

MINUTES OF THE THOMAS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION IN REGULAR SESSION,
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman NeSmith called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with the following members present: David Dawson, Derwood Hickey, Charles Evans, Nancy Hiers, Mark NeSmith, and Kay Streets. Chairman Scott Morgan participated in the meeting by way of conference call but did not vote on any item.

2. DEVOTIONAL

Mr. Chad Ward, teacher/coach at Thomas County Central High School, gave the devotional.

3. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Hiers moved to approve the consent agenda (attachment A). Ms. Streets seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by the board.

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

a. Revision of Charter Schools policy, IBB, (first reading) and b. Concussion Management policy, JGFGGB (first reading) – Ms. Lisa Williams, assistant superintendent for student services and governmental relations, explained changes as recommended by Georgia School Boards Association to the Charter Schools policy and the Concussion Management policy.

c. Enrollment update – Dr. Kornegay reported that enrollment for this school year had increased by 288 students in the system not including pre-K over the previous year's enrollment. He explained that pre-K was not included in the count because of a different formula for pre-K funding.

d. Update on Race to the Top initiative – Dr. Kornegay explained Georgia's Educational Initiatives (attachment B) provided by the Georgia Department of Education which is the state's vision for accountability.

e. Update on TKES and LKES implementation – Dr. Kornegay said the school system had been selected by the Georgia Department of Education as a training site for the teacher evaluation system (TKES) and the leader evaluation system (LKES) August 19-23 for 90 administrators in the southwest Georgia region.

f. Highlights from 2012-2013 school year shared with faculty and staff at opening faculty meeting - Dr. Kornegay shared some of the 2012-2013 accomplishments with the board that he had presented at the pre-school meeting for staff.

g. Financial reports: June and July – Mr. Joey Holland, assistant superintendent for finance, explained the June and July financial reports (attachment C).

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Revision of policy JBC(4), Awarding Units and Transferring Credit – Mr. Hickey moved, with a second by Mr. Evans, to approve policy JBC(4), Awarding Units and Transferring Credit (attachment D). All board members present voted unanimous approval of the motion.

b. Final approval of 2013 millage rate – Dr. Kornegay recommended approval of the 2013 millage rate (attachment E) of 14.714 mills. Ms. Streets moved to approve the superintendent's recommendation. Mr. Evans seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by the board members present.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Approval of personnel report – Dr. Kornegay informed the board of the need for an additional first grade teacher and a kindergarten teacher because of increased enrollment. He said another first grade teacher is needed because of being over the class size limit, even with the class size waiver. He said there was an addendum to the personnel report because hiring the kindergarten teacher is optional because of the class size waiver. He said the system should more than earn the positions with mid-term funding. Mr. Evans moved to approve the personnel report with the addendum (attachment F) to hire a kindergarten teacher. Mr. Dawson seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by the board.

b. Executive session for personnel-evaluation - Mr. Evans moved, with a second by Ms. Hiers, for the board to go into executive session (attachment G) for personnel-evaluation. The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

Ms. Streets moved to end the executive session. Mr. Dawson seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by the board.

Mr. Hickey moved to amend the agenda to add an item, contractual agreement. Mr. Evans seconded the motion, with the members present voting unanimously to approve the motion.

c. Contractual Agreement – Mr. Hickey moved, with a second by Ms. Streets, to add an additional year to the superintendent's contract. The board members present voted to approve the motion.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Evans moved, with a second by Mr. Dawson, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously by the members present.


Secretary


Chairman