

MINUTES OF THE THOMAS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION IN REGULAR SESSION,
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Streets called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with the following members present: David Dawson, Charles Evans, Derwood Hickey, Nancy Hiers, Mark NeSmith, Scott Morgan, and Kay Streets.

II. DEVOTIONAL

Dan Salveter, teacher at Bishop Hall, gave the devotional.

III. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. NeSmith moved, with a second by Ms. Hiers, to approve the consent agenda (attachment A) which included the agenda; September 9, 2014, and September 23, 2014 minutes; Bishop Hall board minutes of August 21, 2014; meeting schedule; fundraising requests and out-of-district students. The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Draft of November 11 meeting agenda – Dr. Kornegay presented the draft agenda for the November meeting.

B. Update on TKES/LKES - Ms. Melanie Chavaux, associate superintendent, updated the board on the new state teacher and leader evaluation systems.

C. Report on system public relations - Dr. Kornegay presented board members with a new folder which was produced for the school system to give to civic organizations, the chamber of commerce and employers for their employees moving into the area. He also informed them of a new video which has been posted to the website and Facebook, and shown on CNS television. He said these items will help the public see what the school system has to offer.

D. Board policy revision: IHE Promotion & Retention Policy - Dr. Kornegay informed the board that the main changes in the promotion and retention policy (IHE) are references to the CRCT since it has been discontinued. He said, ultimately, Georgia Milestones will replace the CRCT.

E. Financial report - Mr. Joey Holland, assistant superintendent for finance and operations, explained the financial report (attachment B) for September.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of voluntary retirement plans (403b & 457b plans) - Mr. Holland explained the process that had been used to select a new plan provider for the system's 403b and 457b plans. He introduced representatives, Erik von Hellens and Ali McKay from Edward Jones, who would be servicing the voluntary retirement plans, if approved by the board. Ms. Hiers moved, with a second by Mr. Hickey, to approve MassMutual/Edward Jones as the new plan provider (attachment C) for voluntary retirement plans 403b and 457b with Joey Holland continuing as the plan sponsor. The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

B. Approval of Bishop Hall building lease - Mr. Evans moved to approve the lease (attachment D) of the new school building on Pinetree Blvd. for Bishop Hall for five years. Mr. Dawson seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by the board.

C. Approval of School Bus Safety Week resolution – Mr. NeSmith moved, with a second by Mr. Evans, to approve the resolution (attachment E) promoting School Bus Safety Week. The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

D. Approval of personnel report - Mr. NeSmith made a motion to approve the personnel report (attachment F). Mr. Hickey seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by the board.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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


Secretary


Chairman