# MINUTES Board Meeting January 23, 2023

The **board meeting** of the Tattnall County Board of Education was held on **January 23, 2023, 1:00 P.M.** The meeting was **called to order** with a **welcome** by Chairman, Richard Bland, **prayer** by Mary Ruth Oliver and **pledge** to the Flag led by Stephanie Thomas.

### Those board members present were:

Richard Bland Shawn Sikes Stephanie Thomas Mary Ruth Ray

#### The board Superintendent present was:

Dr. Gina G. Williams

## **System staff members present were:**

Donna Bland, Debbie Powell, Tish Holland, Carla Waters, Kristen Waters, Teresa Thompson and David Tucker

## Visitors present were:

Pam Waters, Journal-Sentinel and Lee Dubberly

On Motion of Mary Ruth Ray, and seconded by Shawn Sikes, the board unanimously adopted the agenda for January 23, 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.

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## 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 Stephanie Thomas and seconded by Mary Ruth Ray, it was unanimous to approve final TQ payment for STES and NTES.
  - b) Upon recommendation of Dr. Gina G. Williams, Superintendent, motioned by Shawn Sikes and seconded by Stephanie Thomas, it was unanimous to approve school calendar for 2023-2024.
  - c) Upon recommendation of Dr. Gina G. Williams, Superintendent, motioned by Mary Ruth Ray and seconded by Shawn Sikes, it was unanimous to approve project list for ESPLOST V.

## 2. Chairman reported:

a) Upon motion of Shawn Sikes and seconded by Stephanie Thomas, 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 11, 2023 (2nd Monday)** 

- b) Upon motion of Mary Ruth Ray and seconded by Shawn Sikes, it was unanimously approved that Stephanie Thomas serve as Vice-Chairperson of the school board in the absence of the Chairman.
- c) Upon motion of Stephanie Thomas and seconded by Mary Ruth Ray, it was unanimous to employ Reagan Sauls of Parker Poe, Attorneys & Counselors at Law on an "as-needed" basis for the year 2023.
- B. Received reports from other system personnel:
  - 1. Debbie Powell
    - a. District financial status review.
  - 2. Tisha Holland
    - a. ESSER update and review return to Learning Plan.

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

On motion of Stephanie Thomas and seconded by Mary Ruth Ray, the board unanimously approved the consent agenda as presented for the January 23, 2023, called board meeting.

A. Approved Minutes

Regular board meeting for Monday, December 12, 2022, 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).

**Danielle Shaff, Teacher** 

Alicia Warwick, Teacher

C. Employed non-certified personnel:

Wade Gay, transportation

Sabrina Williams, transportation

- D. Accepted resignations and identify personnel leaving the system: (effective May 31, 2023) Courtney Painter, Teacher (resignation)
- E. Accepted November, 2022 and December, 2022, expenditures.
- F. Approved Student worker: Kael Cuevas, TCHS
- G. Approved technology surplus STES (see attached)
- H. Approved termination:

Avla Carney, transportation

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

Nicole Balkcom

Lynna Hilliard (49%)

Starla Barker Tisha Holland
Lakisha Bobbitt Gwenda Johnson
James Brown (49%) Kristi Kaiser
Christine Jenkins Donny Sikes
Glenn Stewart (49%) Lisa Trim (49%)
Cari Crews David Tucker
Tina Debevec Carla Waters (49%)

Julie Edwards Kristen Waters

**Chris Freeman** 

### V. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PERSONNEL MATTER:

Motioned by Shawn Sikes and seconded by Stephanie Thomas, it was a unanimous vote by, Richard Bland and Mary Ruth, to enter executive session at 1:52 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 Stephanie Thomas and seconded by Shawn Sikes, the board voted unanimously to resume open session at 2:42 p.m.

## VI. Motioned by Mary Ruth Ray, the board adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Chairman
Vice Chair
Board Member
Board Member
Board Member
Board Member
Secretary