

# **Towns County Board of Education**

## **Work Session**

**April 13, 2026**

**6:00 PM**

### **AGENDA**

1. Public Forum
2. Call to Order
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Discuss Consent Agenda
  - Fundraisers:
    - i. MS Boys Basketball / Championship Apparel Sale / April 13, 2026-June 30, 2026
    - ii. HS Varsity Cheer / TC Gear Sale / April 14, 2026-May 15, 2026
    - iii. HS Varsity Cheer / Color Run / May 2, 2026
    - iv. HS Varsity Cheer / Pie-a-Teacher/Coach / May 20, 2026
    - v. HS Varsity Cheer / Spirit Wear / July 20, 2026-August 28, 2026
    - vi. HS FFA / Bingo / April 16, 2026
    - vii. MS/HS Art / Art Show / April 23, 2026
  - Field Trips:
    - i. HS WBL/Mentorship / Hussey Gay Bell, Blue Ridge GA / March 27, 2026
    - ii. HS Students / University of North Georgia / April 22, 2026
    - iii. HS NRCW / Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College / June 7-12, 2026
  - Work Session Meeting Minutes / March 2, 2026
  - Regular Board Meeting Minutes / March 2, 2026
5. Discuss the Resignation of a High School Teacher
6. Discuss the Recommendation of 3 Elementary School Teachers
7. Discuss the Recommendation of a High School ELA Teacher
8. Discuss the Recommendation of a Middle/High School Band Director
9. Discuss the Ninth District Opportunity Contract
10. Discuss Facilities Items for Surplus

11. Discuss the Recommendation for the List of Returning Certified Staff for 2026-27 School Year
12. Discuss to lay on the table the Towns County Schools Internet Acceptable Use Guideline Policy, Descriptor Code: IFBG-R(2)
13. Financial Director, Myra Underwood to update the Board on the February 2026 Financial Statement
14. Closed Session
15. Adjourn

Other items may be added as necessary.

Original posted April 7, 2026



**Towns County Board of Education**  
**Pre-board Work Session**  
**April 13, 2026**  
**6:00 PM**

The Towns County Board of Education held their first 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. There was no Public Participation.

The Towns County Board of Education met in a called meeting on Monday, April 13, 2026 at the Towns County Middle/High School Media Center. Members present were Brandon Grimsley, Roy Perren, Sara Rogers, and David Phillips. Gregory Rogers was absent. Chairperson, Brandon Grimsley called the meeting to order.

David Phillips made a motion, seconded by Sara Rogers, **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 February 2026 Financial Statements and FY27 Budget Process.

No Closed Session.

Roy Perren 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**  
**Board Meeting**  
**April 13, 2026**  
**6:45 PM**

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1. Public Forum
2. Call to Order
3. Invocation
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Approval of Agenda
6. Approval of Consent Agenda
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7. REACH Scholar Signing
8. Discuss and Approve the Resignation of a High School Teacher
9. Discuss and Approve the Recommendation of 3 Elementary School Teachers
10. Discuss and Approve the Recommendation of a High School ELA Teacher
11. Discuss and Approve the Recommendation of a Middle/High School Band Director
12. Discuss and Approve the Ninth District Opportunity Contract

13. Discuss and Approve Facilities Items for Surplus
14. Discuss and Approve the Recommendation for the List of Returning Certified Staff for 2026-27 School Year
15. Discuss and Approve to lay on the table the Towns County Schools Internet Acceptable Use Guideline Policy, Descriptor Code: IFBG-R(2)
16. Discuss and Approve the February 2026 Financial Statement
17. Facility and Federal Programs Report – Erica Chastain
18. Elementary School Principal Report – Dr. Crystal Beach
19. Middle School Principal Report – Dr. James Epps
20. High School Principal Report – Bryan Thomason
21. Superintendent Report – Dr. Darren Berrong
  - Superintendent Evaluation
22. Closed Session
23. Adjourn

Other items may be added as necessary.

Original posted April 7, 2026



**Towns County Board of Education**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**April 13, 2026**  
**6:45 PM**

The Towns County Board of Education met in a regular meeting on Monday, April 13, 2026 at the Towns County Middle/High School Media Center. Members present were Brandon Grimsley, David Phillips, Sara Rogers, and Roy Perren. Gregory Rogers was absent. 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 Sara Rogers to **approve the agenda**. The motion carried.

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

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2025-2026 REACH Georgia Scholar recipient, Reid Brown, was inducted during the REACH Program Signing Ceremony.

Superintendent, Dr. Darren Berrong, recommended the board **approve the Resignation of a High School Teacher, Christie Melton, effective May 27, 2026**. David Phillips 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 3 Elementary School Teachers, Jacob Carver, Kelsey Miller, and Brooke Murrell, pending fingerprint and background check, 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 High School ELA Teacher, Reagan Lindsay, pending fingerprint and background check, effective FY27 School Year.** David Phillips 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/High School Band Director, Jonathan Henderson, pending fingerprint and background check, effective FY27 School Year.** 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 the Ninth District Opportunity Contract.** 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 Facilities Items for Surplus.** 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 for the List of Returning Certified Staff for 2026-2027 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 to lay on the table the Towns County Schools Internet Acceptable Use Guideline Policy, Descriptor Code: IFBG-R(2).** 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 February 2026 Financial Statements for all funds including school activity accounts.** David Phillips made a motion, seconded by Sara Rogers, **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 259

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

- Superintendent Evaluation

No Closed Session.

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

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Brandon Grimsley, Chairperson

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Dr. Darren Berrong, Superintendent