

MINUTES OF THE THOMAS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION IN REGULAR SESSION,
TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. DEVOTIONAL

Ms. Betsy Garbett, teacher at Thomas County Upper Elementary School, gave the devotional.

III. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Evans moved, with a second by Mr. Hickey, to approve the consent agenda (attachment A) which included the agenda; June 10, 2014, minutes; Bishop Hall Board minutes of May 29, 2014, meeting schedule; fundraising requests and out-of-district students. The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Perfect attendance report – Dr. Kornegay called the board's attention to the perfect attendance report (attachment B) for school employees.

B. Weapons policy (JCDAE) - Dr. Kornegay stated that the weapons policy needed to be revised to reflect state law and state board of education policy which allows school systems more flexibility in weapons violations for students.

C. Booster Organizations policy (LEC) and regulation (LEC-R) - Dr. Kornegay informed the board of problems that some other school systems had with the theft of money from booster clubs and other school support organizations. He said there was a need for a School Support Organizations policy in order to obtain bonding for the school system and to be proactive with theft issues like other school systems have had.

D. Revision of promotion and retention regulation (IHE-R) – Dr. Kornegay made the board aware of a change to the promotion and retention regulation. He said that it is possible for middle school students to skip a grade in high school and the revision to this regulation would require a student that is skipping a grade in high school to make the intent known near the beginning of the second year in high school so that it would not interfere with the selection of the valedictorian.

E. Update on millage rate calculations by county tax office - Dr. Kornegay and Mr. Joey Holland, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, explained that there was a software glitch in the tax office's calculation (attachment C) on the millage rate and the actual rollback rate is higher than the rate adopted by the board previously. There was no action taken.

F. Pathways FY15 budget - Dr. Kornegay presented, as an item of information, the Pathways' FY15 budget information and reminded the board that the school system is the fiscal agent for that program.

G. Called meeting to set final millage rate and tour schools - Dr. Kornegay informed the board of a meeting on July 31 at 7:30 a.m. to be held at Thomas County Middle School to set the final millage. He said there would be a tour of the schools following the meeting.

H. Draft of August 12 meeting agenda - Dr. Kornegay

I. Back to School Blitz, 9:00-11:00 a.m., Saturday, August 2, MacIntyre Park Gym

J. Opening system-wide faculty meeting, July 29, 8:15 a.m., BOE auditorium – Dr. Kornegay said there would be someone from the Georgia Department of Education speaking about the CCRPI and another person speaking about the school accreditation process at the opening system-wide faculty meeting.

K. New name for alternative school: The Renaissance Center for Academic and Career Development - Dr. Kornegay said the alternative school initially was funded by a grant program and has been called CrossRoads for a long time. He said the program would be an all-day program now with a fresh start and a new name.

L. Arts initiative under consideration - Dr. Kornegay told board members about the possibility of offering art, music, dance, etc. for students at the schools in the afternoons. He said the system would partner with some organizations to offer classes in the afternoons and the goal is for the program to be cost neutral and generate revenue to pay for itself.

V. NEW BUSINESS

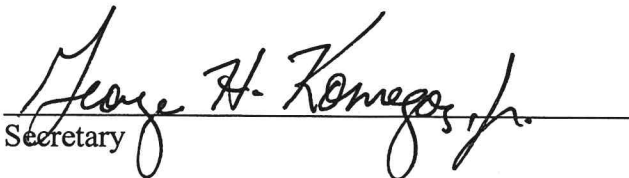
A. Approval of Title I Parental Involvement policy - Ms. Hiers moved, with a second by Mr. Evans, to approve the Title I Parental Involvement policy (attachment D). The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

B. Approval of purchase of fleet vehicles - Mr. Evans moved, with a second by Mr. NeSmith, to approve the recommendation from the facilities director (attachment E) to purchase two 2014 Ford F150 trucks for a total of \$17,766.00 each for the maintenance department and a 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe for \$28,995.00 for in system and out-of-town business travel. The board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

C. Approval of personnel report - Mr. Hickey moved, with a second by Mr. Evans, to approve the personnel report (attachment F). The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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


Secretary


Chairman