

Thomas County Board of Education Minutes
November 12, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

Attendees: Voting Members

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

Non-Voting Members

Mrs. Robin Cartright, Curriculum Director
Mrs. Carol Gerald, Administrative Assistant
Mr. Joey Holland, Deputy Superintendent for Finance
Dr. Scott James, Associate Superintendent
Dr. Lisa Williams, Superintendent

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. DEVOTIONAL

Mr. Ashley Palmer, teacher at Thomas County Middle School, gave the devotional.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Josh Sharpe, student at Thomas County Central High School
Josh Sharpe, student at Thomas County Central High School, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Agenda
- B. Minutes: October 1 and October 21
- C. Bishop Hall board minutes: September 19
- D. Upcoming meeting: December 10 regular meeting
- E. Resolutions for outstanding students
- F. Fundraising requests
- G. House Bill 91 student
- H. Out-of-district students

Motion made by: Mrs. Kay Streets

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Leah Smith

Voting: Unanimously Approved

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Recognition of outstanding students
- B. Draft of the December 10 agenda
- C. Board Christmas dinner, December 10, following board meeting
- D. 2020-2021 school calendar discussion

Dr. Williams said the proposed 2020-2021 calendar is virtually the same as the current year's calendar. The final version of the calendar will be presented to the board at the December meeting.

E. October 2019 FTE report

Dr. Williams presented the FTE report which showed comparisons between FTE for the current year and previous year.

F. CCRPI report - Dr. Scott James

Dr. James reported on the comparison of the school system's CCRPI scores between 2018 and 2019 and how Thomas County compares with surrounding school systems and the state.

G. Rescission of Vending Machines policy (EED)

Dr. Williams said the recommendation from Georgia School Boards Association and the department of education is to follow state guidelines on vending machines so a board policy is not necessary. Approval of the rescission will be requested at the December meeting.

H. Financial report - Joey Holland

Mr. Holland explained the finance report and informed the board of four recent grants the school system had received: \$514, 000 for Bishop Hall and the district to improve curriculum, professional learning, and support the environment. It also includes updated technology and assistance to begin a National Defense Cadet Corps program for Bishop Hall and Thomas County Central; \$20,000 for fine arts equipment for the strings program at the middle and high school; \$35,000 for audio, video, and film program; and \$25,000 computer science grant.

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. Bid for Garrison-Pilcher project

Motion made by: Mr. Charles Evans

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Kay Streets

Voting: Unanimously Approved

b. Personnel report

Motion made by: Mr. Mark NeSmith

Motion seconded by: Ms. Nancy Hiers

Voting: Unanimously Approved

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by: Mr. Charles Evans

Motion seconded by: Ms. Nancy Hiers

Voting: Unanimously Approved

Chairperson

Secretary