

Board Meeting Summary  
September 19, 2022

The Trion Board of Education met in the regular monthly meeting on Monday, September 19, 2022. The meeting was held in the Board Room of the Board of Education office located at 239 Simmons Street, Trion, Georgia.

Present for the meeting were: Dr. Phil Williams, Superintendent, Chair Randy Henderson, Vice Chair Kari Brown, Members Johnny Brimer, Jeff Maddux, and Darriel Broome. Also in attendance were Dr. Howard Hughes, Jason Lanham, Gene Espy, and Mandy Taylor.

Old Business

- After the proposed budget was tabled for a period of public review, the board took action to approve the FY23 budget as presented.

New Business

- The board received and approved the ESPLOST and General Fund Obligation Bonds financial reports.
- The FY23 Local Board Training Plan was reviewed and approved.
- The board approved the board meeting dates for 2023. The dates are as follows:

January 9, 2023	July 17, 2023
February 13, 2023	August 14, 2023
March 13, 2023	September 11, 2023
April 17, 2023	October 16, 2023
May 15, 2023	November 13, 2023
June 5, 2023	December 11, 2023
- The Trion City Schools 2022-2023 Organizational Chart was reviewed and approved.
- The board received and approved the FY23 CTAE budget.
- The board approved FCCLA's overnight field trip.
- The FY23 School Nutrition Budget was reviewed and approved by board members.

- The board reviewed and approved the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Plan (ARP-ESSER) and supporting budget amendment.

### Other Business

The board received the Bulldog Athletic Club and Band Booster financial reports as information items. The BAC reports \$ 36,497.24 as the closing balance. The band booster club reports a balance of \$ 12,392.36 with \$2,829.68 in savings.

Student Enrollment report was submitted as an information item. As of September 6, 2022, the student population is reported at 1,330 with breakdown as follows: TES - 663; TMS - 278; THS - 389.

### Superintendent Report

Trion Middle School was selected as 2022 National Blue Ribbon School. Dr. Williams made the following comment, "The expectations at Trion City Schools have always been very high. There are 98,755 public schools across the nation. It is hard to wrap your head around the fact that only 297 of those 98,755 schools were chosen as National Blue Ribbon Schools. To break it down even further, there were only 6 schools for the State of Georgia that met the criteria to be chosen. Georgia has approximately 2300 public school across the state. Trion Middle School is the only middle school in the State of Georgia to meet the criteria to be a National Blue Ribbon School. This is the highest academic honor that a school can receive. This accolade is a testament to the Middle School staff and Elementary School staff for focusing on Reading and Math and doing everything possible to push our students to be the very best they can be. Being dedicated to differentiating instruction, building relationships with students, summer remediation programs, continuous communication with parents, and maintaining face-to-face instruction (when other schools were not), during the COVID timeline are some of the reasons why Trion Middle School has been identified as a National Blue Ribbon School. Teaching is a very difficult profession, and most days are like climbing a mountain to get everything completed. The National Blue Ribbon Award is evidence that we are on top of the mountain, and it's all about the climb! What an honor to be the only middle school in the entire State of Georgia to be named a National Blue Ribbon School."

Dr. Williams advised the board of fund raising projects that have been approved: 1) The Softball team approved to sell discount cards and digital sign ads; 2) Trion Elementary school approved to sell t-shirts; 3) The Cross Country team approved to sell Chance's Salsa;

4) Student Support Services approved to sponsor “Blue Jean Week” and to host a bake sale/silent auction with proceeds being used for Special Olympics; 5) Trion Elementary approved to host a Daddy-Daughter Dance in February 2023 and a Mother-Son Decade Dance in April 2023; 6) Trion Elementary approved to host the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual TES Cross Country Invitational.

### Personnel

The following personnel recommendation was submitted and approved:

#### Classified Recommendations:

Betty Jo Pendergrass – Food Service

Jessica McCarty – Food Service

Jennifer Mitchell – Custodian

#### Classified Resignations:

Tony Johnson – Custodian

Tommy Lawrence – Custodian

#### Substitute Employees:

Renata Flake – Substitute Teacher

Phillip Minter – Substitute Teacher

Laine Drummond – Substitute Teacher

Lindsey Shepherd – Substitute Teacher

Blanca Serrano – Food Service

Scott Morton – Custodian

The next board meeting will be held Monday, October 17, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the board room.