

Thomas County Board of Education Minutes

April 18, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Voting Members

Mr. Ken Harper, Board Member
Mr. Ed Hopper, Board Member
Mr. Mark NeSmith, Board Member
Mrs. Leah Smith, Chair
Mr. Dan Stewart, Vice Chair
Mrs. Joy West, Board Member

Non-Voting Members

Mrs. Robin Cartright, Curriculum Director
Mrs. Melanie Davis, Director of Public Relations and Communications
Mr. Joey Holland, Deputy Superintendent for Finance
Mr. Leon Lynn, Architect, Jinright, Ryan & Lynn
Mrs. Jennifer Mitchell, Administrative Assistant
Dr. Jim Rehberg, Director of Facilities and Operations
Dr. Lisa Williams, Superintendent

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All members were present with the exception of Mr. Chris Hayes.

II. DEVOTIONAL – MRS. BEVERLY KLOCKO, PARAPROFESSIONAL AT HAND-IN-HAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – DARQUEZ LEE, STUDENT-ATHLETE AT THOMAS COUNTY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Agenda
- B. Minutes: March 14 and March 28
- C. Bishop Hall board minutes: February 16
- D. Upcoming meeting: May 9 regular meeting
- E. Resolutions for outstanding students
- F. Fundraising requests
- G. Out-of-district students

Motion made by: Mr. Dan Stewart

Motion seconded by: Mr. Ken Harper

Voting: Mr. Ken Harper – Yes
Mr. Chris Hayes – Not Present
Mr. Ed Hopper – Yes
Mr. Mark NeSmith – Yes
Mrs. Leah Smith – Yes
Mr. Dan Stewart – Yes
Mrs. Joy West – Yes

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Recognition of outstanding students
- B. Recess to allow guests who would like to leave to be excused; board meeting continued in boardroom following a brief break
- C. Financial Report – Joey Holland
- D. FY23 Amended Budget – 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. Approval of FY23 amended budget
Motion made by: Mr. Mark NeSmith
Motion seconded by: Mr. Dan Stewart
Voting: Mr. Ken Harper – Yes
Mr. Chris Hayes – Not Present
Mr. Ed Hopper – Yes
Mr. Mark NeSmith – Yes
Mrs. Leah Smith – Yes
Mr. Dan Stewart – Yes
Mrs. Joy West – Yes
- B. Tour the Multi-Purpose Facility and Indoor Practice Field at Lowndes County High School, March 20
Motion made by: Mr. Ken Harper
Motion seconded by: Mrs. Joy West
Voting: Mr. Ken Harper – Yes
Mr. Chris Hayes – Not Present
Mr. Ed Hopper – Yes
Mr. Mark NeSmith – Yes
Mrs. Leah Smith – Yes
Mr. Dan Stewart – Yes
Mrs. Joy West – Yes
- C. Approval of GaDOE Addition to Existing Educational Facility Application
Motion made by: Mr. Dan Stewart
Motion seconded by: Mr. Mark NeSmith
Voting: Mr. Ken Harper – Yes
Mr. Chris Hayes – Not Present
Mr. Ed Hopper – Yes
Mr. Mark NeSmith – Yes
Mrs. Leah Smith – Yes
Mr. Dan Stewart – Yes
Mrs. Joy West – Yes
- D. Personnel Report
Motion made by: Mr. Mark NeSmith
Motion seconded by: Mr. Ken Harper

Voting: Mr. Ken Harper – Yes
Mr. Chris Hayes – Not Present
Mr. Ed Hopper – Yes
Mr. Mark NeSmith – Yes
Mrs. Leah Smith – Yes
Mr. Dan Stewart – Yes
Mrs. Joy West – Yes

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by: Mr. Ken Harper

Motion seconded by: Mr. Ed Hopper

Voting: Mr. Ken Harper – Yes
Mr. Chris Hayes – Not Present
Mr. Ed Hopper – Yes
Mr. Mark NeSmith – Yes
Mrs. Leah Smith – Yes
Mr. Dan Stewart – Yes
Mrs. Joy West – Yes



Chairperson



Secretary