

MINUTES OF THE THOMAS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION IN REGULAR SESSION,
TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Streets called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: David Dawson, Charles Evans, Derwood Hickey, Mark NeSmith, Scott Morgan, and Kay Streets. Nancy Hiers arrived at the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. NeSmith moved, with a second by Mr. Morgan, to approve the agenda (attachment A). The following members voted for approval: Mr. Dawson, Mr. Evans, Mr. Hickey, Mr. Morgan and Mr. NeSmith.

3. REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Discuss/update budget priorities

1. Discuss input from faculty on budget priorities (faculty surveys) – Dr. Kornegay explained the input from faculty on the recent surveys and stated that reducing class size was the priority among employees participating in the survey.

2. Review and discuss class-size reduction analysis - Dr. Kornegay reviewed the class-size reduction analysis (attachment B) with the board.

3. Discuss board goals for class-size reduction – Dr. Kornegay explained goals (attachment C) for reducing class sizes and costs associated with hiring additional teachers.

B. Budget updates

1. Amended FY2014 budget to be approved in April – Mr. Joey Holland, assistant superintendent for finance and operations, explained the amended FY2014 budget.

2. Current draft of FY2015 budget to include additional personnel to reduce class sizes and other changes previously discussed – Mr. Holland explained the draft of the FY2015 budget (attachment D).

C. Discussion of restored furlough days as related to the school system calendar – Dr. Kornegay explained that he would like to restore two student days so students would attend school for 180 days and employees would only have three furlough days. He said he would like for Veteran's Day and the holiday in March to become school days so employees and students would have the whole week of Thanksgiving off.

D. Review first draft of athletic department's "Five Year Improvement Plan" – Dr. Kornegay explained the draft of the Five Year Improvement Plan (attachment E) for the athletic department and added additional suggestions from board members.

E. Draft of April 15, 2014, board meeting agenda – Dr. Kornegay presented a draft of the agenda for the next meeting.

F. Open house for Career-Science Wing at Thomas County Middle School, Sunday, March 30, 2:30-4:30 – Dr. Kornegay invited board members to the Open House for the Career-Science Wing at Thomas County Middle School on March 30, 2:30-4:30.

4. ACTION ITEMS

A. Ratification of Bishop Hall Charter School Board's personnel actions – Mr. Morgan moved, with a second by Mr. Hickey, to ratify personnel actions (attachment E) by Bishop Hall Charter School. The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

B. Fundraising requests – Mr. Morgan made a motion to approve fundraising requests (attachment F). Ms. Hiers seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by the board.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Evans moved, with a second by Ms. Hiers, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.


Secretary


Chairman