

Board Meeting Summary  
February 14, 2022

The Trion Board of Education met in the regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 14, 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 Howard Hughes and Mandy Taylor.

New Business

- The board received and approved the SPLOST and General Fund Obligation Bonds financial reports.
- The system financial reports were submitted and approved by the board members.
- The schools quarterly financial reports were submitted and approved by the board members.
- Dr. Williams discussed the American Rescue Plan (ARP) ESSER III application and budget process. He explained how the ESSER III Federal funds were granted based on Title I funds rather than FTE. Trion City Schools received \$1.4 million, while Chattooga received \$6.9 million, Floyd County \$20.4, Rome City \$20.9, and Walker County \$19.9. He stated that the Federal Funds were awarded disproportionately and not based on the number of staff and students. Dr. Williams said the budget process was strict and many rules and regulations that had to be followed. For example, twenty percent (20%) of the funds allocated must be spent on “student loss of learning”. He concluded by stating that he is currently researching the legality of giving the teachers and staff a financial bonus through these funds, but some school systems who provided a retention or incentive bonus to their teachers and staff, are receiving a Federal Finding on their 2021 Audit. He said that the Georgia Department of Education is working with the U.S. Department of Education to come to a consensus about a retention bonus.
- The board accepted the proposed system calendar for 2022-2023 school year. The calendar will be tabled for a period pending comments or suggestions from public input. The calendar will be reviewed and submitted for final approval at next month’s board meeting.

- The board approved the following administrators for 2022-2023: Beth Pelham, Christian Brock, Jason Pelham, Joey Connell, Bryan Edge, Dustin Madaris, Angie Bowman, Howard Hughes, Rozellyn Evans, Jessica Bramlett, and Lauren Baker.

### Other Business

The board received the Bulldog Athletic Club and Band Booster financial reports as information items. The BAC reports \$ 65,394.17 as the closing balance. The band booster club reports a balance of \$ 17,655.38 with \$2,829.10 in savings.

Student Enrollment report was submitted as an information item. As of February 9, 2022, the student population is reported at 1,350 with breakdown as follows: TES - 679; TMS - 291; THS - 380.

### Superintendent Report

Dr. Williams updated board members with the current constructions around the campus. The wrestling building is approximately 90% complete.

### Personnel:

The following personnel recommendation was submitted and approved:

#### Certified Resignations:

Devan Bruce – Middle School Teacher

Victoria Overby – Elementary School Teacher

#### Substitute Employees:

JT Moore – Custodian

Jessica McCarty – Custodian and Food Service

The next board meeting will be held Monday, March 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the board room.