

MINUTES OF THE THOMAS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION IN REGULAR SESSION,
TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with the following members present: David Dawson, Derwood Hickey, Charles Evans, Nancy Hiers, Scott Morgan, Mark NeSmith, and Kay Streets.

2. DEVOTIONAL

Ms. Lisa Gilligan, 8th grade language arts teacher at Thomas County Middle School, gave the devotional.

3. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Hiers made a motion, with a second by Ms. Streets, to approve the consent agenda (attachment A), which included agenda; minutes of June 18, 2013, Bishop Hall board minutes of June 20, 2013; out-of-district students, fundraising activities; and upcoming board meeting announcements. The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

a. Recognition of Mallory Singletary, state winner, Georgia Young Author's Contest - Ms. Melanie Chavaux, assistant superintendent, and Chairman Morgan presented Mallory Singletary with a resolution and trophy for being the state winner of the Georgia Young Author's contest.

b. Perfect attendance report - Dr. Kornegay called the board's attention to the perfect attendance report (attachment B) for employees for 2012-2013.

c. Pathways FY14 budget - Dr. Kornegay explained that the school system is the fiscal agent for the Pathways Psychoeducational Program which serves students from surrounding areas. He said that budget has approximately \$225,390 which is pledged from participating districts to help make up for some of the shortfalls from state and federal budget cuts to allow them to operate. The cost per school system is based on the number of students from each system. He said superintendents from participating school systems, which make up the Pathways board, ratified the budget at a recent meeting.

d. Athletic coaching assignments for 2013-2014 - Dr. Kornegay informed the board of coaching assignments for 2013-2014.

e. Revision of policy JBC(4), Awarding Units and Transferring Credit - Ms. Lisa Williams, assistant superintendent, explained the changes to policy JBC(4).

f. Report on free lunch program for grades PK-8 - Dr. Kornegay stated that based on free & reduced lunch eligibility and the poverty level in Thomas County and as a result of the Healthy Hunger Act of 2010, free lunch will be provided for all students in pre-kindergarten through 8th grade in the school system. He said free breakfasts will be continued at the high schools but students will have to pay for lunch or apply for free lunch.

g. System-wide faculty meeting - Dr. Kornegay invited board members to attend a system-wide faculty meeting at 8:45 a.m. on July 30 at the auditorium. He said the purpose of the meeting is for ethics training and will be provided by the Professional Association of Georgia Educators.

h. Possible called board meeting, July 31, 7:00 a.m., at TCCHS for personnel

i. School visits/breakfast July 31, 7:30 a.m. at TCCHS, followed by tour of schools

j. Facilities update - Mr. John Hebron, facilities director, gave an update on summer facilities projects.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Approval of policy revision IFBG (Internet Acceptable Use for Staff & Students) - Mr. Evans moved, with a second by Ms. Hiers, to approve the revision (attachment C) of policy IFBG. The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.
- b. Athletic insurance report – Mr. Joey Holland, assistant superintendent for finance, presented information (attachment D) on athletic insurance and explained the differences in the two options presented.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approval of Title I Parental Involvement policy - Mr. NeSmith moved, with a second by Mr. Hickey, to approve the Title I Parental Involvement policy (attachment E). The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.
- b. Approval of work detail agreement with GA Dept. of Corrections - Mr. Dawson made a motion to approve the work detail agreement (attachment F) with the Georgia Department of Corrections for inmate labor. Ms. Streets seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by the board.
- c. Tentative approval of millage rate - Mr. NeSmith moved to tentatively approve the millage rate (attachment G) of 14.714 mills, which is a rollback of the 2012 millage rate. Mr. Evans seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by the board.
- d. Approval of technology bids – Mr. Hickey moved, with a second by Ms. Hiers, to approve technology bids as outlined (attachment H). The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.
- e. Approval of personnel report – Mr. Evans moved, with a second by Mr. Hickey, to approve the personnel report (attachment I). The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.
- f. Approval of billboard contract with Rose City Outdoor Signs – Mr. NeSmith moved to approve the billboard contract (attachment J) with Rose City Outdoor Signs. Mr. Evans seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by the board.
- g. Appointment of Board of Directors for Bishop Hall Charter School, Inc. – Mr. NeSmith moved, with a second by Ms. Streets, to approve the appointment (attachment K) of the Bishop Hall Board of Directors. The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.
- h. Executive session: consultation with legal counsel - Mr. Hickey moved for the board to go into executive session (attachment L) for consultation with legal counsel regarding pending litigation. Ms. Streets seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by the board.

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

7. ADJOURNMENT

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


Secretary


Chairman