

Thomas County Board of Education Minutes

March 12, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Voting Members

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

Non-Voting Members

Mrs. Melanie Davis, Director of Public Relations and Communications
Mr. Joey Holland, Deputy Superintendent for Finance
Mrs. Jennifer Mitchell, Administrative Assistant
Dr. Jim Rehberg, Director of Facilities and Operations
Dr. Lisa Williams, Superintendent

- I. CALL TO ORDER
Chair Stewart called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with all members present.

- II. DEVOTIONAL – DR. NIKKI SMITH, TEACHER AT THOMAS COUNTY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – HARRIS PALMER, STUDENT AT THOMAS COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL

- IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA
 - A. Agenda
 - B. Minutes: February 13
 - C. Upcoming meeting: April 16 regular meeting
 - D. Resolutions for outstanding students
 - E. Fundraising requests
 - F. Out-of-district students
Motion made by: Mr. Chris Hayes
Motion seconded by: Mr. Ken Harper
Voting: Unanimously Approved

- V. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT
 - A. School Board Appreciation Week: March 11-15
 - B. Recognition of outstanding students
 - C. Athletic Program Updates
 - D. Facilities Updates – Dr. Jim Rehberg
 - E. Financial Report – Joey Holland

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Bid recommendation for bus radio replacement project

Motion made by: Mrs. Joy West

Motion seconded by: Mr. Mark NeSmith

Voting: Unanimously Approved

- B. Executive Session for personnel

Motion made by: Mr. Chris Hayes

Motion seconded by: Mr. Ken Harper

Voting: Unanimously Approved

- C. End Executive Session

Motion made by: Mr. Chris Hayes

Motion seconded by: Mr. Ed Hopper

Voting: Unanimously Approved

- D. Personnel report including FY 2025 renewals

Motion made by: Mr. Ed Hopper

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Joy West

Voting: Unanimously Approved

1. Approval of renewal rosters as listed for FY 2025 including administrative appointments, all schools, and the Pathways GNETS Program

Motion made by: Mr. Mark NeSmith

Motion seconded by: Mr. Chris Hayes

Voting: Unanimously Approved

2. Approval of Allison NeSmith as parent engagement coordinator/athletic liaison at Thomas County Central High School; Mr. NeSmith shall abstain.

Motion made by: Mr. Ken Harper

Motion seconded by: Mr. Ed Hopper

Voting: Mr. Ken Harper – Yes

Mr. Chris Hayes – Yes

Mr. Ed Hopper – Yes

Mr. Mark NeSmith – Abstain

Mrs. Leah Smith – Yes

Mr. Dan Stewart – Yes

Mrs. Joy West – Yes

3. Approval of Lauren Hopper as teacher at Garrison-Pilcher Elementary School; Mr. Hopper shall abstain.

Motion made by: Mr. Ken Harper

Motion seconded by: Mr. Chris Hayes

Voting: Mr. Ken Harper – Yes
Mr. Chris Hayes – Yes
Mr. Ed Hopper – Abstain
Mr. Mark NeSmith – Yes
Mrs. Leah Smith – Yes
Mr. Dan Stewart – Yes
Mrs. Joy West – Yes

4. Approval of Hannah Stone as teacher at Cross Creek Elementary School; Mrs. West shall abstain.

Motion made by: Mr. Mark NeSmith

Motion seconded by: Mr. Ed Hopper

Voting: Mr. Ken Harper – Yes
Mr. Chris Hayes – Yes
Mr. Ed Hopper – Yes
Mr. Mark NeSmith – Yes
Mrs. Leah Smith – Yes
Mr. Dan Stewart – Yes
Mrs. Joy West – Abstain

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by: Mr. Ken Harper

Motion seconded by: Mr. Chris Hayes

Voting: Unanimously Approved

Dan Cecil Stewart Risa Williams

Chairperson

Secretary