

MINUTES OF THE THOMAS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION IN WORKSHOP SESSION,  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Streets 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. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Morgan moved to approve the consent agenda (attachment A) which included the agenda and fundraising requests. Mr. Hickey seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by the board.

3. DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN PRESENTATION

Dr. Kornegay explained that Mr. Bill Sampson could not attend the meeting because of the weather. Ms. Melanie Chavaux, assistant superintendent for curriculum, presented and explained the strategic plan.

4. ACTION ITEM: APPROVAL OF BID FOR NEW HVAC SYSTEM FOR TCBOE AUDITORIUM AND QUOTE FOR ELECTRICAL UPGRADES

Dr. Kornegay recommended approval of the low bid from Air Conditioning Technology for a new HVAC system and the installation of new LED light fixtures (attachment B) for the auditorium. Mr. Morgan moved, with a second by Mr. Evans, to approve the superintendent's recommendation. The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

5. REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Board Training – Dr. Kornegay shared with board members the options for getting the required nine hours of training for board members. He stated that everyone had already received three of the required hours by attending the whole board governance training. He gave other options for training: RESA Veteran Board Training on February 25, a six hour Saturday training session with GSBA or two three hour evening training sessions. He asked board members to think about the options and let him know their preferences about receiving the additional six hours of training.

b. Explanation of how New Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GAESB) standards will impact system financial statement – Dr. Kornegay stated that the Governmental Accounting Standards Board issued new standards (attachment C) that will impact the system financial statement. Mr. Joey Holland, assistant superintendent for finance and operations, added that the requirement, beginning next year, is to record the school system's share of Teachers' Retirement System net pension liability on the school system financial report and according to the state auditor, it is a financial entry only and not cash flow and will not affect our bond ratings.

c. Presentation of SPLOST audit – Mr. Holland reported that the school system had no findings on the SPLOST audit completed by the Moulden & Jenkins audit firm.

d. Review of budget calendar – Dr. Kornegay said the items on the budget calendar for February would be the Governor's Budget Proposal and budget goals and priorities.

e. Report on Governor's Budget Proposal – Mr. Holland informed the board of the Governor's proposal (attachment D) for the FY2015 school year.

f. Budget goals and priorities for FY2015 – Dr. Kornegay explained the budget goals and priorities (attachment E) for FY2015.

g. Discussion of proposed new and expanded programs for 2014-2015 – Dr. Kornegay proposed some new and expanded programs for 2014-2015.

h. Superintendent out of town February 2-4, 2014 for Winter GAEL Conference – Dr. Kornegay said he would be in Athens for the GAEL conference February 2-4.


i. Personnel vacancies – Dr. Kornegay announced that Rich Johnson, director Bishop Hall Charter School, will be retiring at the end of the current school year and there was a strong possibility that the assistant will be retiring also.

j. Dedication of new wing at TCMS – Dr. Kornegay explained that Mr. Charles Winchester had asked that one of the new science labs or classrooms be dedicated in honor of Mrs. Jackie Winchester. There was no objection by the board for this request.

k. Draft of February 11, 2014, Board meeting agenda - Dr. Kornegay presented the draft agenda for the February 11 board meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT

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

  
Secretary

  
Chairman