

# Thomas County Board of Education Minutes

July 18, 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  
Mrs. Joy West, Board Member

### Non-Voting Members

Mr. Joey Holland, Deputy Superintendent for Finance  
Dr. Lisa Williams, Superintendent

## I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All members were present with the exception of Mr. Dan Stewart.

## II. DEVOTIONAL – LOGAN POTTER, TEACHER AT THOMAS COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL

## III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Agenda
- B. Minutes: June 13
- C. Upcoming meeting: August 8 regular meeting
- D. School Nutrition Commodity Bid
- E. Fundraising requests
- F. Out-of-district students

Motion made by: Mr. Chris Hayes

Motion seconded by: Mr. Ken Harper

Voting: Mr. Ken Harper – Yes  
Mr. Chris Hayes – Yes  
Mr. Ed Hopper – Yes  
Mr. Mark NeSmith – Yes  
Mrs. Leah Smith – Yes  
Mr. Dan Stewart – Not Present  
Mrs. Joy West – Yes

## V. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- A. Award of Distinction for Excellent Financial Reporting
- B. FY23 Perfect Attendance Report

- C. GSBA Policy Review Process
- D. Pre-Planning Dates: July 24 – August 4
- E. Back-to-School Faculty Meeting – July 24 at 8:30 A.M. in the auditorium
- F. Schedule of Open Houses
- G. First Day of School for Students: August 7
- H. ESPLOST Reports and 2023 Tentative Millage Rate – 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. Tentative Approval of 2023 Millage Rate

Motion made by: Mr. Ken Harper

Motion seconded by: Mr. Mark NeSmith

Voting: Mr. Ken Harper – Yes  
Mr. Chris Hayes – Yes  
Mr. Ed Hopper – Yes  
Mr. Mark NeSmith – Yes  
Mrs. Leah Smith – Yes  
Mr. Dan Stewart – Not Present  
Mrs. Joy West – Yes

- B. Recommendations for School Bus Purchases

Motion made by: Mr. Mark NeSmith

Motion seconded by: Mr. Ed Hopper

Voting: Mr. Ken Harper – Yes  
Mr. Chris Hayes – Yes  
Mr. Ed Hopper – Yes  
Mr. Mark NeSmith – Yes  
Mrs. Leah Smith – Yes  
Mr. Dan Stewart – Not Present  
Mrs. Joy West – Yes

- C. Revised policy JGCD: Medication

Motion made by: Mr. Ed Hopper

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 – Not Present  
Mrs. Joy West – Yes

- D. FY 24 Board Training Plan

Motion made by: Mr. Chris Hayes

Motion seconded by: Mr. Ken Harper

Voting: Mr. Ken Harper – Yes  
Mr. Chris Hayes – Yes  
Mr. Ed Hopper – Yes  
Mr. Mark NeSmith – Yes  
Mrs. Leah Smith – Yes  
Mr. Dan Stewart – Not Present  
Mrs. Joy West – Yes

E. Textbook recommendations for TCCHS and BH

Motion made by: Mr. Ken Harper

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Joy West

Voting: Mr. Ken Harper – Yes  
Mr. Chris Hayes – Yes  
Mr. Ed Hopper – Yes  
Mr. Mark NeSmith – Yes  
Mrs. Leah Smith – Yes  
Mr. Dan Stewart – Not Present  
Mrs. Joy West – Yes

F. Executive Session for School Safety Plan and Personnel

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 – Not Present  
Mrs. Joy West – Yes

G. End Executive Session

Motion made by: Mr. Chris Hayes

Motion seconded by: Mr. Ken Harper

Voting: Mr. Ken Harper – Yes  
Mr. Chris Hayes – Yes  
Mr. Ed Hopper – Yes  
Mr. Mark NeSmith – Yes  
Mrs. Leah Smith – Yes  
Mr. Dan Stewart – Not Present  
Mrs. Joy West – Yes

H. Superintendent's Contract

Motion made by: Mr. Ken Harper

Motion seconded by: Mr. Ed Hopper

Voting: Mr. Ken Harper – Yes  
Mr. Chris Hayes – Yes  
Mr. Ed Hopper – Yes  
Mr. Mark NeSmith – Yes

Mrs. Leah Smith – Yes  
Mr. Dan Stewart – Not Present  
Mrs. Joy West – Yes

I. Personnel Report

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 – Yes  
Mrs. Leah Smith – Yes  
Mr. Dan Stewart – Not Present  
Mrs. Joy West – Yes

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

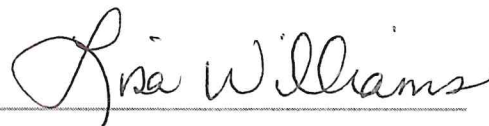
Motion made by: Mr. Ken Harper

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 – Not Present  
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Chairperson



Secretary