

MINUTES OF THE THOMAS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION IN REGULAR SESSION,
TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: David Dawson, Charles Evans, Nancy Hiers, Scott Morgan, Mark NeSmith, and Kay Streets. Derwood Hickey was on conference call.

2. DEVOTIONAL

Ms. Leigh Carroll, teacher at Garrison-Pilcher School, gave the devotional.

3. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. NeSmith made a motion, with a second by Ms. Hiers, to approve the consent agenda (attachment A), which included agenda; minutes of March 12, 2013, March 19, 2013, and March 26, 2013; April workshop; out-of-district students; and fund raising activities. The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

a. Report on recent student accomplishments – Dr. Kornegay reported that Thomas County Central High School's very first Odyssey of the Mind team has won second place in state competition which qualifies them to compete in world competition in Michigan at the end of the May.

b. Facilities update – Mr. John Hebron, facilities director, updated the board on facilities projects.

c. Legislative updates - Dr. Kornegay said the preliminary mid-term allotment sheet for FY13 has been received and he was uncertain about the federal sequester. He was expecting it to result in cuts of \$200,00-\$300,000 for the school system. He also informed the board that the new teacher evaluation bill had passed but the parent trigger bill, school employees to be armed bill, and the bill to opt out of the common core did not pass.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Approval of resolution to accept policy section K-M revisions - Mr. NeSmith moved, with a second by Ms. Streets, to approve the resolution (attachment B) to accept policy section K-M revisions. The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Legislative position statement for GSBA – Chairman Morgan discussed with the board a proposed legislative position (attachment C) that he and Dr. Kornegay had developed to reduce retirement costs for the school system by adjusting the vesting schedule for employees in order to increase teacher salaries. He also said it included an option for the state to freeze the current TRS system and create a 401K program. Mr. NeSmith made a motion, with a second by Mr. Evans, to approve the legislative proposal to submit to Georgia School Boards Association. The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

b. Approval of resolution to renew class size waiver for the 2013-2014 school year – Ms. Hiers moved, with a second by Mr. Evans, to approve the resolution (attachment D) to renew the class size waiver for the 2013-2014 school year. The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

c. Approval of personnel report – Mr. Evans moved, with a second by Mr. Dawson, to approve the personnel report (attachment E). The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

d. Executive session to consult with legal counsel – Ms. Hiers moved, with a second by Ms. Streets, for the board to go into executive session (attachment F) to consult with legal counsel regarding pending litigation. The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

Mr. NeSmith moved to end the executive session. Mr. Evans seconded the motion, with unanimous approval of the motion.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Evans moved, with a second by Ms. Streets, to adjourn. The board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Chairman

Secretary