

# Thomas County Board of Education Minutes

January 16, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

## Attendees:

### Voting Members

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

### Non-Voting Members

Mrs. Melanie Davis, Director of Public Relations and Communications  
Mr. Joey Holland, Deputy Superintendent for Finance  
Mrs. Jennifer Mitchell, Administrative Assistant  
Dr. Scott Sweeting, Director of Project Lead the Way, Science, and New Teacher Induction  
Dr. Lisa Williams, Superintendent

- I. CALL TO ORDER  
Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with all members present.
- II. DEVOTIONAL – MS. JENNIFER BRASWELL, DIGITAL LEARNING SPECIALIST AT CROSS CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – SAVANA MANNING, STUDENT AT THOMAS COUNTY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
- IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS  
A motion was made to nominate Mr. Dan Stewart as Chair and Mr. Ed Hopper as Vice Chair. After the motion was made, Chair Smith called for discussion and further nominations and there were none.  
Motion made by: Mr. Mark NeSmith  
Motion seconded by: Mr. Chris Hayes  
Voting: Unanimously Approved
- V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA
  - A. Agenda
  - B. Minutes: December 18
  - C. Upcoming meeting: February 13 regular meeting
  - D. Resolutions for outstanding students
  - E. Fundraising requests
  - F. Out-of-district students

Motion made by: Mr. Chris Hayes

Motion seconded by: Mr. Ken Harper

Voting: Unanimously Approved

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Recognition of outstanding students
- B. Recess to allow guests who would like to leave to be excused; board meeting continued in board room following a brief break
- C. FY 2025 Budget Calendar
- D. Financial Report – Joey Holland

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2024 board meeting schedule  
Motion made by: Mrs. Leah Smith  
Motion seconded by: Mr. Chris Hayes  
Voting: Unanimously Approved
- B. Resolution to Ratify the Retention Supplement for School System Employees  
Motion made by: Mr. Chris Hayes  
Motion seconded by: Mrs. Joy West  
Voting: Unanimously Approved
- C. Ratify bid recommendation for truck purchase  
Motion made by: Mrs. Leah Smith  
Motion seconded by: Mr. Ken Harper  
Voting: Unanimously Approved
- D. Ratify bid recommendation for new band uniforms  
Motion made by: Mrs. Joy West  
Motion seconded by: Mr. Mark NeSmith  
Voting: Unanimously Approved
- E. Bid recommendation for wireless access points to replace Wi-Fi units system-wide under the E-rate program  
Motion made by: Mr. Ed Hopper  
Motion seconded by: Mr. Chris Hayes  
Voting: Unanimously Approved
- F. Personnel Report  
Motion made by: Mr. Chris Hayes  
Motion seconded by: Mr. Ken Harper  
Voting: Unanimously Approved

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by: Mr. Ken Harper

Motion seconded by: Mr. Chris Hayes

Voting: Unanimously Approved

Dan Cecil Stewart

Chairperson

Lisa Williams

Secretary