

**Thomas County Board of Education
Minutes
August 25, 2015, 7:00 PM**

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
Mrs. Carol Gerald	Administrative Assistant
Mr. John Hebron	Facilities Director
Mr. Joey Holland	Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations

- I. Call to order
Chairman Evans called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

- II. Approval of consent agenda
A. Agenda
B. Fundraising requests

Motion made by: Mr. Mark NeSmith

Motion seconded by: Mr. Scott Morgan

Voting: Unanimously Approved

- III. Discussion of Board training plans

- IV. E-SPLOST discussion

- A. Financial overview & timeline - Joey Holland

Mr. Holland stated the projection for SPLOST IV is \$22.5 million which is the same as SPLOST III. Mr. Holland gave the following timeline: 1) finalize SPLOST IV projects by October board meeting; 2) determine whether or not to sell bonds and if so how much by October board meeting; 3) adopt referendum to call for vote at November board meeting and approve other documents; 4) publish official call date in paper at end of November which would be March 1, if that's the presidential primary; and 5) confirm and approve the official election results at the March board meeting.

B. Technology status and future needs - Wes Davis

Mr. Davis informed the board of devices that had been purchased recently and explained infrastructure upgrades. He also said that there would be a district committee with two people from each school to work with board office staff to work on the five year technology plan to determine future needs of the system.

C. Transportation status and future needs - John Hebron

Mr. Hebron said that there are 66 bus routes and 37 of those 66 buses have air conditioning. He explained the continuing need to purchase new buses because of normal wear and tear on the buses and enrollment growth.

D. Facilities status and future needs - John Hebron

Mr. Hebron gave an overview of facility needs in the school system and stated that Garrison-Pilcher would be the "centerpiece" of SPLOST IV for facilities since it was built in 1968 and is in need of the most renovations.

V. Adjournment

Motion made by: Mr. Scott Morgan

Motion seconded by: Mr. Mark NeSmith

Voting: Unanimously Approved

Chairperson

Secretary