

MINUTES OF THE THOMAS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION IN REGULAR SESSION,
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with the following members present: David Dawson, Charles Evans, Derwood Hickey, Nancy Hiers, Scott Morgan, Mark NeSmith, and Kay Streets.

2. DEVOTIONAL

Mr. Lloyd Graham, paraprofessional at Hand-In-Hand School, gave the devotional.

3. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. NeSmith moved to approve the consent agenda (attachment A) which included the agenda, September 10 minutes, August 15 Bishop Hall Board minutes, out-of-district students and fundraising activities. Mr. Hickey seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by the board.

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

a. Recognition of State Board of Education Member - Dr. Kornegay introduced and welcomed Dr. Sandra Reed, State Board of Education member, and expressed appreciation for having someone from the local area serving on the state board. Dr. Reed said she was honored to be asked to serve on the state board and wanted to meet with local school systems to get to know what they do and she offered her assistance to the board.

b. Recognition of retiring employees – Dr. Kornegay introduced Dr. Terrel Solana, former superintendent of the school system from 1982 to 1999. Dr. Solana thanked the board for allowing him to recognize two retiring employees. He recognized Milton Bracewell for serving 48 years as a bus mechanic, dispatcher and bus driver. He also recognized Terri Matthews for serving 20 years as head-nurse in the system and commented that she was the one that virtually got the nursing program started in the school system. On behalf of the school system, he thanked Mr. Bracewell and Ms. Matthews for their years of service.

c. Update on GHSA reclassification process – Mr. Mike Singletary spoke to the board about the Georgia High School Association reclassification for sports.

Ms. Streets had an emergency and had to leave the meeting at approximately 7:30 p.m.

d. Academic updates – Ms. Melanie Chavaux, assistant superintendent for curriculum, updated the board on planning for the Strategic Planning process, five year visit by the Georgia Accrediting Commission at the end of October, and the Southern Association of Schools accreditation visit in the fall. She informed them that every teacher in Thomas County is a reading teacher, about a systematic focus on writing in grades K-12, and about technology being used as a teaching tool. She said work is continuing on alignment of units to the Common Core and on Response to Intervention by applying universal screeners three times a year. She also reported on data literacy, TKES and LKES and the math cohort with Bainbridge College.

e. Financial reports – Mr. Joey Holland, assistant superintendent for finance and operations, explained the financial report (attachment B) for September.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Approval of bid for greenhouse for Thomas County Middle School CTAE program – Mr. NeSmith moved, with a second by Ms. Hiers, to approve the bid (attachment C) from Atlas Manufacturing for a

24' x 36' Educator Greenhouse for \$40,610.00. The board members present voted unanimous approval of the motion.

b. Approval of bid for computers for Thomas County Middle School CTAE - Ms. Hiers moved, with a second by Mr. Dawson, to approve the bid (attachment D) from ByteSpeed, LLC for computers for the middle school CTAE program. The board members present voted to approve the motion.

c. Approval of renewal application for Bishop Hall Charter School – Mr. NeSmith made a motion, with a second by Mr. Hickey, to approve the renewal application (attachment E) for Bishop Hall Charter School. The board members present voted to approve the motion.

d. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Bishop Hall Charter School, Inc. – Ms. Hiers moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (attachment F) with Bishop Hall Charter School, Inc. Mr. Hickey seconded the motion and the board members present voted for approval.

e. Ratification of amended bylaws for Bishop Hall Charter School, Inc. – Mr. NeSmith made a motion to approve the amended bylaws (attachment G) for Bishop Hall Charter School, Inc. Ms. Hiers seconded the motion and all board members present voted to approve the motion.

f. Approval of personnel report - Mr. Evans moved to approve the personnel report (attachment H). Ms. Hiers seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by board members present.

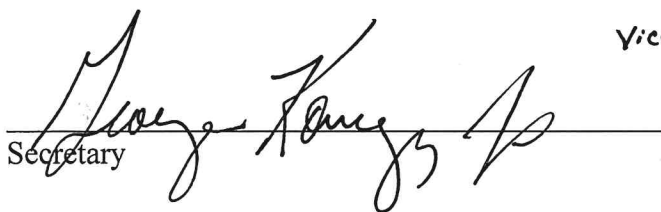
g. Executive session for student discipline – Mr. Dawson moved for the board to go into executive session for student discipline (attachment I). Ms. Hiers seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by board members present.

Mr. Evans moved, with a second by Ms. Hiers, to end the executive session. The board members present voted unanimous approval of the motion.

Mr. Dawson moved to accept the decision of the hearing tribunal dated August 19, 2013, for the student (aw). Mr. Hickey seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by board members present.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Evans moved, with a second by Ms. Hiers, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.


Secretary


Vice-Chairman