

MINUTES OF THE THOMAS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION IN WORKSHOP SESSION,  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: David Dawson, Charles Evans, Derwood Hickey, Nancy Hiers, Scott Morgan, Mark NeSmith, and Kay Streets.

2. SEATING OF NEWLY APPOINTED BOARD MEMBER

Chairman Morgan welcomed David Dawson, newly appointed board member for district 5, to the board.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Evans moved, with a second by Ms. Streets, to approve the agenda (attachment A). The board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Reminder – Board training/retreat – February 2, 2013, 8:30-3:30

B. Presentation from facilities department – Mr. John Hebron, facilities director, introduced Mr. Neil Bell with Rose City Outdoor Advertising and he presented a proposal to place outdoor signs on school system property for advertising by the system and also a source of additional revenue from the sale of other ads.

Mr. Hebron gave an update on current and future projects for the school system and presented the board with a draft resolution for modification of the five-year facilities plan and a draft resolution to reopen two buildings at the former Central Middle School campus as the new location for Bishop Hall. These resolutions will be presented at the February 12 meeting for approval.

C. Board policy revision – Mr. Lee Bailey, assistant superintendent, reviewed the process for updating the system's board policies and presented policy sections A through F for the board's review as first reading. The board was presented with a draft resolution regarding adopting revised policies and rescinding outdated or unneeded policies. The resolution will be presented for approval at the February 12 board meeting.

5. APPROVAL OF TECHNOLOGY BID FOR ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL – Mr. NeSmith moved, with a second by Mr. Hickey, to approve the bid (attachment B) from Bytespeed for 55 desktop computers and a server for CrossRoads Alternative School. The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

6. BUDGET DISCUSSION – Mr. Joey Holland, finance director, reviewed the budget calendar and goals and informed the board of the governor's budget recommendations.

7. APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL REPORT – Ms. Hiers moved, with a second by Ms. Streets, to approve the personnel report (see attachment C). The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Evans moved, with a second by Mr. Hickey, to adjourn. The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

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Chairman

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Secretary