

Thomas County Board of Education
Minutes
June 28, 2016, 7:00 PM

Attendees - voting members

Mr. Mark NeSmith	Chair
Ms. Nancy Hiers	Vice Chair
Mr. David Dawson	Board Member
Mr. Charles Evans	Board Member
Mr. Derwood Hickey	Board Member
Mr. Scott Morgan	Board Member
Mrs. Kay P. Streets	Board Member

Attendees - other

Dr. George H. Kornegay	Superintendent
Mrs. Melanie Chavaux	Associate Superintendent
Mrs. Carol Gerald	Administrative Assistant
Mr. Joey Holland	Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations
Mrs. Lisa Williams	Assistant Superintendent for Planning, Policy, & Student Services

I. Call to Order

Chairman Nesmith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by: Mr. Scott Morgan

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Kay P. Streets

Voting: Unanimously Approved

III. Executive Session to Meet with Attorney Regarding Litigation

Motion made by: Mr. Charles Evans

Motion seconded by: Mr. Scott Morgan

Voting: Unanimously Approved

A. End executive session

Motion made by: Mr. Derwood Hickey

Motion seconded by: Mr. Charles Evans

Voting: Unanimously Approved

IV. Work Session Items

A. Project Lead the Way

Mrs. Melanie Chavaux and Ms. Robin Cartright did a presentation about Project Lead the Way which is a non-profit organization that provides pathways for students in grades K-12 in computer science, biomedical and engineering. Students learn problem solving, creativity, critically thinking, working collaboratively and communicating.

B. Innovation Computer Science/Coding Grant

Mrs. Chavaux and Ms. Cartright explained the Innovation Computer Science/Coding grant.

C. Application for blended learning scaling grant for TCCHS

Ms. Chavaux informed the board of the application for the blended learning scaling grant for Thomas County Central High School. Dr. Kornegay said if the grant is awarded, it would be used in the math department.

- D. Revisions to teacher and leader evaluation instruments
Mrs. Chavaux explained the changes to teacher (TKES) and leader (LKES) evaluation instruments.
- E. Report on CCRPI scores and GKIDS
Dr. Kornegay explained the CCRPI scores and mentioned that the scores are over a year old. He said there are no CCRPI scores for Hand-In-Hand and Garrison-Pilcher Schools. He said the district average for the other schools for the CCRPI were 75.5, which was also the state average. He said Hand-In-Hand's GKIDS scores increased in every area and were above the state averages.
- F. JCDA Student Tobacco Use Policy - First read
Dr. Kornegay said the tobacco policy is being revised to include E-Cigarettes in an effort to persuade students not to use them because they are very dangerous.
- G. First Baptist Church rental agreement
Dr. Kornegay informed the board that First Baptist Church doesn't want to renew the lease for using the auditorium. He said they will remove the video system they installed in the auditorium or sell it to the school system for \$60,000. He said the church paid \$88,000 for the installed system and a new uninstalled system like that one would cost \$66,000. Dr. Kornegay said that he had made a counter offer for the church's system and was waiting to hear if they would accept it.
- H. Report on employer contribution rates to TRS for FY2018
Mr. Joey Holland stated that Teacher Retirement System (TRS) would be increasing the employer rates from 14.7% to 18% for FY2018.

V. New Business

- A. Textbook purchase recommendation
Motion made by: Mr. Charles Evans
Motion seconded by: Mr. Scott Morgan
Voting: Unanimously Approved
- B. Technology purchase recommendations
Motion made by: Mr. Scott Morgan
Motion seconded by: Mrs. Kay P. Streets
Voting: Unanimously Approved
- C. Vehicle purchase recommendation
Motion made by: Mr. Scott Morgan
Motion seconded by: Mrs. Kay P. Streets
Voting: Unanimously Approved
- D. Personnel report
Motion made by: Mrs. Kay P. Streets
Motion seconded by: Mr. Charles Evans
Voting: Unanimously Approved

VI. Adjournment

- Motion made by: Mr. Charles Evans
Motion seconded by: Mr. Scott Morgan
Voting: Unanimously Approved

Chairperson

Secretary

