

MINUTES OF THE THOMAS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION IN REGULAR SESSION,
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Streets called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with the following members present: David Dawson, Charles Evans, Derwood Hickey, Nancy Hiers, Mark NeSmith, Scott Morgan, and Kay Streets.

II. DEVOTIONAL

Ms. Jamie Butler, teacher at Hand-In-Hand School, gave the devotional.

III. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Evans moved, with a second by Ms. Hiers, to approve the consent agenda (attachment A) which included the agenda; October 21, 2014, minutes; Bishop Hall board minutes of September 18, 2014, 2014; meeting schedule; fundraising requests and out-of-district students. The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Recognition of outstanding students – Ms. Kay Streets and Ms. Melanie Chavaux presented resolutions to outstanding students. Mr. Morgan moved, with a second by Mr. Hickey, to approve resolutions (attachment B) for outstanding students. The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

B. Draft of December 9 meeting agenda – Dr. Kornegay presented the draft agenda for the December meeting.

C. Reminder: GSBA/GSSA Board Training & Annual Conference, December 4-6

D. School board Christmas dinner - Dr. Kornegay invited board members and their guests to a Christmas dinner on December 9 after the board meeting in the Professional Learning Center.

E. Report on Veterans Day activities - Dr. Kornegay informed board members of the various activities that took place at the schools during the day in honor of Veterans Day.

F. Final October FTE report - Dr. Kornegay called the board's attention to the FTE report (attachment C) and explained that the system had an increase of 82 students since the FTE count in October 2013.

G. Request for input on 2015-2016 calendar – Dr. Kornegay presented the draft of the 2015-2016 calendar and asked board members to let him know if they have any comments or concerns.

H. Report on Striving Readers Grant application – Ms. Melanie Chavaux, associate superintendent, reported that the system is applying for a Striving Readers Grant. She stated that the purpose of the Striving Readers Grant is to expand opportunities for students to develop advanced literacy skills from birth to grade 12. She explained the way in which the grant funds could be used.

I. Facilities update – Mr. John Hebron, director of facilities, gave an update on the construction of the new Bishop Hall Building, Thomas County Central future repair plans, and the electrical upgrades to be done at the board office.

J. Report on Technology Grant Award and application for grant for technology for Bishop Hall – Mr. Holland, assistant superintendent for finance and operations, reported on a technology grant that the school system has been awarded and on an application for a grant for technology for Bishop Hall.

K. Financial report - Mr. Joey Holland, assistant superintendent for finance and operations, explained the financial report (attachment D) for September.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of board policy revision: IHE Promotion and Retention - Mr. NeSmith moved, with a second by Mr. Hickey, to approve the revision of the promotion and retention policy (attachment E). The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

B. Approval of paper bid - Ms. Hiers made a motion to approve the paper bid (attachment F). Mr. Morgan seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by the board.

C. Approval of bid for furniture for new Bishop Hall Charter School - Mr. Morgan moved, with a second by Ms. Hiers, to approve the bid (attachment G) for furniture for the new Bishop Hall Charter School from Innovative Furniture Solutions. The board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Approval of bid for irrigation and landscaping for new Bishop Hall Charter School - Ms. Hiers moved to approve the low bid (attachment H) from Whiddon Landscaping, LLC for landscaping and irrigation at the new Bishop Hall School. Mr. Hickey seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by the board.

E. Approval of TAVT resolution - Mr. Morgan moved to approve the TAVT resolution (attachment I) which distributes the title ad valorem tax between the city and county school systems. Mr. NeSmith seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by the board.

F. Approval of personnel report - Mr. Hickey moved, with a second by Mr. Evans, to approve the personnel report (attachment J). The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

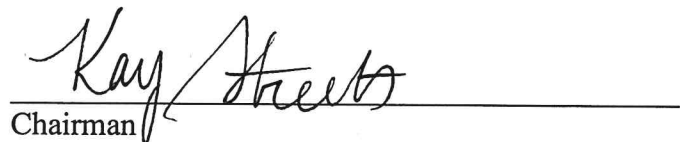
G. Executive session to meet with legal counsel - Ms. Hiers moved, with a second by Mr. Evans, for the board to go into executive session (attachment K) to meet with legal counsel for pending litigation. The board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Mr. Evans moved, with a second by Ms. Hiers, to end the executive session. The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Evans moved, with a second by Mr. NeSmith, to adjourn. The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.


Secretary


Chairman