

MINUTES OF THE THOMAS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION IN REGULAR SESSION,
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman NeSmith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: David Dawson, Charles Evans, Derwood Hickey, Nancy Hiers, Mark NeSmith, and Kay Streets.

2. DEVOTIONAL

Mr. Richard Potter, assistant principal at Garrison-Pilcher School, gave the devotional.

3. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Streets moved to approve the consent agenda (attachment A) which included the agenda, October 15 minutes, September 19 and October 3 Bishop Hall Board minutes, meeting schedule, out-of-district students and fundraising activities. Mr. Dawson seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by the board.

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

a. Recognition of outstanding students – Ms. Melanie Chavaux, assistant superintendent for curriculum, and Vice-Chairman NeSmith recognized the following Thomas County Central High School students for outstanding accomplishments: Erica Harvey, All American Cheerleader, and Bobbi Owens, Top 40 in the State of Georgia for Cheerleader of the Year. Angel Michaels was not present at the meeting but Ms. Chavaux announced that she also had an outstanding accomplishment of All American Cheerleader. Kasey Melton, Thomas County Middle School student, was also recognized for All American Cheerleader.

b. GAC Accreditation report - Dr. Kornegay reported on the visit by the Georgia Accrediting Commission visit and said all standards were met. The commission commended the school system for facilities, teachers, administrators and the academic program.

c. CTAE Compliance Review Team report - Dr. Kornegay said there were a number of commendations from the CTAE Compliance Review team and he explained a few recommendations that were made for the high school and middle school programs.

d. Reminder: GSBA/GSSA Annual Conference, December 5-7 – Dr. Kornegay reminded board members of the upcoming school board conference in Atlanta.

e. Bishop Hall Charter School charter renewal interview by State DOE – Dr. Kornegay informed the board of an interview at the Georgia Department of Education for Bishop Hall charter renewal.

f. School board Christmas dinner – Dr. Kornegay announced that the Christmas dinner for the board would be on December 17 at Thomas County Middle School at 6:30 p.m.

g. Final October FTE report – Dr. Kornegay called the board's attention to the FTE summary (attachment B) and said there was an increase of 169 students in grades K-12 over last year. He said that would generate about \$750,000 for the second half of the year.

h. Request for input on 2014-2015 calendar – Dr. Kornegay presented a draft calendar to the board and asked that board members contact him with any thoughts or suggestions.

i. Facilities update – Mr. John Hebron, facilities director, gave an update on facility projects in the school system.

j. Financial reports – Mr. Joey Holland, assistant superintendent for finance and operations, explained the financial report (attachment C) for September.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Approval of bid for janitorial services – Ms. Hiers moved, with a second by Mr. Hickey, to approve the bids (attachment D) from Clean Star Janitorial & Supply and Unisource for janitorial supplies. The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

b. Approval of TAVT resolution – Mr. Hickey moved, with a second by Ms. Streets, to approve the TAVT resolution (attachment E) which outlines the distribution of title ad valorem taxes for local public schools between the two school systems in Thomas County. The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

c. Executive session for personnel – Mr. Evans moved, with a second by Mr. Dawson, for the board to go into executive session (attachment F). The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

Mr. Evans moved to end the executive session. Mr. Hickey seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by the board.

d. Approval of personnel report – Mr. Hickey moved to approve the personnel report (attachment G). Ms. Streets seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by the board.


Chairman


Secretary