

MINUTES OF THE THOMAS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION IN REGULAR SESSION,
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with the following members present: Derwood Hickey, Charles Evans, Nancy Hiers, Scott Morgan, Mark NeSmith, and Kay Streets.

2. DEVOTIONAL

Mr. Jeremy Rich, teacher at Bishop Hall Charter School, gave the devotional.

3. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. NeSmith moved to approve the consent agenda (attachment A). Ms. Streets seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by the board.

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

a. Recognition of school cafeterias for high breakfast and lunch participation - Ms. Katie Eidson, school nutrition director, on behalf of the Georgia Department of Education, recognized Lanelle Nelson, Cafeteria Manager from Hand-In-Hand School; Marcia West, Cafeteria Assistant Manager from Garrison-Pilcher School; Cafeteria Manager Marie Johnson from Cross Creek School; and Cafeteria Manager Ann Vick from Thomas County Middle School; for having high participation for breakfast in the schools. Marcia West from Garrison-Pilcher and Marie Johnson from Cross Creek were recognized for having high participation for lunch.

b. Report of Community Eligibility Option (free breakfast and lunch for all schools except the high school) - Ms. Eidson informed the board of the Community Eligibility Option which provides breakfast and lunch to students at all schools except Thomas County Central High School at no cost to the students.

c. Facilities update - Mr. John Hebron, facilities director, updated the board on facility projects in the school system.

d. Financial reports - Mr. Joey Holland, assistant superintendent for finance and operations, explained the financial report (attachment B) for July and August.

e. CTAE equipment grant for TCMS - Dr. Kornegay announced approval of a grant for \$204,000 for equipment for the new Career Science wing at Thomas County Middle School.

f. Instructional programs update - Dr. Kornegay gave an update on the following instructional programs: content-related literature being embedded into every content course beginning in fifth grade; teachers in grades K-12 are learning to use the (Depth of Knowledge) question stems during classroom instruction while also embedding more rigorous questions within benchmarks in preparation for new state assessments. He said elementary teachers are participating in a two-day training at RESA learning to incorporate research-based reading comprehension strategies into science inquiry lessons. All administrators have been trained on the new TKES and LKES evaluation system. Teachers are given the opportunity to earn one professional learning unit during September by participating in the public library's One Book Campaign: *The Time Keeper*. Teachers from the middle and high school are being encouraged to participate in National History Day. The system will be applying for the Striving Reader's Grant again this year. Classroom teachers are collaborating with media specialists as they jointly teach the standards with emphasis on research skills.

g. Strategic Planning process update - Dr. Kornegay said the planning team had met and developed goals for the school system and the next step would be to have one action team for each goal and would meet to focus on the goals.

- h. Georgia Accrediting Commission visit - Dr. Kornegay informed the board of an upcoming visit by the Georgia Accrediting Commission on October 28 and October 29.
- i. School board training – Dr. Kornegay presented the board with a proposed school board training schedule.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Approval of revision of Charter Schools policy IBB - Mr. Evans moved with a second by Ms. Hiers, to approve the revision of the charter schools policy (attachment C). The motion carried unanimously.
- b. Approval of Concussion Management policy, JGFGB – Ms. Hiers moved to approve the concussion management policy (attachment D). Mr. Evans seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by the board.


6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approval of GSBA Annual Conference and Pre-Conference workshops in Atlanta for superintendent and board members, Dec. 4-7 – Chairman Morgan asked for a motion for approval for the board and superintendent to attend the Georgia School Boards Annual Conference in Atlanta December 4-7. Mr. Evans moved, with a second by Mr. Hickey, to approve the trip. The board voted unanimously to approve the motion.
- b. Approval of school board training plan for 2013-2014 – Mr. Hickey moved, with a second by Ms. Streets, to approve the training plan (attachment E) for board members for 2013-2014. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. Approval of bid for appliances for TCMS Family & Consumer Science lab – Mr. NeSmith moved to approve the bids (attachment F) from Bobby Dollar Appliance Showroom for appliances and from Lowes for a commercial quality ice machine for the Family & Consumer Science lab at Thomas County Middle School. Mr. Evans seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by the board.
- d. Approval of personnel report - Mr. Evans moved to approve the personnel report (attachment G). Mr. Hickey seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by the board.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Evans moved, with a second by Ms. Hiers, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.


Secretary


Chairman