

Thomas County Board of Education Minutes

June 13, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Voting Members

Mr. Ken Harper, Board Member
Mr. Chris Hayes, Board Member
Mr. Ed Hopper, Board Member
Mr. Mark NeSmith, Board Member
Mrs. Leah Smith, Chair
Mr. Dan Stewart, Vice Chair
Mrs. Joy West, Board Member

Non-Voting Members

Dr. Philip Duplantis, Athletic Director
Mr. Joey Holland, Deputy Superintendent for Finance
Mrs. Jennifer Mitchell, Administrative Assistant
Dr. Lisa Williams, Superintendent

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with all members present. Mr. Ed Hopper and Mr. Mark NeSmith were on teleconference.

II. DEVOTIONAL – MRS. MORGAN ADAMS, COUNSELOR AT CROSS CREEK ELEMENTARY

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Agenda
- B. Minutes: May 9 and May 20
- C. Bishop Hall board minutes: April 20
- D. Upcoming meeting: July 18 regular meeting
- E. FY 2024 System Parent and Family Engagement Policy/Plan
- F. School Nutrition and School Food Service Bids
- G. Fundraising requests
- H. House Bill 91 Student
- I. Out-of-district students
Motion made by: Mr. Dan Stewart
Motion seconded by: Mr. Ken Harper
Voting: Unanimously Approved

V. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- A. Proposed New Requirements for Athletic Events – Philip Duplantis
Athletic Director Dr. Philip Duplantis discussed proposed new requirements for athletic events. These include an accompanying adult/parent/guardian

supervision policy for all high school football and basketball home games. All K-8 students will be required to be supervised by an accompanying adult, parent, or guardian at these games or will not be permitted to attend. A new bag policy was also presented to the board that would allow for only clear and mesh bags to be brought into sporting events, with the exception of medical bags and diaper bags (with infant present). These policies are consistent with the policies of surrounding school districts.

- B. Draft of revised policy JGCD: Medication – first reading
- C. Financial Report – Joey Holland

VI. BUDGET HEARING

- A. Final FY 2024 budget – Joey Holland

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. No individual provided the 24 hour notice required as a condition of addressing the Board

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Final approval of FY2024 budget
Motion made by: Mr. Ken Harper
Motion seconded by: Mr. Chris Hayes
Voting: Unanimously Approved
- B. Adoption of Public Participation Procedures in Board Meetings
Motion made by: Mr. Chris Hayes
Motion seconded by: Mr. Dan Stewart
Voting: Unanimously Approved
- C. Approval for the purchase of the Heggerty Bridge to Reading Phonics Program
Motion made by: Mr. Dan Stewart
Motion seconded by: Mrs. Joy West
Voting: Unanimously Approved
- D. Executive Session for Superintendent's evaluation and personnel
Motion made by: Mr. Chris Hayes
Motion seconded by: Mr. Dan Stewart
Voting: Unanimously Approved
- E. End Executive Session
Motion made by: Mr. Ken Harper
Motion seconded by: Mr. Chris Hayes
Voting: Unanimously Approved
- F. Superintendent's evaluation
Motion made by: Mr. Chris Hayes
Motion seconded by: Mr. Dan Stewart
Voting: Unanimously Approved

G. Personnel Report

Motion made by: Mr. Dan Stewart

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Joy West

Voting: Unanimously Approved

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by: Mr. Ken Harper

Motion seconded by: Mr. Chris Hayes

Voting: Unanimously Approved

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Chairperson

Handwritten signature of Lisa Williams in blue ink, written over a horizontal line.

Secretary