

MINUTES OF THE THOMAS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION IN WORKSHOP & SPECIAL
SESSION, TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 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. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Streets made a motion, with a second by Ms. Hiers, to approve the agenda (attachment A). The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

a. Board appreciation presentation from Bishop Hall – Mr. Rich Johnson, director, and Ms. Renee Porter, social worker, from Bishop Hall Charter School, presented gift baskets to board members and expressed appreciation to them for their service to the school system.

b. Report on recent student accomplishments - Dr. Kornegay informed board members of four students selected as finalists (Savannah Matherly in Physics, Lauren Rich in English Commutative Arts, Sunnie Wynn in Agri Science Bio Technology, and Tessa McCorkle in Executive Management) for Governor's Honors this year and stated that this is the most students selected in any year in the history of the school system. He also informed the board of a first place winner (Lauren Daniel) and a team of three as second place winners in FBLA, which qualifies the students to compete for national competition in Anaheim, CA. Other winners announced were the Science Olympiad Team for winning two bronze medals in state competition, Lauren Daniel for winning \$1000 scholarship at Youth Art Month competition and Mikeal Lovejoy for winning first place at the Invitational Region Art Exhibit.

c. Report on Community Engagement Meeting - Dr. Kornegay stated he was pleased with the turnout at the Community Engagement Meeting on March 19 and said of the 320 people in attendance, there were 133 school system employees.

d. First presentation of policy sections K-M revisions - Mr. Lee Bailey, assistant superintendent, presented sections K-M of policy revisions.

e. Discussion of school bus camera safety pilot program – Dr. Kornegay explained the concern of vehicles not stopping for buses when the stop sign is out. He informed the board of a company that would place cameras on buses at no charge to the school system so violators could be caught and prosecuted. The program would have to be approved by the school system, the sheriff's department and the county commission. The board was in agreement by consensus for the system to do a pilot program for the remainder of the current school year.

f. Discuss unofficial FY13 midterm allotment sheet – Dr. Kornegay explained the unofficial FY13 midterm allotment sheet (attachment B) and called the board's attention to the increase in QBE funding due to an increase in FTE.

g. Review draft of FY2013 amended budget – Dr. Kornegay reviewed the draft of the FY2013 amended budget (attachment C).

h. Discuss preliminary FY2014 budget and spending considerations – Dr. Kornegay explained the preliminary FY2014 budget.

Chairman Morgan made a motion to approve the alternate plan (attachment D) for the three year old program at Hand-In-Hand School with the revised rate of \$95 for school employees children. After a discussion, Chairman Morgan amended the motion to include the stipulation that the program must have a minimum of 14 students to operate. Ms. Streets seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by the board.

i. Discussion of legislative position statement for GSBA – The board discussed legislative positions and discussed submitting the following legislative positions: reducing the employer’s percent of teacher retirement; increasing the amount of time for employees to be fully vested and adding 401k plans for new employees as an alternative to the Teachers Retirement System.

j. Discussion of delegate and alternate to Georgia School Boards Association Delegate Assembly – Mr. NeSmith moved, with a second by Ms. Streets, that Mr. Evans serve as delegate at the GSBA Delegate Assembly June 12-15 in Savannah. After discussion, Mr. NeSmith amended his motion to include Mr. Hickey as the alternate. Ms. Streets seconded the amendment. The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

Mr. NeSmith moved, with a second by Ms. Hiers, to approve new board member training at the GSBA Delegate Assembly June 12-15 for Derwood Hickey and David Dawson. The board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

k. Next board meeting, April 9, 2013, 7:00 p.m.

l. Board of education workshop, April 23, 2013

i. City of Thomasville – Electrical rate discussion

ii. City of Thomasville – Easement request discussion

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Approval of resolution to accept policy section J revisions - Mr. Hickey made a motion to approve the resolution (attachment E) to accept policy J revisions. Mr. Dawson seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by the board.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Executive session for personnel - Ms. Streets moved, with a second by Ms. Hiers, for the board to go into executive session (attachment F) for personnel. The board voted unanimous approval of the motion. Mr. Evans moved to end the executive session. Mr. NeSmith seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by the board.

b. Approval of certified personnel for 2013-2014 – Mr. NeSmith moved, with a second by Ms. Streets, to approve certified personnel (attachment G) for 2013-2014 for the following schools: Hand-In-Hand, Garrison-Pilcher, Cross Creek, Thomas County Middle, Thomas County Central and Bishop Hall. The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

Mr. NeSmith moved to approve certified personnel (attachment H) for Pathways for 2013-2014 with the stipulation that other school systems in the program continue to participate. Mr. Hickey seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by the board.

Mr. Evans moved, with a second by Ms. Streets, to approve Laurie Dawson to work at Cross Creek School for 2013-2014. The following board members voted to approve the motion: Charles Evans, Derwood Hickey, Nancy Hiers, Mark NeSmith, and Kay Streets. Mr. Dawson abstained from voting.

Mr. Hickey moved, with a second by Mr. Dawson, to approve Charlene Jackson to work at Cross Creek School for 2013-2014. The following board members voted to approve the motion: David Dawson, Derwood Hickey, Nancy Hiers, Mark NeSmith, and Kay Streets. Mr. Evans abstained from voting.

Mr. Hickey moved, with a second by Mr. Evans, to approve Allison NeSmith to work at Cross Creek School for 2013-2014. The following board members voted to approve the motion: David Dawson, Charles Evans, Derwood Hickey, Nancy Hiers, and Kay Streets. Mr. NeSmith abstained from voting.

Mr. NeSmith moved, with a second by Mr. Evans, to approve Sharen Hickey to work at Thomas County Middle School for 2013-2014. The following board members voted to approve the motion: David

Dawson, Charles Evans, Nancy Hiers, Mark NeSmith, and Kay Streets. Mr. Hickey abstained from voting.

c. Approval of personnel report – Mr. Hickey moved to approve the personnel report (attachment I). Mr. Evans seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by the board.

6. ADJOURNMENT

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

Chairman

Secretary