

Thomas County Board of Education Minutes
November 10, 2015, 7:00PM

Attendees - voting members

Mr. Charles Evans	Chair
Mr. Mark NeSmith	Vice Chair
Mr. David Dawson	Board Member
Mr. Derwood Hickey	Board Member
Ms. Nancy Hiers	Board Member
Mr. Scott Morgan	Board Member
Mrs. Kay P. Streets	Board Member

Attendees - other

Dr. George H. Kornegay	Superintendent
Mrs. Melanie Chavaux	Associate Superintendent
Mr. Wes Davis	Technology Director
Dr. Bob Dechman	Director of Accountability and Federal Programs
Mrs. Carol Gerald	Administrative Assistant
Mr. John Hebron	Facilities Director
Mr. Joey Holland	Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations
Mrs. Lisa Williams	Assistant Superintendent for Planning, Policy, & Student Services

- I. Call to Order
- II. Devotional - Sam Holland, athletic director, Thomas County Central High School
- III. Approval of Consent Agenda

- A. Agenda
- B. Minutes: October 20, 2015
- C. Bishop Hall meeting minutes: September 17, 2015
- D. No board workshop for November; next regular meeting: December 8, 2015
- E. Janitorial supplies bid
- F. Fundraising requests
- G. HB 91 graduates
- H. Out-of-district students

Motion made by: Mr. Scott Morgan

Motion seconded by: Mr. David Dawson

Voting: Unanimously Approved

IV. Superintendent's Report

- A. Veterans Day activities at the schools
Dr. Kornegay informed board members of planned activities at the schools for Veteran's Day.
- B. School board Christmas dinner, December 8, 2015, PLC
- C. Draft of December 8 agenda
- D. FTE/enrollment update - Lisa Williams
Mrs. Williams gave the board an update on FTE and enrollment. She said the system had gained 133 students over the same time period in 2015.
- E. Federal guidance on testing - Bob Dechman
Dr. Dechman explained the results of the Milestones tests for Thomas County and showed how Thomas County's scores compared with the state and other RESA districts.
He also explained ways that the federal government is trying to reduce the amount of testing in the schools.

- F. Striving Readers Grant update - Melanie Chavaux, Bob Dechman, and Joey Holland - Dr. Dechman informed the board of current and future purchases for technology. Ms. Chavaux shared information about where technology devices would be used in instructional programs.
 - G. Custodial services report - John Hebron
Mr. Hebron explained difficulties the school system has had since 2006 in securing a custodial company that was not too costly and did quality cleaning. He said some options are to start having in-house custodial services or rebid the contract.
 - H. Proposed funding formula - Joey Holland
Mr. Holland explained that the governor's Education Reform Commission has been studying the funding for education and is looking at a funding formula that is based on the characteristic of the student and not on segments during the day. He explained some of the funding categories.
 - I. Financial Report - Joey Holland
- V. New Business
- A. Approval of TAVT resolution
Motion made by: Mr. Scott Morgan
Motion seconded by: Ms. Nancy Hiers
Voting: Unanimously Approved
 - B. Approval of E-SPLOST resolution
Motion made by: Mr. Scott Morgan
Motion seconded by: Mrs. Kay P. Streets
Voting: Unanimously Approved
 - C. Approval of bids for Striving Readers grant
Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Hiers
Motion seconded by: Mr. David Dawson
Voting: Unanimously Approved
 - D. Approval of personnel report
Motion made by: Mr. Scott Morgan
Motion seconded by: Mr. Mark NeSmith
Voting: Unanimously Approved
- VI. Adjournment
- Motion made by: Mr. Scott Morgan
Motion seconded by: Mr. Mark NeSmith
Voting: Unanimously Approved

Chairperson

Secretary