

MINUTES OF THE THOMAS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION IN REGULAR SESSION,
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Morgan 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, Scott Morgan, and Kay Streets.

2. DEVOTIONAL

Ms. Tammy Sharp, teacher at Thomas County Upper Elementary School, gave the devotional.

3. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. NeSmith moved to approve the consent agenda (attachment A) which included the agenda; October 11, November 9, and November 12 minutes; October 24 Bishop Hall Board minutes; meeting schedule, out-of-district students and fundraising activities. Ms. Hiers seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by the board.

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- a. Recognition of retiring employees – The board recognized the following retiring employees: Mr. Jim Sickler, Bishop Hall School, 15 years of service; Ms. Gail Ridolfi, Garrison-Pilcher Elementary School, 24 years of service; and Ms. Corrine Reddick, transportation, 19 years of service.
- b. Academic Updates - Dr. Melanie Chauvax, assistant superintendent for curriculum, updated the board on the strategic plan, Striving Readers grant, math cohort with ABAC College, and new teacher evaluations systems, TKES and LKES.
- c. School board Christmas dinner – Dr. Kornegay reminded board members of the Christmas dinner on Tuesday, December 17 at 6:30 p.m. at Thomas County Middle School. He said there would be a tour of the new CTAE wing at that time also.
- d. Bishop Hall graduation - Dr. Kornegay invited board members to attend the Bishop Hall graduation ceremony on Thursday, December 19 at 6:30 p.m. at The Center for the Arts.
- e. Presentation of 2014-2015 calendar - Dr. Kornegay presented the 2014-2015 school calendar (attachment B).
- f. Presentation of tentative meeting dates for 2014 – Dr. Kornegay gave the board a list of tentative meetings dates for 2014. He said approval of meeting dates for 2014 would be at the January 14 meeting.
- g. Presentation of calendar for FY2015 budget development – Dr. Kornegay presented the FY 2015 budget development calendar (attachment C).
- h. SPLOST advertisement for newspaper – Dr. Kornegay stated that, by law, the SPLOST advertisement (attachment D) has to be in the newspaper before December 31.
- i. Update on GHSA reclassification – Mr. Mike Singletary, athletic director, updated the board on GHSA reclassification for athletics.
- j. Financial reports – Mr. Joey Holland, assistant superintendent for finance and operations, explained the financial report (attachment E) for November.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approval of bus bids – Mr. Evans moved, with a second by Mr. Dawson, to approve the bid (attachment F) from Peach State Freightliner Truck Sales and Service, Inc. for two 72-passenger buses with wheelchair lifts and two 90-passenger buses. The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

b. Approval of mini-van purchase - Mr. Hickey moved, with a second by Mr. Evans, to accept the bid (attachment G) from Stallings Automotive for a Dodge Grand Caravan for \$21,157. The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

c. Approval of food/warehouse bids for school nutrition department – Ms. Hiers moved, with a second by Mr. Evans, to approve the food/warehouse bids (attachment H). The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

d. Approval of revised SPLOST allocations – Mr. NeSmith moved with a second by Mr. Evans, to approve the revised SPLOST allocations (attachment I). The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

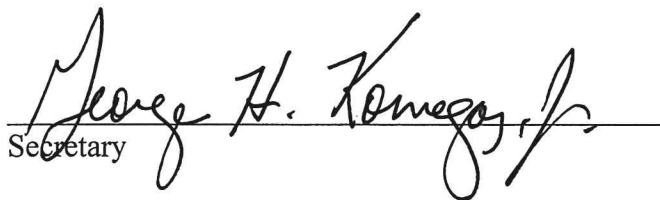
e. Approval of bid for construction of new Bishop Hall School – Mr. NeSmith moved to approve the low bid (attachment J) from Culpepper Construction to build the new Bishop Hall School. Ms. Streets seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by the board.

f. Executive session for personnel – Mr. Hickey made a motion for the board to go into executive session for personnel (attachment K). Ms. Streets seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by the board. Mr. Evans moved to end the executive session. Ms. Hiers seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by the board.

g. Approval of personnel report and addendum – Mr. Evans moved to approve the personnel report (attachment L) and the addendum that consisted of the retirement of the high school principal and his replacement for FY2015. Mr. Dawson seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by the board.

6. ADJOURNMENT

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


Secretary


Chairman