

Thomas County Board of Education
Minutes
October 11, 2016, 7:00 PM
Boardroom

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. Devotional - Jenna Coffee, teacher at Thomas County Middle School

III. Approval of Consent Agenda

- A. Agenda
 - B. Minutes: September 13
 - C. Bishop Hall board minutes: August 18
 - D. Upcoming meetings: October 25 called meeting cancelled and November 8 regular meeting
 - E. Fundraising requests
 - F. HB 91 graduates
 - G. Out-of-district students
- Motion made by: Mr. Scott Morgan
Motion seconded by: Ms. Nancy Hiers
Voting: Unanimously Approved

IV. Superintendent's Report

- A. Report from Athletic Boosters - Kyle Shaver
Mr. Kyle Shaver, president of the Thomas County Central Athletic Boosters Club, provided information about the Booster Club. He explained what the Booster Club does for athletes and how funds are raised for the club.
Mr. Donnie Powell, secretary/treasurer of the club, gave a financial report.
Mr. Randy Young explained problems with the scoreboard at the stadium and presented options for a new scoreboard.
- B. System receives technology grant of \$699,312 for TCCHS
Dr. Kornegay said he received notification from the governor's office that the school system has been awarded a technology grant in the amount of \$699,312 for Thomas County Central High School. He said the grant would enable every student at the high school to have a device.
- C. Update on eBOARD/Simbli - Lisa Williams
Mrs. Lisa Williams, assistant superintendent, stated that eBOARD Solutions had

changed to Simbli. She informed the board of changes to the Georgia School Boards Association software for school systems.

- D. Revision of Board Code of Ethics policy (BH) - first reading
Mrs. Williams said that House Bill 275 had prompted the revision of the Board Code of Ethics policy. She said prior to House Bill 275, some board members believed they could not publicly share their opinions or talk to the media. The revision clarifies that local boards should not adopt or follow any code of ethics which prevents board members from discussing freely the policies and actions outside a board meeting and to abide by all decisions of the board.
- E. Revision of Student Records policy (JR) - first reading
Mrs. Williams explained the revision of policy JR calls for an annual notification of information to parents and eligible students of their right under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and the Student Data Privacy Accessibility and Transparency Act (SDPATA) either through a student handbook or other means. It also details what the school system deems as directory information and informs parents or eligible students the steps to take if they do not want their student information disclosed.
- F. Student Data Privacy Complaints policy (JRA) - first reading
According to Mrs. Williams, policy JRA calls for student data to be secure and confidential. It also provides the complaint procedures for parents and eligible students who believe that his or her rights have been violated under FERPA and SDPATA.
- G. Draft of November 8 agenda
- H. Financial report - Joey Holland

V. New Business

- A. Pre-Kindergarten Programs Policy (IDDK)
Motion made by: Mrs. Kay P. Streets
Motion seconded by: Mr. Derwood Hickey
Voting: Unanimously Approved
- B. Resolution to participate in Second Harvest Kids' Cafe' Program
Motion made by: Mr. Derwood Hickey
Motion seconded by: Mr. Scott Morgan
Voting: Unanimously Approved
- C. Technology purchase recommendations
Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Hiers
Motion seconded by: Mr. David Dawson
Voting: Unanimously Approved
- D. Joint student services contract with Grady County Schools
Motion made by: Mr. Derwood Hickey
Motion seconded by: Mr. Scott Morgan
Voting: Unanimously Approved
- E. Personnel report
Motion made by: Mr. Charles Evans
Motion seconded by: Mr. Derwood Hickey
Voting: Unanimously Approved

VI. Adjournment

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

Chairperson

Secretary

