

# Thomas County Board of Education Minutes

August 9, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

## Attendees:

### Voting Members

Mr. Ken Harper, Board Member  
Mr. Chris Hayes, Board Member  
Ms. Nancy Hiers, Board Member  
Mr. Mark NeSmith, Chair  
Mrs. Leah Smith, Vice Chair  
Mr. Dan Stewart, Board Member  
Mrs. Kay Streets, Board Member

### Non-Voting Members

Mrs. Robin Cartright, Curriculum Director  
Dr. Bob Dechman, Assistant Superintendent for Federal Programs and Accountability  
Mr. Joey Holland, Deputy Superintendent for Finance  
Mrs. Jennifer Mitchell, Administrative Assistant  
Dr. Lisa Williams, Superintendent

## I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair NeSmith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Nancy Hiers arrived at 7:05 p.m. as Dr. Williams was presenting the Back-to-School updates.

## II. DEVOTIONAL – MR. MICHAEL RIGDON, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AT CROSS CREEK ELEMENTARY

## III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Agenda
- B. Minutes: July 19 and July 27
- C. Bishop Hall board minutes: June 16
- D. Upcoming meeting: September 13 regular meeting
- E. Warehouse Janitorial Supplies Bid
- F. Fundraising requests
- G. House Bill 91 student
- H. Out-of-district students

Motion made by: Mrs. Kay Streets

Motion seconded by: Mr. Ken Harper

Voting: Mr. Ken Harper – Yes  
Mr. Chris Hayes – Yes  
Ms. Nancy Hiers – Not Present  
Mr. Mark NeSmith – Yes  
Mrs. Leah Smith – Yes  
Mr. Dan Stewart – Yes  
Mrs. Kay Streets – Yes

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Back-to-School Updates
- B. Georgia Milestones Spring 2022 Review – Dr. Bob Dechman & Robin Cartright
- C. Financial Report – Joey Holland

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. No individual provided the 24 hour notice required as a condition of addressing the Board

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Final Adoption of 2022 millage rate

The 2022 millage rate was rolled back to 12.533 mills, a decrease of 1.271 mills from the 2021 tax millage rate of 13.804 mills.

Motion made by: Mr. Chris Hayes

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Leah Hayes

Voting: Unanimously Approved

- B. Bid Recommendation for School Bus Purchases

A motion was made to purchase six new school buses for the 2022-2023 school year using a combination of AFY 22 state budget funds, SPLOST IV funds, and a transportation safety grant from GADOE.

Motion made by: Mr. Dan Stewart

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Kay Streets

Voting: Unanimously Approved

- C. Personnel Report

Motion made by: Mr. Chris Hayes

Motion seconded by: Mr. Ken Harper

Voting: Unanimously Approved

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

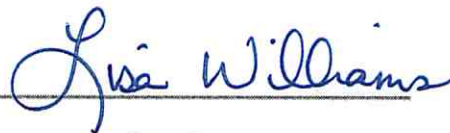
Motion made by: Mr. Ken Harper

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Leah Smith

Voting: Unanimously Approved



Chairperson



Secretary