

Thomas County Board of Education
Minutes
March 13, 2017

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

Mr. Wes Davis, Technology Director
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

II. Devotional - Mrs. Kathy Buechner, Teacher at Garrison-Pilcher School

III. Approval of Consent Agenda

- A. Agenda
- B. Minutes: February 13
- C. Bishop Hall minutes: January 18
- D. Upcoming meetings: March 27 Whole Board Training/Workshop and April 10 regular meeting
- E. Resolutions for outstanding students
- F. Warehouse supplies bids
- G. Commodity food processing bid
- H. Fundraising requests
- I. Out-of-district students

Motion made by: Mr. David Dawson

Motion seconded by: Ms. Nancy Hiers

Voting: Unanimously Approved

IV. Superintendent's Report

- A. School Board Appreciation Week: March 12-16
- B. Recognition of outstanding students
- C. Drafts of March 27 Whole Board Training/Workshop and April 10 regular meeting
- D. Pathways update

Dr. Kornegay explained that students from Colquitt County, Decatur County, and Seminole County will not be returning to Pathways next year and because of that and the state funded renovation program, it would be better for Thomas County to remain as the fiscal agent for Pathways for at least an additional year.

E. Revision of Homeless Students policy - JBC(1) - first reading

Dr. Williams said the revision of this policy was suggested by Georgia School Boards Association. The suggestion is for the policy to reference that the superintendent or his designee will be responsible for renewing and revising any necessary regulations or procedures needed for the enrollment of homeless students and any barriers that may exist. The procedures do not necessarily need to be listed in the policy because Thomas County Schools Homeless Student Plan contains all the rules and regulations involved in enrolling homeless students.

F. FTE history and projection for FY2019/QBE revenue update

Mr. Holland explained a chart showing FTE history since FY2002 and said this is the FTE used in calculations for QBE. He also provided the board with very preliminary QBE updates.

G. Financial report - Joey Holland

V. New Business

A. Delegate and alternate for GSBA Delegate Assembly

A motion was made for Mr. Evans to serve as delegate and Chairman Hickey to serve as alternate for the Georgia School Boards Association Delegate Assembly.

Motion made by: Mr. Mark NeSmith

Motion seconded by: Mr. Dan Stewart

Voting: Ms. Nancy Hiers - Yes

Mr. Derwood Hickey - Abstain

Mr. David Dawson - Yes

Mr. Charles Evans - Abstain

Mr. Mark NeSmith - Yes

Mr. Dan Stewart - Yes

Mrs. Kay Streets - Yes

B. Pathways/GNETS Resolution

Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Hiers

Motion seconded by: Mr. Dan Stewart

Voting: Unanimously Approved

C. Technology bids for Connections for Classrooms grant

Motion made by: Mr. Charles Evans

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Kay Streets

Voting: Unanimously Approved

D. Resolution and consent affidavit to extend cell tower lease with American Tower Corporation

Motion made by: Mr. Dan Stewart

Motion seconded by: Mr. Charles Evans

Voting: Unanimously Approved

E. Executive session for personnel

Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Hiers

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Kay Streets

Voting: Unanimously Approved

F. End executive session for personnel

Motion made by: Mr. Mark NeSmith

Motion seconded by: Ms. Nancy Hiers

Voting: Unanimously Approved

G. Personnel report including FY19 renewals

1. Approval of renewal rosters for all schools except Pathways

Motion made by: Mrs. Kay Streets

Motion seconded by: Ms. Nancy Hiers

Voting: Unanimously Approved

2. Renewal of Laurie Dawson as technology specialist for Garrison-Pilcher and Cross Creek; Mr. Dawson shall abstain

Motion made by: Mr. Charles Evans

Motion seconded by: Mr. Dan Stewart

Voting:

Ms. Nancy Hiers - Yes

Mr. Derwood Hickey - Yes

Mr. David Dawson - Abstain

Mr. Charles Evans - Yes

Mr. Mark NeSmith - Yes

Mr. Dan Stewart - Yes

Mrs. Kay Streets - Yes

3. Renewal of Allison NeSmith at Thomas County Central High School; Mr. NeSmith shall abstain

Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Hiers

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Kay Streets

Voting: Ms. Nancy Hiers - Yes

Mr. Derwood Hickey - Yes

Mr. David Dawson - Yes

Mr. Charles Evans - Yes

Mr. Mark NeSmith - Abstain

Mr. Dan Stewart - Yes

Mrs. Kay Streets - Yes

VI. Adjournment

Motion made by: Mr. Charles Evans

Motion seconded by: Mr. David Dawson

Voting: Unanimously Approved

Chairperson

Secretary