

**Thomas County Board of Education  
Minutes  
June 13, 2017, 7:00 p.m.**

**Attendees - voting members**

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| Ms. Nancy Hiers     | Chair        |
| Mr. Derwood Hickey  | Vice Chair   |
| Mr. David Dawson    | Board Member |
| Mr. Charles Evans   | Board Member |
| Mr. Mark NeSmith    | Board Member |
| Mr. Dan Stewart     | Board Member |
| Mrs. Kay P. Streets | Board Member |

**Attendees - other**

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| Dr. George H. Kornegay | Superintendent   |
| Robin Cartright        | Coordinator of Secondary Education and Professional Learning |
| Dr. Bob Dechman        | Director of Accountability and Federal Programs              |
| Mrs. Carol Gerald      | Administrative Assistant                                     |
| Mr. Joey Holland       | Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations            |
| Dr. Lisa Williams      | Associate Superintendent                                     |

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Devotional - Michael Rigdon, teacher and coach at Thomas County Central High School**

**III. Approval of Consent Agenda**

Motion made by: Mr. Derwood Hickey

Motion seconded by: Mr. Charles Evans

Voting: Unanimously Approved

- A. Agenda
- B. Minutes: May 9 and May 23
- C. Bishop Hall board minutes: no meeting in April
- D. Upcoming meetings: called meeting June 27 and regular meeting on July 11
- E. School Nutrition and School Food Service bids
- F. Fundraising requests
- G. Out-of-district students

**IV. Budget hearing**

Chairwoman Hiers declared the public hearing for the FY2018 budget open and asked if anyone had questions or comments. There were no questions or comments about the budget so she declared the hearing closed.

**V. Superintendent's Report**

- A. Draft of July 11 board agenda
- B. Pathways facilities grant application  
Dr. Kornegay said the state has allocated funds to help renovate GNETS programs around the state. An application has been submitted for a 50% matching grant and also, funds were set aside in SPLOST IV to help fund the renovation. Dr. Kornegay said the total estimated cost for the project is 1.4 million dollars.
- C. Garrison-Pilcher capital projects application  
Dr. Kornegay informed the board that the modernization of the main building of Garrison-Pilcher would have to be postponed until 2019 because of the way state

capital outlay funds are received. He said the system would receive about \$700,000 more by waiting until 2019 as opposed to doing the project in 2018. A few projects with immediate needs will be done in the summer of 2018.

D. Middle school softball field

Dr. Kornegay said he was pulling the bid for the softball field from recommendation because only one bid had been received and it was significantly over budget. He said it will probably be re-bid at a later date.

E. Internet Acceptable Use policy (IFBG) - first reading

Dr. Kornegay explained that because of the investment of additional technology for early grades and because of providing devices for students to take home, especially the high school and Bishop Hall, staff felt it was time to do a complete overhaul of the Internet Acceptable Use policy. Approval of the policy would be requested at the July 11 board meeting.

F. AdvancEd/SACS Accreditation update - Bob Dechman

Dr. Bob Dechman reviewed the accreditation progress report from AdvancEd and SACS Accreditation.

G. Federal programs update: Parental Involvement Policy - Bob Dechman

Dr. Bob Dechman updated the board on the Parental Involvement policy which is part of the federal program.

H. Financial Report - Joey Holland

## VI. New Business

A. Amend FY2017 budget

Motion made by: Mr. Mark NeSmith

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Kay P. Streets

Voting: Unanimously Approved

B. Final approval of FY2018 budget

Motion made by: Mr. Derwood Hickey

Motion seconded by: Mr. Dan Stewart

Voting: Unanimously Approved

C. Parental involvement policy

Motion made by: Mr. Charles Evans

Motion seconded by: Mr. David Dawson

Voting: Unanimously Approved

D. Middle school math textbook purchase approval

Motion made by: Mr. Derwood Hickey

Motion seconded by: Mr. Dan Stewart

Voting: Unanimously Approved

E. Personnel report

Motion made by: Mrs. Kay P. Streets

Motion seconded by: Mr. Charles Evans

Voting: Unanimously Approved

F. Executive session for superintendent's evaluation

Motion made by: Mr. Derwood Hickey

Motion seconded by: Mr. Charles Evans

Voting: Unanimously Approved

G. End executive session

Motion made by: Mr. Mark NeSmith

Motion seconded by: Mr. Charles Evans

Voting: Unanimously Approved

H. Superintendent's evaluation

Motion made by: Mrs. Kay P. Streets

Motion seconded by: Mr. Derwood Hickey

Voting: Unanimously Approved

**VII. Adjournment**

Motion made by: Mr. Charles Evans

Motion seconded by: Mr. David Dawson

Voting: Unanimously Approved

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Chairperson

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Secretary