

Thomas County Board of Education Minutes

September 14, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Voting Members

Mr. Ken Harper, Board Member
Mr. Chris Hayes, Board Member
Ms. Nancy Hiers, Board Member
Mr. Mark NeSmith, Vice Chair
Mrs. Leah Smith, Board Member
Mr. Dan Stewart, Board Member
Mrs. Kay Streets, Chair

Non-Voting Members

Mr. Wes Davis, Technology Director
Mr. Joey Holland, Deputy Superintendent for Finance
Dr. Lisa Williams, Superintendent
Mrs. Jennifer Mitchell, Administrative Assistant

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Streets called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All members were in attendance with the exception of Mrs. Leah Smith, who was on teleconference, and Mr. Chris Hayes who was not present.

II. DEVOTIONAL – JAMIE THOMPSON, PRINCIPAL OF CROSS CREEK ELEMENTARY

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Agenda
- B. Minutes: August 10
- C. Bishop Hall board minutes: July 15
- D. Upcoming meeting: October 5 regular meeting
- E. Fundraising Requests
- F. Out-of-District students

Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Hiers

Motion seconded by: Mr. Ken Harper

Voting: Mr. Ken Harper – Yes
Mr. Chris Hayes – Not Present
Ms. Nancy Hiers – Yes
Mr. Mark NeSmith – Yes
Mrs. Leah Smith – Yes
Mr. Dan Stewart – Yes
Mrs. Kay Streets – Yes

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Gloria Glass shared with the Board her concerns regarding the need to re-evaluate school and public safety protocols due to an increase in COVID cases, specifically

regarding the wearing of facemasks. Mrs. Glass also requested for the Board to take a neutral stance regarding CRT to ensure both faculty and staff are supported, so they strive in a culturally responsive environment.

Mr. Will R. Cooley shared about his concerns regarding transparency and feedback from the Board. He expressed his desire for there to be open communication channels between the Board and the tax paying citizens of Thomas County.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. School System Updates: Dr. Williams gave a student enrollment update and COVID-19 data report.
- B. Financial report - Joey Holland

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Revision of Policy IHF(6): Graduation Requirements – Entering Fall 2008-09

Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Hiers

Motion seconded by: Mr. Mark NeSmith

Voting: Mr. Ken Harper – Yes
Mr. Chris Hayes – Not Present
Ms. Nancy Hiers – Yes
Mr. Mark NeSmith – Yes
Mrs. Leah Smith – Yes
Mr. Dan Stewart – Yes
Mrs. Kay Streets – Yes

- B. COVID Leave Continuation for Employees

Motion made by: Mr. Dan Stewart

Motion seconded by: Mr. Ken Harper

Voting: Mr. Ken Harper – Yes
Mr. Chris Hayes – Not Present
Ms. Nancy Hiers – Yes
Mr. Mark NeSmith – Yes
Mrs. Leah Smith – Yes
Mr. Dan Stewart – Yes
Mrs. Kay Streets – Yes

- C. FY2022 Board Training Plan

Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Hiers

Motion seconded by: Mr. Mark NeSmith

Voting: Mr. Ken Harper – Yes
Mr. Chris Hayes – Not Present
Ms. Nancy Hiers – Yes
Mr. Mark NeSmith – Yes
Mrs. Leah Smith – Yes
Mr. Dan Stewart – Yes
Mrs. Kay Streets – Yes

- D. Thomas County FY23 Capital Outlay Project Application

Motion made by: Mr. Dan Stewart

Motion seconded by: Mr. Ken Harper

Voting: Mr. Ken Harper – Yes
Mr. Chris Hayes – Not Present
Ms. Nancy Hiers – Yes

Mr. Mark NeSmith – Yes
Mrs. Leah Smith – Yes
Mr. Dan Stewart – Yes
Mrs. Kay Streets – Yes

- E. Bus Purchase Recommendation
Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Hiers
Motion seconded by: Mr. Dan Stewart
Voting: Mr. Ken Harper – Yes
Mr. Chris Hayes – Not Present
Ms. Nancy Hiers – Yes
Mr. Mark NeSmith – Yes
Mrs. Leah Smith – Yes
Mr. Dan Stewart – Yes
Mrs. Kay Streets – Yes
- F. Bid Recommendation for TCCHS Air Filtration System
Motion made by: Mr. Ken Harper
Motion seconded by: Mr. Dan Stewart
Voting: Mr. Ken Harper – Yes
Mr. Chris Hayes – Not Present
Ms. Nancy Hiers – Yes
Mr. Mark NeSmith – Yes
Mrs. Leah Smith – Yes
Mr. Dan Stewart – Yes
Mrs. Kay Streets – Yes
- G. Bid Recommendation for Viewsonic Interactive Panels (TCCHS)
Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Hiers
Motion seconded by: Mr. Dan Stewart
Voting: Mr. Ken Harper – Yes
Mr. Chris Hayes – Not Present
Ms. Nancy Hiers – Yes
Mr. Mark NeSmith – Yes
Mrs. Leah Smith – Yes
Mr. Dan Stewart – Yes
Mrs. Kay Streets – Yes
- H. Bid Recommendation for Network Equipment
Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Hiers
Motion seconded by: Mr. Mark NeSmith
Voting: Mr. Ken Harper – Yes
Mr. Chris Hayes – Not Present
Ms. Nancy Hiers – Yes
Mr. Mark NeSmith – Yes
Mrs. Leah Smith – Yes
Mr. Dan Stewart – Yes
Mrs. Kay Streets – Yes
- I. Personnel Report
Motion made by: Mr. Mark NeSmith
Motion seconded by: Mr. Ken Harper

Voting: Mr. Ken Harper – Yes
Mr. Chris Hayes – Not Present
Ms. Nancy Hiers – Yes
Mr. Mark NeSmith – Yes
Mrs. Leah Smith – Yes
Mr. Dan Stewart – Yes
Mrs. Kay Streets – Yes

J. Executive Session

Motion made by: Mr. Mark NeSmith

Motion seconded by: Mr. Ken Harper

Voting: Mr. Ken Harper – Yes
Mr. Chris Hayes – Not Present
Ms. Nancy Hiers – Yes
Mr. Mark NeSmith – Yes
Mrs. Leah Smith – Yes
Mr. Dan Stewart – Yes
Mrs. Kay Streets – Yes

K. End Executive Session

Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Hiers

Motion seconded by: Mr. Dan Stewart

Voting: Mr. Ken Harper – Yes
Mr. Chris Hayes – Not Present
Ms. Nancy Hiers – Yes
Mr. Mark NeSmith – Yes
Mrs. Leah Smith – Yes
Mr. Dan Stewart – Yes
Mrs. Kay Streets – Yes

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

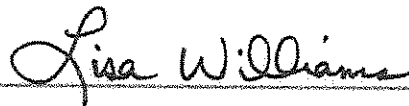
Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Hiers

Motion seconded by: Mr. Ken Harper

Voting: Mr. Ken Harper – Yes
Mr. Chris Hayes – Not Present
Ms. Nancy Hiers – Yes
Mr. Mark NeSmith – Yes
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Chairperson



Secretary