

MINUTES
Board Meeting
April 26, 2021

The **board meeting** of the Tattnall County Board of Education was held on **April 26, 2021, 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 Dale Kicklighter.

Those board members present were:

Richard Bland
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, Kristen Waters, Carla Waters, Gwenda Johnson, Tina Debevec, Roseann DeJarnette, Lakisha Bobbitt, Stacy Tatum, Nick Tatum, Robin Waters, Shaqulia Foreman, Christy Tatum and Tracy Waters

Visitors present were:

Sarah Smith, *Journal-Sentinel*, JoAnn Anderson and Nakisha Purdiman

On Motion of Mary Ruth Ray, and seconded by Dale Kicklighter, the board unanimously adopted the agenda for April 26, 2021.

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.

- **TCHS – FBLA presentations**
- **Recognized Tracy Waters – GBEA Teacher of the Year**
- **Recognized 2021 STAR Student – Mallory Groover**
- **Recognized 2021 STAR Teacher – Stacy Tatum**
- **Recognized 2021 TCHS Governor’s Honors Program nominees:**
 - Martin DeJarnette: Mathematics**
 - Yocelin Ramos: World Language (Spanish)**
 - Abbey Hutcheson: Theatre**
 - Emily Crawford: Music**
 - Jacob Debevec: Engineering**
 - Mason Garcia: Science**
 - Kyle Brogdon: Social Studies**

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 Davis Cowart and seconded by Stephanie Thomas, it was unanimous to approve air conditioning bus bid to Valeo Thermal Bus Systems.
- b. Upon recommendation of Dr. Gina G. Williams, Superintendent, motioned by Dale Kicklighter and seconded by Mary Ruth Ray, it was unanimous to approve bus purchase bid to Rush Truck Centers of GA.
- c. Upon recommendation of Dr. Gina G. Williams, Superintendent, motioned by Stephanie Thomas and seconded by Mary Ruth Ray, it was unanimous to approve NTMS track repair/repave bid to T&K Hicks Construction, Inc.
- d. Upon recommendation of Dr. Gina G. Williams, Superintendent, motioned by Mary Ruth Ray and seconded by Dale Kicklighter, with Richard Bland, Stephanie Thomas, Mary Ruth Ray and Dale Kicklighter in favor of the motion and Duann Cowart Davis opposing the motion, it was approved to relax masks requirements, to strongly encouraged, but not mandatory. Effective immediately, students, staff and visitors are encouraged but not required to wear masks.

III. SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS

On motion of Mary Ruth Ray and seconded by Stephanie Thomas, with DuAnn Cowart Davis abstaining, the board approved the consent agenda as presented for the April 26, 2021, meeting.

A. Approved Minutes

Regular board meeting for Monday, March 22, 2021, 1:00 p.m.

B. Employed certified personnel: (Effective 2021-2022)

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

Regan Kennedy, teacher	Madison Wood, teacher
Victoria Purvis, teacher	Margaret Straugham, teacher
Sandy Waters, teacher (49%)	Paige Tillman, teacher
Sara Mercer, teacher	Rachel Jones, teacher
Brock Scott, teacher	Bridgette Sapp, teacher
McKenzie Strickland, teacher	Melanie Walker, teacher
Justin Flowers, Asst. Principal	Philisia Spearmon, teacher

C. Employed Pre-K certified personnel: (Effective 2021-2022)

Aubrey Sheffield, teacher
Leia Bender, teacher

D. Employed non-certified personnel:

Allison Hall, Parapro (Effective 2021-2022)
Spring Jarrell, Parapro (Effective 2021-2022)
Reggie Bruno, Bus driver
Regina Rees, Parapro (Effective 2021-2022)
Gina Bell, Guidance Secretary

E. Approved release from 2021-2022 contract

Stephanie Lane, Teacher (Resignation, effective June 7, 2021)
Miranda Jernigan, Teacher (Resignation, effective June 7, 2021)
Jeannie Burkhalter, Federal Programs Director (retirement, effective July 1, 2021)

F. Accepted resignations and identified personnel leaving the system:
 Jocelin Thomas, teacher (resignation, effective June 7, 2021)
 Lisa Burkhalter, Technology Director (retirement, effective July 1, 2021)

G. Accepted March 2021, expenditures

H. Approved certified summer school staff (see attached)

I. Approved RV Solar, LLC MOU

J. Approved City of Reidsville, MOU (sewage line)

K. Approved baseball supplement for Chaz Kicklighter

IV. Motioned by Mary Ruth Ray, the board adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

Chairman _____

Vice Chair _____

Board Member _____

Board Member _____

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Board Member _____

Secretary _____

Approved: May 24, 2021