

Thomas County Board of Education Minutes

December 8, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

Attendees: Voting Members

Mr. Charles Evans, Chair
Mr. Derwood Hickey, Board Member
Ms. Nancy Hiers, Board Member
Mr. Mark NeSmith, Board Member
Mrs. Leah Smith, Board Member
Mr. Dan Stewart, Board Member
Mrs. Kay Streets, Vice Chair

Non-Voting Members

Mrs. Carol Gerald, Administrative Assistant
Mr. Joey Holland, Deputy Superintendent for Finance
Dr. Lisa Williams, Superintendent

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. DEVOTIONAL - Mack Beck, teacher at Thomas County Middle School

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Isla Farlow, student at Garrison-Pilcher School

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Hiers

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Kay Streets

Voting: Mr. Charles Evans - Yes

Mr. Derwood Hickey - Not Present

Ms. Nancy Hiers - Yes

Mr. Mark NeSmith - Yes

Mrs. Leah Smith - Yes

Mr. Dan Stewart - Yes

Mrs. Kay Streets - Yes

A. Agenda

B. Minutes: November 10

C. Bishop Hall board minutes: October 15

D. Upcoming meeting: January 12, 2021

E. Fundraising requests

F. Out-of-district students

V. RECOGNITION OF MR. DERWOOD HICKEY

Mr. Hickey served on the Thomas County Board of Education for 8 years, January 1, 2013, through December 31, 2020. Chairman Evans, on behalf of the board, expressed appreciation for Mr. Hickey's service as District 4 board member and said Mr. Hickey will forever be a member of the Jacket family.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Draft of the 2021 board meeting schedule to be approved in January

B. Presentation of 2021-2022 school calendar

- C. NDCC/JROTC Program Update - Dr. Williams explained that Bishop Hall was submitted as the primary base for the NDCC/JROTC program when the original application was completed. She said the application will be resubmitted asking to officially house the program at Thomas County Central High beginning in the 2021-2022 school year since there is an increased number of Thomas County Central students who are currently in the program and more who want to participate in the program versus the number of students participating in it at Bishop Hall. We are also planning to house the NDCC/JROTC program in the new multi-purpose building on TCCHS’s campus once it is constructed. The new multi-purpose building is proposed as part of ESPLOST V. Bishop Hall students will continue to be served by the program.
- D. Financial report - Joey Holland

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. E-SPLOST Resolution
 - Motion made by: Mr. Mark NeSmith
 - Motion seconded by: Mr. Dan Stewart
 - Voting: Mr. Charles Evans - Yes
 - Mr. Derwood Hickey - Not Present
 - Ms. Nancy Hiers - Yes
 - Mr. Mark NeSmith - Yes
 - Mrs. Leah Smith - Yes
 - Mr. Dan Stewart - Yes
 - Mrs. Kay Streets - Yes
- B. Personnel report
 - Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Hiers
 - Voting:
 - Mr. Charles Evans - Yes
 - Mr. Derwood Hickey - 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: Mr. Mark NeSmith
- Motion seconded by: Mrs. Leah Smith
- Voting: Mr. Charles Evans - Yes
- Mr. Derwood Hickey - Not Present
- Ms. Nancy Hiers - Yes
- Mr. Mark NeSmith - Yes
- Mrs. Leah Smith - Yes
- Mr. Dan Stewart - Yes
- Mrs. Kay Streets – Yes

Chairperson

Secretary