

# Thomas County Board of Education Minutes

March 14, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

## Attendees:

### Voting Members

Mr. Ken Harper, Board Member  
Mr. Chris Hayes, Board Member  
Mr. Ed Hopper, Board Member  
Mr. Mark NeSmith, Board Member  
Mrs. Leah Smith, Chair  
Mr. Dan Stewart, Vice Chair  
Mrs. Joy West, Board Member

### Non-Voting Members

Mrs. Robin Cartright, Curriculum Director  
Mrs. Melanie Davis, Director of Public Relations and Communications  
Mr. Joey Holland, Deputy Superintendent for Finance  
Mrs. Jennifer Mitchell, Administrative Assistant  
Dr. Lisa Williams, Superintendent

- I. CALL TO ORDER  
Vice Chair Stewart called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with all members present.  
Mrs. Leah Smith was on teleconference.
- II. DEVOTIONAL – JUSTIN QUIGG, DIGITAL LEARNING SPECIALIST AT THOMAS COUNTY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – ZACK CHRISTIE, STUDENT AT THOMAS COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL
- IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA
  - A. Agenda
  - B. Minutes: February 14
  - C. Bishop Hall board minutes: January 19
  - D. Upcoming meeting: April 18 regular meeting
  - E. Warehouse Supplies Bid
  - F. Resolutions for outstanding students
  - G. Fundraising requests
  - H. Out-of-district students  
Motion made by: Mr. Chris Hayes  
Motion seconded by: Mr. Ken Harper  
Voting: Unanimously Approved
- V. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT
  - A. Recognition of outstanding students
  - B. School Board Appreciation Week: March 13-17
  - C. Georgia Accrediting Commission: March 28-30
  - D. 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. Revised policy DJED: Bids and Quotations  
Motion made by: Mr. Mark NeSmith  
Motion seconded by: Mr. Chris Hayes  
Voting: Unanimously Approved
- B. Bid recommendation for new floor covering in Annex 2 at Garrison-Pilcher  
Motion made by: Mr. Ken Harper  
Motion seconded by: Mr. Chris Hayes  
Voting: Unanimously Approved
- C. Bid recommendation to install center pivot irrigation system at TCCHS  
Motion made by: Mr. Mark NeSmith  
Motion seconded by: Mr. Ed Hopper  
Voting: Unanimously Approved
- D. Executive Session for Personnel  
Motion made by: Mr. Chris Hayes  
Motion seconded by: Mr. Ken Harper  
Voting: Unanimously Approved
- E. End Executive Session  
Motion made by: Mr. Mark NeSmith  
Motion seconded by: Mr. Chris Hayes  
Voting: Unanimously Approved
- F. Personnel Report including FY 2024 renewals  
Motion made by: Mr. Ken Harper  
Motion seconded by: Mr. Mark NeSmith  
Voting: Unanimously Approved
1. Approval of renewal rosters as listed for FY 2024 including administrative appointments, all schools, and the Pathways GNETS Program  
Motion made by: Mr. Chris Hayes  
Motion seconded by: Mrs. Leah Smith  
Voting: Unanimously Approved
2. Approval of Allison NeSmith as parent engagement coordinator/athletic liaison at Thomas County Central High School; Mr. NeSmith shall abstain  
Motion made by: Mr. Chris Hayes  
Motion seconded by: Mrs. Joy West  
Voting: Mr. Ken Harper – Yes  
Mr. Chris Hayes – Yes  
Mr. Ed Hopper – Yes  
Mr. Mark NeSmith – Abstain

Mrs. Leah Smith – Yes  
Mr. Dan Stewart – Yes  
Mrs. Joy West – Yes

3. Approval of Lauren Hopper as teacher at Garrison-Pilcher Elementary School;  
Mr. Hopper shall abstain.

Motion made by: Mr. Chris Hayes

Motion seconded by: Mr. Ken Harper

Voting: Mr. Ken Harper – Yes  
Mr. Chris Hayes – Yes  
Mr. Ed Hopper – Abstain  
Mr. Mark NeSmith – Yes  
Mrs. Leah Smith – Yes  
Mr. Dan Stewart – Yes  
Mrs. Joy West – Yes

4. Approval of Hannah Stone as teacher at Cross Creek Elementary School; Mrs.  
West shall abstain.

Motion made by: Mr. Mark NeSmith

Motion seconded by: Mr. Chris Hayes

Voting: Mr. Ken Harper – Yes  
Mr. Chris Hayes – Yes  
Mr. Ed Hopper – Yes  
Mr. Mark NeSmith – Yes  
Mrs. Leah Smith – Yes  
Mr. Dan Stewart – Yes  
Mrs. Joy West – Abstain

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by: Mrs. Leah Smith

Motion seconded by: Mr. Ken Harper

Voting: Unanimously Approved



Chairperson



Secretary