

MINUTES OF THE THOMAS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION IN REGULAR SESSION,
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Evans called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: David Dawson, Charles Evans, Derwood Hickey, Scott Morgan and Kay Streets.

II. DEVOTIONAL

Mr. Todd Wilson, teacher at Thomas County Central High School and Thomas County Teacher of the Year, gave the devotional.

III. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Morgan moved, with a second by Mr. Dawson, to approve the consent agenda (attachment A) which included the agenda; March 10, 2015, March 24, 2015, and March 31, 2015, minutes; Bishop Hall board minutes of February 19; meeting schedule; fundraising requests and out-of-district students. The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Recognition of outstanding students – Ms. Melanie Chavaux, associate superintendent, and Chairman Evans recognized outstanding students at the meeting.

B. Approval of resolutions honoring outstanding students – Mr. Morgan moved, with a second by Ms. Streets, to approve resolutions (attachment B) for outstanding students. The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

C. Brief recess for students being recognized to be excused

D. Draft of May 12 agenda – Dr. Kornegay reviewed the draft of the May 12 agenda and said the main item will be FY2016 budget approval.

E. Legislative updates – Dr. Kornegay discussed some of the bills that had passed in the state legislature and stated that House Bill 170 would have a financial impact on the system because of an additional excise tax of 26 cents per gallon on gasoline and 29 cents per gallon on diesel. It will cost the system approximately an additional \$45,000.

F. Financial Report - Joey Holland, assistant superintendent, explained the Financial Report (attachment C).

G. FY2016 budget update – Mr. Holland explained that the equalization grant is going to be \$226,000 less than originally expected and because of the new excise tax resulting from House Bill 170, there will be approximately a \$45,000 increase in gas and diesel. Dr. Kornegay said new positions that had been anticipated to reduce class sizes will not be added to help offset the cut in equalization funding.

V. PUBLIC HEARING: IE² CONTRACT

Ms. Lisa Williams, assistant superintendent, facilitated the public hearing on the IE² contract and reviewed the contract. There was no public participation but two school employees, Trista Jones and Joey Holland, did speak about the advantages of opting for the IE² contract.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of strategic system (IE²) contract – Mr. Morgan moved, with a second by Mr. Hickey, to approve the strategic system (IE²) contract (attachment D). The board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Approval of resolution to award diplomas per House Bill 91 – Dr. Kornegay explained that per House Bill 91, previous students who have met all graduation requirements with the exception of the Georgia High School Graduation tests would be allowed to receive diplomas upon board approval. He explained that the resolution approves the initial list which is attached to the resolution and authorizes approval in the future by placing students on the consent agenda. Ms. Streets moved to approve the resolution (attachment E) per House Bill 91. Mr. Morgan seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by the board.

C. Approval of bids for network upgrades at HH, TCM and TCC – Mr. Morgan moved to approve the bids for network improvements and cable drops (attachment F) to Micro Technology Consultants. Mr. Hickey seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by the board.

D. Approval of bids for band uniforms, chorus dresses, and tuxedos – Ms. Streets made a motion, with a second by Mr. Hickey, to approve the bids (attachment G) from DeMoulin Bros. for 150 band uniforms and Bando for concert attire which included 75 dresses and 75 tuxedos. The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

E. Approval of personnel report – Mr. Morgan moved to approve the personnel report (attachment H). Mr. Hickey seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by the board.

Executive Session – Mr. Hickey moved for the board to go into executive session (attachment I) for personnel. Mr. Morgan seconded the motion, with unanimous approval by the board.

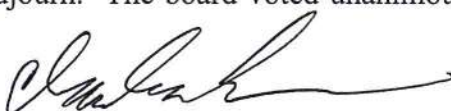
Mr. Morgan moved, with a second by Mr. Dawson, to end the executive session. The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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



Secretary



Chairman