

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 _____

Board Member _____

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Board Member _____

Secretary _____

Approved: February 27, 2017