

MINUTES OF THE THOMAS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION IN REGULAR SESSION,
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Streets called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. with the following members present: David Dawson, Charles Evans, Derwood Hickey, Nancy Hiers, Mark NeSmith, and Kay Streets.

II. DEVOTIONAL

Ms. Katy Pineda, teacher at Garrison-Pilcher School, gave the devotional.

III. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Hiers moved, with a second by Mr. Evans, to approve the consent agenda (attachment A) which included the agenda; November 11, 2014, minutes; Bishop Hall board minutes of October 16, 2014; draft meeting schedule; fundraising requests and out-of-district students. The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Recognition of retiring employees – Chairperson Streets presented resolutions to the following retiring employees: Allen Hayes (28 years), Ann Vick (21 years), Cheryl Chapman (29 years, 11 years with Thomas County), and Nancy Grieb (36 years, 9 years with Thomas County).

B. Draft of January 13 meeting agenda – Dr. Kornegay presented the draft agenda for the January 13 meeting.

C. Bishop Hall graduation – Dr. Kornegay invited board members to the Bishop Hall graduation on December 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the board of education auditorium.

D. Presentation of 2015-2016 school calendar - Dr. Kornegay presented the school calendar (attachment B) for 2015-2016.

E. Presentation of calendar for FY2016 budget development - Dr. Kornegay presented the budget development calendar (attachment C) for FY2016.

F. Presentation of draft board meeting schedule for 2015 to be approved in January – Dr. Kornegay presented a draft of the meeting schedule for 2015 and asked board members to contact him with any issues or concerns they have about the dates.

G. Title III Monitoring Report – Dr. Kornegay explained that the Title III program which serves migrant students with limited English speaking abilities had been monitored by the federal government and there were no findings. He said the report noted two areas for improvement: make more efforts to consistently send home materials in students' native languages and have a translator at school assemblies for parents who are not fluent in English. Dr. Kornegay said it was a very good report and the system will focus on the two areas for improvement.

H. SPLOST advertisement for newspaper – Dr. Kornegay explained that SPLOST expenditures have to be published in the newspaper each December showing how funds are expended for the previous fiscal year. Mr. Holland added that SPLOST II and SPLOST III (attachment D) expenditures have to be advertised this year.

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

Mr. Morgan arrived at the meeting at this time.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of bus bids – Mr. NeSmith moved, with a second by Mr. Evans, to approve bus bids (attachment F). The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.


B. Approval of telephone system bid for BOE/Bishop Hall – Ms. Hiers moved to approve the telephone system bid (attachment G) for the board of education and Bishop Hall. Mr. NeSmith seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by the board.

C. Approval of personnel report - Mr. Morgan moved, with a second by Mr. NeSmith, to approve the personnel report (attachment H). The following members voted to approve the motion: Mr. Dawson, Mr. Evans, Ms. Hiers, Mr. Morgan, and Mr. NeSmith. Mr. Hickey voted to oppose.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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


Secretary


Chairman