

**Thomas County Board of Education  
Minutes  
January 10, 2017, 7:00 PM**

**Attendees - voting members**

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

**Attendees - other**

Dr. George H. Kornegay	Superintendent
Mrs. Carol Gerald	Administrative Assistant
Mr. Joey Holland	Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations
Mrs. Lisa Williams	Assistant Superintendent for Planning, Policy, & Student Services

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Devotional - Whitney Robertson, counselor at Hand-In-Hand**

**III. Recognize and welcome new board member: Dan Stewart**

Chairman NeSmith recognized Mr. Dan Stewart and welcomed him to the board.

**IV. Election of officers**

A motion was made to nominate Nancy Hiers as chair and Derwood Hickey as vice chair. Chairman NeSmith called for other nominations. There were none so he called for a vote on the motion for the election of officers.

Motion made by: Mr. Charles Evans

Motion seconded by: Mr. Dan Stewart

Voting: Ms. Nancy Hiers - Abstain

Mr. Derwood Hickey - Abstain

Mr. Charles Evans - Yes

Mr. Mark NeSmith - Yes

Mr. Dan Stewart - Yes

Mrs. Kay P. Streets - Yes

**V. Approval of Consent Agenda**

A. Agenda

B. Minutes: December 13, 2016

C. Bishop Hall board minutes: November 17

D. Upcoming meetings: January 24 called meeting/workshop and February 14 regular meeting

E. Fundraising requests

F. Out-of-district students

Motion made by: Mr. Charles Evans

Motion seconded by: Mr. Derwood Hickey

Voting: Unanimously Approved

**VI. Superintendent's Report**

A. Presentation by Kelly Arno for International Travel Program

Kelly Arno, foreign language teacher at Thomas County Central High School, informed the board of the International Skills Diplomacy Program and explained that students in

the program go above and beyond what the state says they should take. They can earn high school and college credits and possibly receive scholarships through the program. Ms. Arno asked the board to consider helping with travel costs for the program. Dr. Kornegay told her the board would discuss her request at an upcoming board workshop.

- B. Cross Creek receives "Gold" award from GOSA  
Dr. Kornegay said he had received good news from the Governor's Office of Student Achievement that Cross Creek had been named a Gold Award winner for the 2015-2016 school year. He said the award is based on student achievement and he reminded the board that Cross Creek had been named a Silver Award winner last year.
- C. Drafts of January 24 and February 14 agendas
- D. Board training: RESA, February 13, 2017, or GSBA conference in Savannah, June 8, 2017
- E. Report on REACH Georgia  
Dr. Kornegay stated that he was approached by Brad Bryant, with the REACH Georgia program, about the school system joining REACH Georgia. He said that it is a scholarship program that attempts to reach students that have academic potential to go to college but may not be performing at that level. He said the program provides academic, social and financial support for those students.
- F. Financial report - Joey Holland

#### **VII. New Business**

- A. Approval of time, date and place of board meetings for 2017  
Motion made by: Mr. Derwood Hickey  
Motion seconded by: Mr. Charles Evans  
Voting  
Unanimously Approved
- B. Approval of board members to attend either the RESA training on February 13 or the GSBA training and conference June 7-10, with travel on June 6  
Motion made by: Mrs. Kay P. Streets  
Motion seconded by: Mr. Derwood Hickey  
Voting: Unanimously Approved
- C. Declare buses surplus  
Motion made by: Mr. Charles Evans  
Motion seconded by: Mr. Derwood Hickey  
Voting  
Unanimously Approved
- D. Personnel report  
Motion made by: Mr. Mark NeSmith  
Motion seconded by: Mr. Charles Evans  
Voting  
Unanimously Approved

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

- Motion made by: Mr. Charles Evans  
Motion seconded by: Mrs. Kay P. Streets  
Voting: Unanimously Approved

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Chairperson

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Secretary