

MINUTES OF THE THOMAS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION IN REGULAR SESSION,  
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Evans called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: David Dawson, Charles Evans, Derwood Hickey, Scott Morgan, Mark NeSmith, and Kay Streets. Nancy Hiers arrived at the meeting during the eBOARD presentation at 7:30 p.m.

II. DEVOTIONAL

Mr. Corey King, teacher at Thomas County Middle School, gave the devotional.

III. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. NeSmith moved, with a second by Ms. Streets, to approve the consent agenda (attachment A) which included the agenda; February 3, 2015, February 10, 2015, and February 25, 2015, minutes; Bishop Hall board minutes of January 15, 2015; meeting schedule; fundraising requests and out-of-district students. The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Kornegay thanked the board for their participation in the AdvancedEd accreditation visit with SACS and gave them a copy of the PowerPoint that was presented at the exit meeting with AdvancedEd.

A. Draft of March 24 workshop agenda and April 21 regular agenda – Dr. Kornegay reviewed drafts of the March workshop agenda and the April regular meeting agenda.

B. Board member appreciation week, March 16-20: luncheon at TCCHS, March 18 – Dr. Kornegay informed board members of an invitation from Principal Trista Jones at Thomas County Central High School to have lunch and a short program on March 18.

C. Board training at RESA – Dr. Kornegay stated that Ms. Streets, Mr. Hickey and Mr. NeSmith had completed training at RESA recently. He thanked all board members for completing their individual board training for the year and stated that the whole board training on March 31 would complete all training requirements for all board members for the year.

D. Whole Board Training – Dr. Kornegay reminded board members of Whole Board Training on March 31, 6:00-9:30 in the Professional Learning Center.

E. Audit reports: Annual audit and E-SPLOST audit – Dr. Kornegay gave board members a copy of the E-SPLOST audit (attachment B) and commented that it was a clean audit as well as the annual audit being a clean audit.

F. E-SPLOST renewal discussion – Dr. Kornegay told board members that it was time to start thinking about the decision to renew the E-SPLOST that would be expiring in 2016.

G. Financial report – Joey Holland, assistant superintendent for finance and operations, explained the Financial Report (attachment C).

H. eBOARD presentation – Ms. Lisa Williams, assistant superintendent for student services and governmental relations, gave the board an overview of eBOARD, a product of Georgia School Boards Association, that allows school systems to have paperless meetings and on-line policies as well as other management tools.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation and approval of amended 2015 budget - Mr. Holland explained the amended budget (attachment D) and Mr. Morgan made a motion to approve the 2015 amended budget. Ms. Streets seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by the board.

B. Approval of chairman's attendance at GSBA Board Chair Workshop, February 13-14 – Ms. Hiers moved, with a second by Mr. Hickey, to approve the chairman's attendance at the GSBA Board Chair Workshop. The board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

C. Approval of delegate and alternate for GSBA Delegate Assembly – Mr. Streets moved to approve the delegate and alternate for the GSBA Delegate Assembly. After a discussion, Ms. Streets amended her motion to approve Chairman Evans as the delegate and Mr. NeSmith as the alternate for the delegate assembly. Ms. Hiers seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by the board.

D. Approval of bid for playground equipment at Hand-In-Hand – Mr. Morgan moved to approve the bid from Spencer Creek Recreational Products, Inc. for playground equipment (attachment E) for Hand-In-Hand. Mr. Dawson seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by the board.

E. Approval of contract with City of Thomasville for internet and wide area network – Mr. Hickey made a motion to approve the bid (attachment F) from the City of Thomasville for internet and wide area network for five years beginning July 1, 2015. Mr. Morgan seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by the board.

F. Approval of contract for cabling for Garrison-Pilcher and Cross Creek – Mr. Morgan moved to accept the bid (attachment G) from Micro Technology Consultants to update the cabling for Garrison-Pilcher and Cross Creek. Ms. Hiers seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by the board.

G. Approval of bus purchase - Ms. Hiers moved, with a second by Mr. Hickey, to purchase a 72 passenger Bluebird bus (attachment H) at the state contract price of \$86,217.00. The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

H. Approval of resolution to authorize letter of intent for IE<sup>2</sup> model – Mr. Morgan moved, with a second by Ms. Streets, to approve the resolution (attachment I) to authorize a letter of intent for the IE<sup>2</sup> model for the school system. The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

I. Resolution to authorize credit card accounts – Mr. NeSmith moved, with a second by Ms. Hiers, to approve a resolution (attachment J) authorizing the use of credit cards for employee travel for the benefit of exempting state taxes. The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

J. Executive session – Mr. Morgan moved for the board to go into executive session (attachment K). Ms. Hiers seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by the board.

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

K. Approval of revised system organizational chart – Mr. Morgan made a motion, with a second by Mr. Hickey, to approve the revised organizational chart (attachment L). The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

L. Approval of personnel report including ratification of Bishop Hall personnel list – Ms. Streets made a motion, with a second by Mr. Morgan, to approve the personnel report including ratification of the Bishop Hall personnel list and certified renewals excluding Laurie Dawson, Sharon Hickey and Allison NeSmith for FY2016, and system wide transfers (attachment M). The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

Ms. Hiers moved to renew Laurie Dawson's contract for FY2016. Mr. Hickey seconded the motion and the following members voted for approval: Mr. Hickey, Ms. Hiers, Mr. Morgan, Mr. NeSmith, and Ms. Streets. Mr. Dawson abstained from voting.

Mr. Morgan moved, with a second by Ms. Streets, to approve Sharon Hickey's contract for FY2016. The following members voted for approval of the motion: Mr. Dawson, Ms. Hiers, Mr. Morgan, Mr. NeSmith, and Ms. Streets. Mr. Hickey abstained from voting.

Mr. Hickey moved, with a second by Ms. Hiers, to approve the contract for Allison NeSmith for FY2016. The following members voted for approval: Mr. Dawson, Mr. Hickey, Ms. Hiers, Mr. Morgan and Ms. Streets. Mr. NeSmith abstained from voting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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

  
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