

MINUTES
Board Meeting
December 16, 2024

The **board meeting** of the Tattnall County Board of Education was held on **December 16, 2024, 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 Stephanie Thomas.

Those board members present were:

Richard Bland, Chairman

Shawn Sikes

Stephanie Thomas

Mary Ruth Ray

The board Superintendent present was:

Dr. Kristen D. Waters

System staff members present were:

Donna Bland, Debbie Powell, David Tucker, Julie Edwards, Robin Waters, Gwenda Johnson, Glenn Stewart, Tisha Holland, Inga Cashon, Beth Kennedy and Cindy Boyett.

Visitors present were:

Pam Waters, *Journal-Sentinel*, Gloria Dubberly, Seth Edwards, Audrey Edwards, Rae Edwards, Rhett Edwards, Sherry Bland, Cindy Shuman, Johnny Shuman, Glenda Monfils, Mark Monfils, Denise Flowers and Amber Lively.

On Motion of Shawn Sikes, and seconded by Mary Ruth Ray, the board unanimously adopted the agenda for December 16, 2024.

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.

- **Swearing in of new board members (Mary Ruth Ray & Seth Edwards)**
- **NTMS House System**

II. ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Received reports from Superintendent

1. Superintendent reported:

- a) **Upon recommendation of Dr. Kristen D. Waters, Superintendent, motioned by Stephanie Thomas and seconded by Shawn Sikes, it was unanimous to approve 2025-2026 school calendar.**
- b) **Upon recommendation of Dr. Kristen D. Waters, Superintendent, motioned by Mary Ruth Ray and seconded by Shawn Sikes, it was unanimous to approve Atlas Manufacturing to repair the greenhouse at TCHS.**
- c) **Upon recommendation of Dr. Kristen D. Waters, Superintendent, motioned by Shawn Sikes and seconded by Stephanie Thomas, it was unanimous to approve Durrence Tree Service for tree removal.**

- d) Upon recommendation of Dr. Kristen D. Waters, Superintendent, motioned by Shawn Sikes and seconded by Mary Ruth Ray, it was unanimous to approve C&C Builders to repair Ag Barn.
- e) Upon recommendation of Dr. Kristen D. Waters, Superintendent, motioned by Stephanie Thomas and seconded by Mary Ruth Ray, it was unanimous to approve EST Companies to repair bus wash.

B. Received reports from other system personnel:

- 1. Debbie Powell
 - a) District financial status review.

III. SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS

On motion of Shawn Sikes and seconded by Stephanie Thomas, the board unanimously approved the consent agenda as presented for the December 16, 2024, board meeting.

A. Approved Minutes

Regular board meeting for Monday, November 18, 2024, 1:00 p.m.

B. Employed certified personnel:

(Employment is temporary/provisional until the receipt of a criminal records check/fingerprints, Georgia Teacher Certification and if applicable, release from another district’s contract)

Tonja Anderson, Teacher

Sarah Morgan, Teacher (Effective 7/1/2025)

C. Employed non-certified personnel:

(Employment is temporary/provisional until the receipt of a criminal records check/fingerprints)

Shatima Fleming, Paraprofessional

Braylen Hall, Paraprofessional

D. Released from contract for the 2024-2025 school year:

Crystal Reardon, Teacher (Effective 1/1/2025)

IV. Motioned by Mary Ruth Ray, the board adjourned at 1:26 p.m.

Chairman: _____

Vice Chair: _____

Board Member: _____

Board Member: _____

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Secretary: _____

Approved: January 27, 2025