

**Thomas County Board of Education**  
**Minutes**  
**March 27, 5:30 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. Robin Cartright, Curriculum Director  
Mrs. Carol Gerald, Administrative Assistant  
Mr. John Hebron, Director of Facilities  
Mr. Joey Holland, Deputy Superintendent for Finance  
Dr. Scott James, Assistant Superintendent for Operations  
Dr. George Kornegay, Superintendent  
Mrs. Erin Rehberg, Digital Learning Coordinator  
Mr. Scott Sweeting, System Math and Science Curriculum Coordinator  
Dr. Lisa Williams, Associate Superintendent

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Hickey called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with all members present except Mark NeSmith and he arrived at 7:22 p.m.

**II. Invocation/Blessing - Rev. Dan Stewart**

**III. Approval of Consent Agenda**

A. Agenda  
B. Out-of-district students  
C. Fundraising requests  
Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Hiers  
Motion seconded by: Mr. Dan Stewart  
Voting: Mr. Derwood Hickey - Yes  
Mr. David Dawson - Yes  
Mr. Charles Evans - Yes  
Ms. Nancy Hiers - Yes  
Mr. Mark NeSmith - Not Present  
Mr. Dan Stewart - Yes  
Mrs. Kay Streets - Yes

**IV. New Business**

A. Consideration of Bid on Renovations to Pathways Facility  
Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Hiers

Motion seconded by: Mr. Dan Stewart

Voting: Mr. Derwood Hickey - Yes

Mr. David Dawson - Yes

Mr. Charles Evans - Yes

Ms. Nancy Hiers - Yes

Mr. Mark NeSmith - Not Present

Mr. Dan Stewart - Yes

Mrs. Kay Streets - Yes

B. Updated Bid Recommendation for Connections for Classroom Grant

Motion made by: Mr. Dan Stewart

Motion seconded by: Ms. Nancy Hiers

Voting: Mr. Derwood Hickey - Yes

Mr. David Dawson - Yes

Mr. Charles Evans - Yes

Ms. Nancy Hiers - Yes

Mr. Mark NeSmith - Not Present

Mr. Dan Stewart - Yes

Mrs. Kay Streets - Yes

**V. Board Training**

A. School Security - Sheriff Carlton Powell and Scott James

Sheriff Carlton Powell, Captain Steve Jones, and Captain Chuck McDonald from the Thomas County Sheriff's Department, along with Scott James, presented suggestions for additional security in schools.

B. Facilities - John Hebron

Mr. Hebron reported on facilities projects in the school system.

1. BOE Projects
2. Pathways Project
3. Garrison-Pilcher Projects
4. Electrical Consumption
5. Livestock Facility Planning

C. Finance - Joey Holland

Mr. Holland gave a presentation on school finances.

1. FY2018 Amended Budget
2. TRS Update
3. Proposed TAVT Changes
4. Forrest Land Protection Act Legislative Update

D. Diversity Plan - Lisa Williams

Dr. Williams presented and explained the draft of the Strategic Plan for Diversity and Equity.

Mr. NeSmith arrived at the meeting at this time.

E. Curriculum Updates - Robin Cartright

Mrs. Cartright reported on Professional Learning and textbook adoptions.

1. Summer Professional Learning
2. Textbook adoption (Science and Social Studies at TCMS)

F. Math and Science Updates - Scott Sweeting

Mr. Sweeting gave an update on math and science.

1. Summer STEM Camps (FYSTC and coding/Robotics)
2. Science (Georgia Standards of Excellence, Textbook Adoption, RESA Summer Science Conference)

3. Math (Programs used at each school)
4. PLTW (modules taught/vertical alignment)
- G. Digital Learning - Erin Rehberg  
Mrs. Rehberg reported on Digital Learning.
  1. Review of Goals in Technology Plan
  2. CS4All Initiatives
  3. Techno Expo Report/Digital Learning Professional Development, (past, present, future)
  4. Digital Citizenship Curriculum Updates
  5. Digital Learning "All Star" Teacher Presentations in May
- H. Board Member Ethics Review and Legislative Updates - Bill Sampson  
Mr. Bill Sampson from Georgia School Boards Association conducted Whole Board training which included the following topics: Ethics for Board Members, Legislative Updates and New Superintendent Induction and Operating Protocol.
- I. New Superintendent Induction and Operating Protocol - Bill Sampson

**VI. Adjournment, 9:00 P.M.**

Motion made by: Mr. Charles Evans

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Kay Streets

Voting: Unanimously Approved

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Chairperson

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Secretary