

Thomas County Board of Education Minutes

September 13, 2022, 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, Chair
Mrs. Leah Smith, Vice Chair
Mr. Dan Stewart, Board Member
Mrs. Kay Streets, Board Member

Non-Voting Members

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair NeSmith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with all members present. Ms. Nancy Hiers was on teleconference.

II. DEVOTIONAL – MR. ALFRED CARVER, THOMAS COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Agenda
- B. Minutes: August 9
- C. Bishop Hall board minutes: July 21
- D. Upcoming meeting: October 4 regular meeting
- E. School Nutrition Milk Bid
- F. Fundraising requests
- G. Out-of-district students

Motion made by: Mrs. Kay Streets

Motion seconded by: Mr. Ken Harper

Voting: Unanimously Approved

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. System Updates – Dr. Williams shared the following information with the Board.
 - 1. Grandparents Day: HnH, GP, and CC have been busy celebrating Grandparents Day and have invited grandparents to come in for special events, along with attending the Book Fair.
 - 2. Constitution Day: Thank you to Mr. Will Cooley for helping to arrange speakers to come into TCCHS, BH, and the RC's US History and American Government classes and for providing a copy of the Constitution to our students. A special thanks also to Mrs. Carver for coordinating with Mr. Cooley in helping to organize the presentations at TCCHS for a successful event.
 - 3. Teen Maze: Joseph McKinnon, Assistant District Attorney for Juvenile Court, is working to bring back the Teen Maze for Thomas County students. The event is designed to demonstrate the benefits of making good choices in life along with

showing the consequences of poor choices. The students will visit various stations acting out real-life scenarios which teenagers may experience in life. The event is tentatively being planned to occur later in the school year, possibly in December and March for our students taking health classes. It will be held at the fairgrounds. Parents will be informed about the event prior to and may opt their child out from participating. There may be an opportunity for parents to attend the event prior to the students attending.

- B. Draft of Revised Policy BCBI: Public Participation in Board Meetings – first reading
- C. Draft of Regulation BCBI-R(1): Public Participation in Board Meetings
- D. Financial Report – Joey Holland

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. No individual provided the 24 hour notice required as a condition of addressing the Board

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Course Submission Request to GaDOE: Living and Working with Artificial Intelligence
Motion made by: Mrs. Leah Smith
Motion seconded by: Mr. Chris Hayes
Voting: Unanimously Approved

- B. Bid Recommendation for Technology Equipment
Motion made by: Mr. Ken Harper
Motion seconded by: Mrs. Kay Streets
Voting: Unanimously Approved

- C. Executive Session for Personnel
Motion made by: Mr. Chris Hayes
Motion seconded by: Mr. Dan Stewart
Voting: Unanimously Approved

- D. End Executive Session
Motion made by: Mr. Chris Hayes
Motion seconded by: Mr. Ken Harper
Voting: Unanimously Approved

- E. Personnel Report
Motion made by: Mr. Ken Harper
Motion seconded by: Mrs. Kay Streets
Voting: Unanimously Approved

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- Motion made by: Mr. Ken Harper
Motion seconded by: Mrs. Leah Smith
Voting: Unanimously Approved

 

Chairperson

Secretary