

**MINUTES**  
**Board Meeting**  
**June 26, 2023**

The **board meeting** of the Tattnall County Board of Education was held on **June 26, 2023, 1:00 P.M.** The meeting was **called to order** with a **welcome** by Chairman, Richard Bland, **prayer** by Mary Ruth Ray and **pledge** to the Flag led by DuAnn Cowart Davis.

**Those board members present were:**

Richard Bland  
Shawn Sikes  
DuAnn Cowart Davis  
Stephanie Thomas  
Mary Ruth Ray  
Dale Kicklighter

**The board Superintendent present was:**

Dr. Gina G. Williams

**System staff members present were:**

Donna Bland, Debbie Powell, Robin Waters, David Tucker, Kristen Waters and Carla Waters.

**Visitors present were:**

Pam Waters, *Journal-Sentinel* and Lilly Ray.

**On Motion of Stephanie Thomas and seconded by Shawn Sikes, the board unanimously adopted the agenda for June 26, 2023.**

**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.

- **Robin Waters – Wellness Report Card**

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

**A. Received reports from Superintendent.**

**1. Superintendent reported:**

- a) **Upon recommendation of Dr. Gina G. Williams, Superintendent, motioned by DuAnn Cowart Davis and seconded by Shawn Sikes, it was unanimously approved to purchase 2023-2024 schools supplies with ESSER III Funding.**

**B. Received reports from other system personnel:**

**1. Debbie Powell**

- a) **District financial status review.**

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

**On motion of Mary Ruth Ray and seconded by Dale Kicklighter, the board unanimously approved the consent agenda as presented for the June 26, 2023, board meeting.**

**A. Approved Minutes**

**Board meeting for Monday, May 22, 2023, 1:00 p.m.**

**B. Employed certified personnel: (Effective 2023-2024)**

**(Employment is temporary/provisional until the receipt of a criminal records check/fingerprints, Georgia Teacher Certification and if applicable release from another district's contract)**

**Justin Flowers, Principal**

**Michele Wilder, teacher**

**Tyler Yancey, teacher**

**Matthew Swain, teacher**

**Emily Callaway, teacher**

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

**(Employment is temporary/provisional until the receipt of a criminal records check/fingerprints)**

**Casey Lott, Paraprofessional**

**Chloe Stanfield, Paraprofessional**

**Ansley Wilkerson-Sorrow, Paraprofessional**

**D. Accepted resignations and identified personnel leaving the system:**

**Bethany Taylor, Pre-K Teacher (effective 5/30/23)**

**E. Approve released from 2023-2024 contract: (effective May 31, 2023)**

**Melita Milton, Teacher**

**Lindsay Hodges, teacher**

**Ben Collins, teacher**

**F. Approved Policy DIB (Financial Report).**

**G. Accepted May, 2023, expenditures.**

**H. Approved summer school staff:**

**Jonathan King, Matthew Brown, Janet Bussell, Hannah Hutcheson, Sabrina Page,**

**Amy Scott, Pinkie Anthony, Willie McKinnon, Pam Davis (bus driver), Timmy**

**Dubberly and Elizabeth Walker.**

**I. Approved transfer David Tucker from STMS Principal to Curriculum Director.**

**J. Approved FY24 Family Connection Contract.**

**K. Approved 2023-2024 Salary Schedules.**

**L. Approved Student workers:**

**Jayda Jenkins, NTES**

**Makayla Callaway, NTES**

**Carli Stewart, STMS**

**Wyatt Barber, TCHS  
Ruby Sonagua, TCHS  
Jaylynn Johnson, BOE**

- M. Approved Dyess to repair STMS restroom plumbing.**
  - N. Approved GSBA: RMF-WCF renewal.**
  - O. Approved All-Green Contract.**
  - P. Approved Parrish Pest Contract.**
  - Q. Approved All-Clean contract.**
  - R. Approved Reika Strickland contract for water testing.**
  - S. Approved July, 2023 spending resolution.**
  - T. Approved Occupational Therapy contract (2023-2024) for Shaina Kennedy.**
  - U. Approved Occupational Therapy contract (2023-2024) for April Scott.**
  - V. Approved Speech-Language Pathologist (2023-2024) for Beverly Thompson.**
  - W. Approved Coastal Georgia C.A.A., Inc.**
  - X. Approved South Georgia Physical Therapy Contract (2023-2024/2024-2025).**
  - Y. Approved Positive Behavior Contract (2023-2024).**
  - Z. Approved extended year and testing supplement for Christy Tatum.**
  - AA. Approved administrative supplement for Amy Scott.**
  - BB. Approved Coastal Plains High School MOU.**
  - CC. Approved Knight Hardwood Flooring, Inc. to screen and recoat gym floors FY24 - TCHS, NTMS and STMS.**
  - DD. Approved Coastal Sports Turf for TCHS Athletic fields maintenance.**
  - EE. Approved Consolidated Turf Control for middle schools' turf maintenance.**
- IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR POTENTIAL LITIGATION MATTER:**

**Motioned by Shawn Sikes and seconded by Stephanie Thomas, it was a unanimous vote by, Richard Bland, DuAnn Cowart Davis, Mary Ruth Ray and Dale Kicklighter, to enter executive session at 1:14 p.m. to discuss the following matters:**

- A. To consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the school district or an officer or employee or in which the officer or employee may be directly involved; (O.C.G.A § 50-14-2(1).**

**B. Resumed Open Session**

**Motioned by DuAnn Cowart Davis and seconded by Shawn Sikes, the board voted unanimously to resume open session at 2:10 p.m.**

**V. Motioned by Mary Ruth Ray, the board adjourned at 2:10 p.m.**

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

**Approved: July 24, 2023**