

Thomas County Board of Education Minutes
September 13, 2016, 7:00 PM
Boardroom

Attendees - voting members

Mr. Mark NeSmith	Chair
Mr. David Dawson	Board Member
Mr. Charles Evans	Board Member
Mr. Derwood Hickey	Board Member
Mr. Scott Morgan	Board Member
Mrs. Kay P. Streets	Board Member

Attendees - other

Dr. George H. Kornegay	Superintendent
Mrs. Melanie Chavaux	Associate Superintendent
Mrs. Carol Gerald	Administrative Assistant
Mr. Joey Holland	Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations
Mrs. Lisa Williams	Assistant Superintendent for Planning, Policy, & Student Services

I. Call to Order

Chairman NeSmith called the meeting to order.

II. Devotional - Rebecca Gaskin, teacher at Thomas County Upper Elementary

III. Approval of Consent Agenda

- A. Agenda
 - B. Minutes: August 9
 - C. Bishop Hall board minutes: July 21
 - D. Upcoming meetings: October 11 regular meeting and October 25 called meeting
 - E. Fundraising requests
 - F. HB 91 graduates
 - G. Out-of-district students
 - H. Resolutions honoring outstanding students and teachers
- Motion made by: Mr. Scott Morgan
Motion seconded by: Mr. David Dawson
Voting: Unanimously Approved

IV. Superintendent's Report

- A. Recognition of outstanding students and teachers
- B. Drafts of October 11 agenda and October 25 agenda
- C. GNETS/Pathways

Dr. Kornegay called the board's attention to a letter from the United States Department of Justice to Governor Deal notifying him that the Department of Juvenile Justice was filing a lawsuit against Georgia regarding the Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS) program. It alleges that students served by GNETS are housed in buildings that are not equivalent to their non-disabled peers and that they do not have access to things offered at regular schools such as gymnasiums, libraries, and curricular activities and they are segregated from non-disabled peers. Dr. Kornegay said a team of contractors and architects were sent to visit every GNETS site in Georgia and they recommended that nine centers be closed and eight of those were closed prior to school starting in late July. He said he is not expecting any sites that Thomas County is

fiscal agent for to be closed but is expecting mandatory upgrades. Dr. Kornegay said he would keep the board updated with the developments of the lawsuit.

D. Facilities planning report

1. Board of Education Campus

Dr. Kornegay said the following improvements would be made to the Board of Education campus: storm drainage control, gutter damage along Pinetree Blvd., cafeteria, traffic flow and appearance to the front of the campus.

2. Baseball complex

Dr. Kornegay said plans have been in the works for several years to do something for baseball similar to what was done for softball. He showed a drawing for a proposed new baseball building which would include dugouts, locker room, restrooms and a concession area and said that coaches have had significant input in the design.

3. Bishop Hall Agriculture-Science Building

Dr. Kornegay showed the board a drawing for Bishop Hall's Agriculture-Science building. He said there would be two classrooms, student restrooms, an office for two teachers, a nice agriculture shop, a little covered patio outback, and a science lab in the building. He said a grant for equipment has been applied for and should be received since it is a new building.

4. Football Stadium

Dr. Kornegay reported on plans to modernize the stadium. He said input had been received from the Booster Club, coaches, high school administrative staff and the architect. Some of the improvements included a new entrance area, a new ticket booth, nice gates, brick columns, closing in the bottom side of the stadium with metal, enhanced lighting at the back of the stadium and repairs to the stands.

E. Pre-Kindergarten Programs Policy (IDDK) - first reading

Dr. Kornegay said the Department of Early Care and Learning is requiring the admission process for Pre-K to be put in board policy. He said the procedure that has been followed for years is what has been put in the policy. Priority for the Pre-K program is given to Thomas County residents first and they also get first priority on the waiting list, if there is one.

F. Financial report - Joey Holland

V. New Business

A. Inclement weather resolution

Motion made by: Mr. Charles Evans

Motion seconded by: Mr. Derwood Hickey

Voting: Unanimously Approved

B. Resolution requesting GaDOE assistance with new facilities plan

Motion made by: Mr. Scott Morgan

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Kay P. Streets

Voting: Unanimously Approved

C. FY17 Local Board Training Plan

Motion made by: Mr. Scott Morgan

Motion seconded by: Mr. Charles Evans

Voting: Unanimously Approved

D. GSBA Annual Conference and pre-conference workshops in Atlanta, Nov. 30 - Dec. 3, with travel day on November 29

Motion made by: Mr. Derwood Hickey

- Motion seconded by: Mr. Charles Evans
Voting: Unanimously Approved
- E. Technology purchases

Motion made by: Mr. Scott Morgan
Motion seconded by: Mr. Derwood Hickey
Voting: Unanimously Approved
- F. Vehicle purchases

Motion made by: Mr. Charles Evans
Motion seconded by: Mr. Derwood Hickey
Voting: Unanimously Approved
- G. Purchase agreement for video equipment in BOE auditorium

Motion made by: Mr. Scott Morgan
Motion seconded by: Mr. Charles Evans
Voting: Unanimously Approved
- H. Revision of Complaints and Grievances, Certified Employees - GAE(2)

Motion made by: Mrs. Kay P. Streets
Motion seconded by: Mr. Scott Morgan
Voting: Unanimously Approved
- I. Revision of Dual Enrollment-Move on When Ready policy (IDCH)

Motion made by: Mr. Derwood Hickey
Motion seconded by: Mr. David Dawson
Voting: Unanimously Approved
- J. Personnel report

Motion made by: Mr. David Dawson
Motion seconded by: Mr. Derwood Hickey
Voting: Unanimously Approved

VI. Adjournment

- Motion made by: Mr. Charles Evans
Motion seconded by: Mr. David Dawson
Voting: Unanimously Approved

Chairperson

Secretary