

**MINUTES**  
***Board Meeting***  
**January 23, 2017**

The **board meeting** of the Tattnall County Board of Education was held on **January 23, 2017, 1:00 P.M.** The meeting was **called to order** with a **welcome** by Chairman, Richard Bland, **prayer** by Ronnie Oliver and **pledge** to the Flag led by DuAnn Cowart Davis.

**Those board members present were:**

Richard Bland  
Ronnie Oliver  
DuAnn Cowart Davis  
Marilyn Carter  
Mary Ruth Ray

**The board Superintendent present was:**

Dr. Gina G. Williams

**System staff members present were:**

Donna Bland, Debbie Powell, Debbie Baker, Carla Waters, Lynna Hilliard and James Brown.

**Visitors present were:**

Pam Waters, *Journal-Sentinel*, Jessica Szilagyi, Kyle Sapp, Mike Parker, William Sherrod and Rodney Wilson.

**On Motion of Mary Ruth Ray, and seconded by Marilyn Carter, the board unanimously adopted the agenda for January 23, 2017.**

**Received presentations/requests from visitors/others:**

(To assure that the board can conduct its business efficiently, all presentations should be brief and shall be limited, not to exceed five [5] minutes, unless an extension of time is granted. All personnel/student and real estate matters may be discussed in executive session.

- **Mike Parker - Architect, SP Design Group**

**II. ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

**A. Received and/or approved reports from Superintendent and/or Chairman.**

**1. Superintendent reported:**

- a) Upon recommendation of Dr. Gina G. Williams, motioned by DuAnn Cowart Davis and seconded by Ronnie Oliver, it was unanimous to approve **Minimum Direct Instruction Waiver for FY16.**
- b) The board was informed about **The Digital Learning Device Rural Grant awarded to the district.**
- c) Upon motion of Ronnie Oliver and seconded by Mary Ruth Ray, it was unanimous to change the March 17th and 20th spring holidays to school days as make-up days for the recent days that were missed because of poor road conditions.

**2. Chairman reported:**

- a) Upon motion of DuAnn Cowart Davis and seconded by Ronnie Oliver, it was unanimous to approve the following regular board meeting dates and advertise as required by law: Every fourth Monday of each month at 1:00 p.m. at the Board of Education. With the following exception:  
December, to be held 2nd Monday, December 11, 2017.
- b) Upon motion of Mary Ruth Ray and seconded by Marilyn Carter, it was unanimously approved that DuAnn Cowart Davis serve as Vice-Chairperson of the school board in the absence of the Chairman.
- c) Upon motion of DuAnn Cowart Davis and seconded by Mary Ruth Ray, it was unanimous to employ Harben, Hartley & Hawkins, LLP, on an “as-needed” basis for the year 2017.

**III. SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS**

On motion of Mary Ruth Ray and seconded by DuAnn Cowart Davis, the board unanimously approved the consent agenda as presented for the January 23, 2017, meeting.

**A. Approved Minutes**

Regular board meeting for Monday, December 12, 2016, 1:00 p.m.  
Called board meeting for Tuesday, December 27, 2016, 3:00 p.m.

**B. Accepted November 2016 and December 2016 expenditures.**

**C. Employed non-certified personnel:**

Catherine Bodiford, School Nutrition Assistant

**D. Employed certified personnel:**

(Employment is temporary/provisional until the receipt of a criminal records check/fingerprints and Georgia Teacher Certification).

Shae Odom, Teacher

**E. Approved to release from 2016-2017 contract.**

Jacob MacDonald, Teacher

**F. Accepted resignations and identify personnel leaving the system:**

Marcena Brinson, Teacher (retirement, effective 5/26/17)

Sherry Lamb, Teacher (retirement, effective 12/16/16)

**G. Approved student worker:**

Kaisson Bussie, CEMS

**IV. Upon recommendation of Superintendent of Dr. Gina G. Williams, motioned by Ronnie Oliver and seconded by DuAnn Cowart Davis, it was unanimous to Employ Certified Central Office Administration/Principals:**

Denna Ansley (49%)

Nicole Balkcom

Cindy Boyett

James Brown (49%)

Jeannie Burkhalter

Cari Crews

**Tina Debevec  
Lynna Hilliard  
Gwenda Johnson  
Kristi Kaiser  
Adam Kirby  
Glenn Stewart  
Carla Waters**

**V. No other items.**

**VI. Motioned by DuAnn Cowart Davis, the board adjourned at 1:51 p.m.**

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Vice Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Board Member \_\_\_\_\_

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Board Member \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

**Approved: February 27, 2017**