GSBA Legislative Delegates were chosen – Roy Perren & David Phillips
- School Board Appreciation week March 10-14
- March 13 Called Meeting & Board Training
- March 17 Board Training

No Closed Session

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

David Phillips, Chairperson

Dr. Darren Berrong, Superintendent