

**MINUTES**  
***Board Meeting***  
**January 27, 2020**

The **board meeting** of the Tattnall County Board of Education was held on **January 27, 2020, 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 Stephanie Thomas.

**Those board members present were:**

Richard Bland  
Ronnie Oliver  
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, Debbie Baker, Lynna Hilliard, Lisa Burkhalter, Lisa Trim, Carla Waters, James Brown and Glenn Stewart

**Visitors present were:**

Pam Waters, *Journal-Sentinel*, Jessica Szilagyi, Chris Zerku, G. Stokes, Michael Chaloult, Mike Parker, Tony Wright, Kyle Sapp, and Ricky Thomas

**On Motion of Mary Ruth Ray, and seconded by Dale Kicklighter, the board unanimously adopted the agenda for January 27, 2020.**

**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.

- **SP Designs – preliminary plans/buildings**

**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 Ronnie Oliver, it was unanimously approved to begin the construction project – NTES and STES.
- b) Upon recommendation of Dr. Gina G. Williams, Superintendent, motioned by Stephanie Thomas and seconded by Mary Ruth Ray, it was unanimously approved to give authority to Superintendent to approve all contracts/agreements for construction project.
- c) Upon recommendation of Dr. Gina G. Williams, Superintendent, motioned by Dale Kicklighter and seconded by Stephanie Thomas, it was unanimous to approve bus lease.

**2. Chairman reported:**

- a) Upon motion of Ronnie Oliver and seconded by DuAnn Cowart Davis, 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:
  - May 18, 2020 (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday)
  - November 16, 2020 (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday)
  - December 14, 2020 (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday)
- b) Upon motion of Mary Ruth Ray and seconded by Ronnie Oliver, it was unanimously approved that Dale Kicklighter serve as Vice-Chairperson of the school board in the absence of the Chairman.
- c) Upon motion of Mary Ruth Ray and seconded by Dale Kicklighter, it was unanimous to employ Harben, Hartley & Hawkins, LLP, on an “as-needed” basis for the year 2020.

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

On motion of Dale Kicklighter and seconded by Stephanie Thomas, the board unanimously approved the consent agenda as presented for the January 27, 2020, meeting.

**A. Approved Minutes**

Regular board meeting for Monday, December 9, 2019, 1:00 p.m.

**B. Employed certified personnel:**

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

Isaac Ferrell, Teacher  
Ricardo Toledo, Teacher

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

Motika Seay, parapro  
Kristen Logan, parapro  
Shatima Fleming, SNP (effective 2/3/2020)  
Liliana Lima, SNP (effective 2/3/2020)

**D. Accepted resignations and identified personnel leaving the system: (Effective May 27, 2020)**

Larry Powell, (49%) Teacher (retirement)  
Karen Tatum, Teacher (retirement)  
Julia Welch, Teacher (resignation)  
Courtney Wilkes Sikes, Teacher (resignation)

**E. Approved Student workers:**

Cody Howell, CES  
Aiden Dickey, TCHS  
Khalil Anderson, TCHS

**F. Accepted November 2019 and December 2019 expenditures.**

**G. Approved to release from 2019-2020 contract:  
Lindsay Williamson, Teacher (resignation) effective 12/18/19**

**H. Approved DJED policy – Bids & Quotations.**

**I. Approved FY20 supplements.**

**J. Approved purchase of Skyjack scissor lift for Tattnall Schools.**

**K. Approved School Based Health Center Coordinator contract for Bridget Aldrich.  
(until May 22, 2020)**

**L. Approved Local Outreach Assistant contract for Lindsey Phillips. (until May 22, 2020)**

**IV. Upon recommendation of Dr. Gina G. Williams, Superintendent, motioned by DuAnn Cowart Davis and seconded by Mary Ruth Ray, it was unanimously approved to employ Certified Central Office Administration/Principals:**

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Denna Ansley (49%)</b> | <b>Lynna Hilliard (49%)</b> |
| <b>Nicole Balkcom</b>     | <b>Gwenda Johnson</b>       |
| <b>Starla Barker</b>      | <b>Kristi Kaiser</b>        |
| <b>James Brown (49%)</b>  | <b>Donny Sikes</b>          |
| <b>Jeannie Burkhalter</b> | <b>Lisa Trim (49%)</b>      |
| <b>Lisa Burkhalter</b>    | <b>David Tucker</b>         |
| <b>Cari Crews</b>         | <b>Carla Waters</b>         |
| <b>Tina Debevec</b>       | <b>Kristen Waters</b>       |
| <b>Chris Freeman</b>      |                             |

**V. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PERSONNEL MATTER:**

**Motioned by Dale Kicklighter and seconded by Ronnie Oliver, it was a unanimous vote by, Richard Bland, Stephanie Thomas, DuAnn Cowart Davis and Mary Ruth Ray to enter executive session at 2:00 p.m. to discuss the following matters:**

**A. To discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee or to interview applicants for the position of superintendent; (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(2)).**

**B. Resumed Open Session  
Motioned by Mary Ruth Ray and seconded by Dale Kicklighter, the board voted unanimously to resume open session at 2:55 p.m.**

**VI. Motioned by Mary Ruth Ray, the board adjourned at 2:55 p.m.**

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

**Approved: February 24, 2020**