

MINUTES OF THE THOMAS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION IN REGULAR SESSION,
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Streets called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: David Dawson, Charles Evans, Derwood Hickey, Mark NeSmith, Scott Morgan, and Kay Streets. Nancy Hiers arrived at the meeting a little later.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Morgan moved to approve the agenda (attachment A). Mr. Evans seconded the motion and the following members voted to approve: Mr. Morgan, Mr. Evans, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Hickey, and Mr. NeSmith.

3. REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Reminder: School Board Appreciation Luncheon: TCCHS PREP Academy, March 20, 2014, 11:30-1:00 - Dr. Kornegay reminded board members of the appreciation luncheon for them and stated that the automobile engine team would demonstrate the building of an engine after lunch.

b. Report on revision to draft strategic plan to reflect survey and administrative input: plan to be approved at March 11 meeting – Ms. Melanie Chavaux, assistant superintendent for instruction, explained the revisions, which reflect a recent survey and administrative input, to the strategic plan. Nancy Hiers arrived at the meeting.

c. Flexibility measures approved at recent State Board of Education meeting – Dr. Kornegay informed the board of flexibility measures regarding school days missed due to inclement weather and also, class size waivers approved by the Georgia Board of Education at the February 20 meeting.

d. Legislative updates – Dr. Kornegay updated the board on bills pending in the legislature relating to education.

e. Report on virtual school programs in the district – Dr. Kornegay gave a report on the number of students in the virtual program for October 2012, February 2013, October 2013 and February 2014.

f. Discussion of selection of delegate and alternate to GSBA Delegate Assembly – Dr. Kornegay asked board members to think about the selection of the delegate and alternate for Georgia School Boards Association Delegate Assembly for approval at the next meeting.

g. Suggestions for GSBA 2015 Legislative Positions – Dr. Kornegay gave board members the list of 2014 legislative positions to review in planning for FY2015 which could be approved at the March meeting for the GSBA Delegate Assembly.

h. Request for Proposals Process for 403(b) Plan providers – Dr. Kornegay informed the board that the school system had used the same 403(b) company for several years and he would like to rebid the plan. He suggested hiring a consultant to help with the bidding process and said the winning bidder would pay for the consultant's fee. There was no opposition from the board to solicit proposals for a new 403(b) plan.

i. Present FTE history and projection for FY2015 – Mr. Joey Holland, assistant superintendent for finance, explained the FTE history and projection for FY2015 midterm and FY2015 initial.

j. Update on preliminary state budget allocations from DOE - Mr. Holland updated the board on preliminary budget allocations from the Georgia Department of Education.

k. Report on revenue comparisons for area school systems – Mr. Holland gave a report (attachment B) comparing revenues of school systems in the area with Thomas County.

l. Draft of March 11, 2015, Board meeting agenda – Dr. Kornegay presented the draft agenda for the March 11 board meeting.

m. Present FY2015 preliminary personnel plan – Dr. Kornegay presented the preliminary personnel plan (attachment C) and said approval would be requested at the regular meeting in March.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO REVIEW 2014-2015 PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

There was not a need for an executive session so it was cancelled.

5. ADJOURNMENT

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


Secretary


Chairman