

MINUTES OF THE THOMAS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION IN REGULAR SESSION,
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 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. DEVOTIONAL

Ms. Robin Shaver, assistant principal at Hand-In-Hand Primary School, gave the devotional.

3. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. NeSmith made a motion, with a second by Mr. Dawson, to approve the consent agenda (attachment A), which included agenda; minutes of February 12, 2013; and minutes of February 26, 2013; Bishop Hall minutes of February 17, 2013; new board member orientation on March 6, 2013; bid for janitorial supplies; bid for paper; out-of-district students; and fund raising activities. The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

a. Recognition of outstanding students – Mr. Evans moved to approve resolutions for outstanding students (attachment B). Ms. Hiers seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by the board.

b. Recognition of Cross Creek School for being named a High-Progress Reward School – Ms. Hiers, moved, with second by Ms. Streets, to recognize Cross Creek School for being named a High-Progress Reward School by the Georgia Department of Education. The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

c. Community Engagement Meeting, March 19, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM , TCCHS – Dr. Kornegay reminded board members of the Community Engagement meeting on March 19 and explained that it is part of the preparation for the school system's ongoing accreditation.

d. Board Member Appreciation Week lunch, TCMS, March 20, 11:30 AM - Dr. Kornegay reminded board members of the appreciation lunch for them and said that a tour of the TCMS construction site is planned after lunch.

e. First presentation of policy J section revisions – Ms. Lisa Williams presented the revised policy section J for the board's consideration, which would be considered for approval at the April meeting.

f. Presentation of SPLOST audit – Dr. Kornegay explained that Maulding & Jenkins completed the SPLOST audit in February and there were no issues; it was a clean audit. Ms. Streets moved, with a second by Ms. Hiers, to accept the SPLOST audit. The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

g. Potential partnership with Bainbridge State College - Dr. Kornegay explained that he was exploring a partnership with Bainbridge State College. He said Bainbridge State College has been authorized by the Board of Regents to offer four year degrees and they are interested in expanding the program in Thomas County. He explained that Thomas County Central High School offers Associates of Arts degrees primarily in liberal arts but this would be a math and science emphasis AA program and would be blended with the AP classes that the system has now. He said that Bainbridge State College is interested in utilizing space at the board office campus to offer classes for adult classes as well as for students in the evenings. Dr. Kornegay said they were looking at an in-kind exchange for using board office property which would allow paid tuition for students for courses that are not state funded. Dr. Kornegay said he would present a formal agreement with Bainbridge State College after finalizing details.

h. Implementation of new teacher evaluation system – Dr. Kornegay stated that the new teacher evaluation system has been implemented at Thomas County Central High School this year and explained that it will be mandatory for 2014-2015 for all teachers.

i. Opportunity to propose a legislative position for GSBA – Dr. Kornegay informed the board of an opportunity to make recommendations for legislative items at the GSBA Delegate Assembly. He said items would be discussed further at the next workshop and approved at the April meeting.

j. Opportunity to appoint a delegate and alternate to attend the GSBA Delegate Assembly – He asked board members to be thinking about being a delegate or an alternate at the GSBA Delegate Assembly and to let him know if they wanted to serve.

k. Discussion of preliminary expenditure budget based on personnel costs - Mr. Joey Holland, finance director, reviewed the preliminary expenditure budget with the board.

l. Financial report - Mr. Holland explained the financial report (attachment C).

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Approval of resolution to accept policy section I revisions - Mr. Evans made a motion to approve the resolution (attachment D) to adopt revised policies and to rescind redundant, obsolete and unneeded policies in section I. Mr. Dawson seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by the board.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Approval of resolution declaring buses and vehicles surplus - Mr. NeSmith moved, with a second by Mr. Hickey, to approve the resolution (attachment E) declaring buses and vehicles surplus. The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

b. Resolution to authorize investment in Georgia Fund 1 – Mr. NeSmith made a motion to authorize investment in Georgia Fund 1 (attachment F). Mr. Evans seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by the board.

c. Approval of personnel report – Ms. Streets moved to approve the personnel report (attachment G). Ms. Hiers seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by the board.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Evans moved, with a second by Mr. NeSmith, to adjourn. The board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Chairman

Secretary