

MINUTES OF THE THOMAS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION IN SPECIAL SESSION,
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2012

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Morgan called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with the following members present: Johnny Bannister, Charles Evans, Nancy Hiers, Scott Morgan, Mark NeSmith and Kay Streets. Also present at the meeting were Derwood Hickey, board member-elect; Lee Bailey, assistant superintendent; and Melanie Chavaux, assistant superintendent.

Mr. Bannister moved, with a second by Mr. Evans, to approve the agenda (attachment A). The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

II. BOARD TRAINING

Dr. Kornegay introduced Mr. Bill Sampson from Georgia Schools Board Association and turned the meeting over to him for the purpose of conducting board training (attachment B).

III. WORK SESSION

A. Easements requested from the city - Dr. Kornegay presented the board with a map showing an easement requested by the City of Thomasville to extend utilities across the new property purchased by the school system last year (attachment C). Board members expressed concern that the city's plan to extend utilities could lead to additional annexations that would have a negative impact on the school tax digest. Dr. Kornegay agreed to discuss the annexation issue with city officials. No action was taken on the easement request.

B. Review plans for Thomas County Middle School addition - Dr. Kornegay gave the board a sketch of the proposed addition to Thomas County Middle School which will add an agriculture classroom and lab, a Family and Consumer Science lab, a multi-purpose room, a covered patio work area, and a computer lab.

C. Discussion of Charter School Resolution - The upcoming vote on the Constitutional Amendment on charter schools was discussed. Dr. Kornegay presented the board a draft resolution opposing the amendment and asked the board's guidance on the issue. Mr. NeSmith made a motion that the resolution (attachment D) be approved. Mr. Bannister seconded the motion, and all members present voted in favor.

D. Personnel discussion - Dr. Kornegay informed the board that Dr. Bonnie Seery, director of special education, has announced her plans to retire effective December 1, 2012. Dr. Kornegay told the board that he plans to recommend combining the Coordinator of RTI position and the Director of Special Education position upon Dr. Seery's retirement. Dr. Kornegay requested the board's input on this suggestion that will reduce personnel costs at the district office level. Dr. Kornegay told the board that this recommendation will be part of the personnel report at the October meeting.

Dr. Kornegay reminded the board that the next board meeting will be held on October 16th due to the normal meeting date occurring during fall break.

There were no New Business items.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Evans moved to adjourn, with a second by Mr. NeSmith. The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

Chairman

Secretary