

Thomas County Board of Education
Minutes
January 22, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Voting Members

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

Non-Voting Members

Mrs. Carol Gerald, Administrative Assistant
Mr. Joey Holland, Deputy Superintendent for Finance
Mrs. Brecca Pope, Director of Administrative Services
Dr. Lisa Williams, Superintendent

I. Call to Order

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

II. Approval of Consent Agenda

- A. Agenda
- B. Upcoming meeting: February 12, 2019 regular meeting
- C. Fundraising requests
- D. Out-of-district students

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

Motion made by: Mr. Mark NeSmith

Motion seconded by: Mr. Derwood Hickey

Voting: Unanimously Approved

III. Work Session Items

A. Diversity plan update - Brecca Pope

Mrs. Pope informed the board of updates for the Diversity Plan which included ten goals and strategies. The proposed goals are (1) Ensure a welcoming, safe, inclusive, and equitable school community; (2) Respect and value diversity; (3) Empower all students to achieve excellence; (4) Strengthen connections with English Language Learners (ELL) and new American families; (5) Close the academic achievement gap; (6) Develop a diverse and inclusive curriculum; (7) Recruit and maintain diverse and culturally competent administrators, faculty and staff; (8) Organizational Development; (9) Training and Professional Development; and (10) Strengthen Parent and Community Partnerships.

B. Date for Whole Board Training: Tuesday, March 26, 2019, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

C. Budget update - Joey Holland

1. Items in the current FY 2019 budget that may need to be amended at midterm

Mr. Holland said items to be amended in the FY 2019 budget include QBE midterm revenues and Maintenance and Transportation expenditures.

2. Governor's budget recommendations

3. Mr. Holland gave highlights of the Governor's budget recommendations for the FY2019

supplemental budget and the Governor's budget recommendations for FY 2020 and explained the impacts they would have on the school system.

4. TRS update

Mr. Holland stated that the TRS (Teachers Retirement System) increase for FY 2020 would be 1.1% which is a lot better than the current year's increase which was 23.6%.

5. Timeline for development of FY 2020 budget - Lisa Williams

6. FY 2020 budget goals and priorities - Lisa Williams

Dr. Williams presented preliminary budget goals and priorities for FY 2020.

IV. New Business

A. Resolution to revise FY 2020 application for Capital Outlay funding for Garrison-Pilcher

Motion made by: Mrs. Kay Streets

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Leah Smith

Voting: Unanimously Approved

B. Personnel report

Motion made by: Mr. Charles Evans

Motion seconded by: Mr. Mark NeSmith

Voting: Mr. Dan Stewart - Yes

Mr. Charles Evans - Yes

Mr. Derwood Hickey - No

Ms. Nancy Hiers - Yes

Mr. Mark NeSmith - Yes

Mrs. Leah Smith - Yes

Mrs. Kay Streets - Yes

C. Executive session for personnel

A motion was made to go into executive session for personnel.

Motion made by: Mrs. Kay Streets

Motion seconded by: Mr. Charles Evans

Voting: Unanimously Approved

D. End executive session

A motion was made to end the executive session.

Motion made by: Mr. Mark NeSmith

Motion seconded by: Mr. Charles Evans

Voting: Unanimously Approved

V. Adjournment

Motion made by: Mr. Charles Evans

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Leah Smith

Voting: Unanimously Approved

Chairperson

Secretary