

Thomas County Board of Education Minutes

October 23, 2018

Attendees:

Voting Members

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

Non-Voting Members

Mrs. Melanie Chavaux, Part-time Associate Superintendent/Consultant
Dr. Bob Dechman, Assistant Superintendent for Federal Programs and Accountability
Dr. Dale Graham, Math Curriculum Coordinator
Mr. John Hebron, Director of Facilities, Construction Projects, and Fleet Management
Mrs. Erin Rehberg, Digital Learning & Media Services Coordinator
Mrs. Carol Gerald, Administrative Assistant
Mr. Joey Holland, Deputy Superintendent for Finance
Dr. George Kornegay, Chief Operations Officer
Dr. Lisa Williams, Superintendent

I. Call to Order

Chairman Hickey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Veterans' Day Activities in the Schools

Dr. Williams informed board members of various activities in the schools planned for Friday, November 9, in observance of Veterans' Day.

III. Student Achievement

A. Graduation Rate

Dr. Williams reported that the graduation rate system-wide had improved 3.1% over the previous year. Thomas County Central High's graduation rate is 95.1% which is an increase of 2% from last year and Bishop Hall's graduation rate is 83.8% which is an increase of 18.8%. Dr. Williams commended staff and students for the improvement in graduation rates.

B. Advanced Placement Score Results

Dr. Williams reported that the high school's AP scores are 19% above the state. She said she is very proud of the students' AP scores.

C. 2017-2018 EOG & EOC Milestones Results

Dr. Bob Dechman showed a comparison of Thomas County demographics with the state and reported on Milestones scores for Cross Creek, Thomas County Middle School and Thomas County Central High School.

D. Academic improvement plans - Curriculum department

Mrs. Erin Rehberg updated the board on the L4GA grant and things happening at the middle school with the grant and technology.
Mrs. Melanie Chavaux presented some of the school system's ELA initiatives and
Dr. Dale Graham presented math initiatives.

IV. Budget and facility updates

A. September Financial Report

Mr. Joey Holland explained the September financial report.

B. ESPLOST Review

Mr. Holland reviewed ESPLOST III, IV, and V. He informed the board of proposed allocations and financing options for future projects.

C. Facility updates and TCCHS fencing and security proposal

Mr. John Hebron updated the board on facilities and presented options for security at the high school.

V. Athletic facility and equipment planning

Dr. Williams presented the funding plan for athletic facility and equipment needs.

VI. Bid approval: Fencing bid for TCCHS

A motion was made to accept the Thomas County Board of Education Facilities Department's recommendation to accept Whites Fence Company's base bid of \$106,565 with the acceptance of substitutions listed in Alternates B and C which equal a difference of \$18,702 for a total bid award of \$87,863.00.

Motion made by: Mr. Charles Evans

Motion seconded by: Mr. Dan Stewart

Voting: Unanimously Approved

VII. Adjournment

Motion made by: Mr. Charles Evans

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Leah Smith

Voting: Unanimously Approved

Chairperson

Secretary