

**Thomas County Board of Education**  
**Minutes**  
**January 9, 2018, 7:00 p.m.**

**Attendees:**

**Voting Members**

Mr. Derwood Hickey, Chair  
Mr. David Dawson, Vice Chair  
Mr. Charles Evans, Board Member  
Ms. Nancy Hiers, Board Member  
Mr. Mark NeSmith, Board Member  
Mr. Dan Stewart, Board Member  
Mrs. Kay Streets, Board Member

**Non-Voting Members**

Mrs. Carol Gerald, Administrative Assistant  
Mr. Joey Holland, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations  
Dr. George Kornegay, Superintendent  
Dr. Lisa Williams, Associate Superintendent

**I. Call to Order**

Chairwoman Hiers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**II. Devotional - Justin Quigg, Teacher at Thomas County Central High School**

**III. Election of Officers**

A motion was made to nominate Derwood Hickey as chairman and David Dawson as vice chairman. Chairwoman Hiers called for other nominations. There were none.

Motion made by: Mr. Charles Evans

Motion seconded by: Mr. Dan Stewart

Voting: Mr. Hickey and Mr. Dawson abstained; all others voted in favor

**IV. Approval of Consent Agenda**

- A. Agenda
- B. Minutes: December 12
- C. Upcoming meetings: January 23 workshop and February 13 regular meeting
- D. Fundraising requests
- E. HB 91 graduates
- F. Out-of-district students

Motion made by: Mr. Mark NeSmith

Motion seconded by: Mr. Dan Stewart

Voting: Unanimously Approved

**V. Superintendent's Report**

- A. Draft of January 23 workshop agenda and February 13 regular meeting agenda
  - B. Cell tower lease extension
- Mr. Holland explained details of the current cell tower lease agreement and the proposed new cell tower lease agreement. He said the current monthly payment is \$596 and the proposed amount is \$1,900 per month, with an automatic rent escalation rate of three percent per year, upon signing a new agreement. Mr.

Holland said the lease rate would be guaranteed for ten years and includes a signing bonus of \$15,000.

C. Financial report - Joey Holland

**VI. New Business**

A. Approval of time, date and place of board meetings for 2018

A motion was made for regular board meetings to be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. with the exceptions of July and October. The July meeting will be on July 17 at 7:00 p.m. because of a conflict with an out-of-town superintendent's meeting and the October meeting will be on the 1st Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. because of a conflict with fall break. Workshop sessions will be scheduled as needed.

Motion made by: Mr. Mark NeSmith

Motion seconded by: Mr. Charles Evans

Voting: Unanimously Approved

B. Board training at GSBA conference in Savannah, June 7-9 with travel on June 6

Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Hiers

Motion seconded by: Ms. Dan Stewart

Voting: Unanimously Approved

C. HVAC for BOE Administration Building

A motion was made to accept the low bid from Air Conditioning Technology & Services, Inc. for HVAC retrofit for \$61,990.00 at the administration building at the board office.

Motion made by: Mr. Charles Evans

Motion seconded by: Mr. Dan Stewart

Voting: Unanimously Approved

D. Begin Executive Session

Motion made by: Mr. Charles Evans

Motion seconded by: Ms. Nancy Hiers

Voting: Unanimously Approved

E. End Executive Session

Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Hiers

Motion seconded by: Mr. Dan Stewart

Voting: Unanimously Approved

F. Personnel Report

Motion made by: Mr. Charles Evans

Motion seconded by: Mr. Mark NeSmith

Voting: Unanimously Approved

**VII. Adjournment**

Motion made by: Mr. Charles Evans

Motion seconded by: Ms. Nancy Hiers

Voting: Unanimously Approved

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Secretary