

MINUTES OF THE THOMAS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION IN REGULAR SESSION,
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2015

I. 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, Scott Morgan, Mark NeSmith, and Kay Streets.

II. DEVOTIONAL

Mr. Clay Stanaland, principal at Cross Creek School, gave the devotional.

III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairperson Streets thanked the board for allowing her to serve as chair for the past year and stated that it was a good year because of them. She called for nominations for chair and vice-chairman. Ms. Hiers made a motion to elect Charles Evans as chairman and Mark NeSmith as vice-chairman. Mr. Hickey seconded the motion. Chairperson Streets called for other nominations and there were none. The following members voted in favor of the motion to elect Charles Evans as chair and Mark NeSmith as vice-chair: Mr. Dawson, Mr. Evans, Mr. Hickey, Ms. Hiers, and Mr. NeSmith. Mr. Morgan abstained from voting.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Hiers moved, with a second by Mr. Hickey, to approve the consent agenda (attachment A) which included the agenda; December 9, 2014, minutes; Bishop Hall board minutes of November 20, 2014; meeting schedule; fundraising requests and out-of-district students. The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Draft of February 3 workshop agenda and February 10 regular agenda – Dr. Kornegay presented a draft of the workshop agenda and the February regular meeting agenda.

B. Board training: RESA – February 17, 9:00-3:30; GSBA conference in Savannah – June 11-13, 2015 – Dr. Kornegay informed the board of two remaining training sessions for the current fiscal year.

C. Personnel Evaluation policy (GARI) first reading - Dr. Kornegay told board members about a change to the first reading of the new personnel evaluation policy and said approval of the policy, which will be requested at the regular meeting in February, would fulfill a SACS requirement.

D. SACS meeting involving board members – Dr. Kornegay told the board about two SACS meetings that would involve the board: 1) interviews with SACS committee on February 23 and 2) called board meeting for the SACS report on February 25 at 3:30.

E. CCRPI report – Mrs. Lisa Williams reported that the state average scores have decreased in all levels due to an increase in rigor on state standardized tests. She said scores for the district (attachment B) are higher than the state averages, with the system average being 73.5 and the state average 71.9. The district experienced an increase in overall elementary and middle school level school scores due to initiatives that were put into place for academic achievement.

F. Financial report - Mr. Joey Holland, assistant superintendent for finance and operations, explained the Financial Report (attachment C).

G. Invitation to tour Bishop Hall building after meeting – Dr. Kornegay informed board members of an invitation from Mr. Chris Huckans, principal of Bishop Hall, to tour the new building after the board meeting.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of time, date and place of board meetings for 2015 – Mrs. Streets moved, with a second by Mr. Hickey, to approve the meeting schedule for 2015 (attachment D). The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

B. Approval of board members to attend either the RESA Board Training, February 17 or the GSBA Board Training and Conference, June 11-13, 2015, with travel June 10 - Ms. Hiers moved to approve board members attendance at the RESA training or the GSBA conference. Mr. Dawson seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by the board.

C. Approval of resolutions for 403(b) and 457(b) retirement plans with Mass Mutual Mr. Morgan moved to approve resolutions (attachment E) for Mass Mutual 403(b) and 457(b) retirement plans for employees. Ms. Streets seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by the board.

D. Approval of personnel report - Mr. NeSmith moved to approve the personnel report (attachment E). Ms. Hiers seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by the board.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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


Secretary


Chairman