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BRIEFING MINUTES

THOMASVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
2 p.m., Wednesday, November 28, 2018
Huneycutt Administrative Building Board Room

Board Members Present:	James Carmichael	Kimberly Skeen Dr. Dee Stokes Judy Younts
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Board Attorney:	Bradley Hunt was in attendance.
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Superintendent's Staff in Attendance:	Dr. Cate Gentry Johnnie Musgrave Dr. Jesse Pratt	Jennifer Buck Krystal Sanders Faith Wilson
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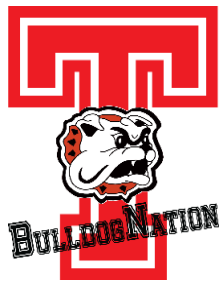
Welcome & Call to Order:	The meeting was called to order by Mr. Carmichael.
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*Adoption of Agenda:	Motion was made by Judy Younts and a second was offered by Kimberly Skeen to adopt the meeting agenda. The motion was approved.
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DISCUSSION: INSTRUCTIONAL UPDATES ~ Dr. Pratt	Dr. Pratt shared information regarding walk-through findings from each school and information regarding specific areas of initial focus for the coming academic year. Dr. Pratt identified strategic stakeholders which include students, parents, teachers, and administrators. Dr. Pratt indicated that each school was focused on measurable academic goals and shared areas of progress and cause for celebration as well as opportunities for improvement. He fielded various questions from the Board and will review data in order to answer specific questions regarding student attendance and student behavior. Dr. Pratt will follow-up with the Board after the Briefing session in writing.
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DISCUSSION: THS Multi-Purpose Building Update	Dr. Gentry shared updated information regarding the construction of a Multi-purpose facility to be located on the campus of THS. Dr. Gentry shared that all approvals should be received as of later today and the ground-breaking should begin in early 2019.
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Copies of all the plans have been submitted to the NCDPI and once approved will be submitted to City of Thomasville for their approval. Duke Power will be assisting to rework electrical lines to the building and will also allow lights for the Baseball field. The new building will not require a sprinkler system.



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The funding for this project is still pending as community funds have not been shared with the building committee as of this date.

DISCUSSION:

Thomasville
Education
Foundation

As of the date of the Briefing session, key information regarding the Thomasville Education Foundation has not been produced to the Superintendent. Dr. Gentry will send a letter to the Foundation manager and will keep the Board abreast of all further communications.

~ Dr. Gentry

DISCUSSION:

Communications

Dr. Gentry reminded that Board that there are dedicated times within her schedule which would allow for conferencing and idea sharing. She invited Board members to email or call her if they are interested in individual sessions.

~ Dr. Gentry

An invitation to the Annual Holiday Open House was extended to the Board. Invitations will be sent electronically on December 3rd and sent via the post office during the first week of December. Please help to spread the word to community members.

**DETERMINATION
of Evaluation
Instrument for
Superintendent**

Mr. Carmichael led a conversation centered around the evaluation tool which will be utilized this year to evaluation Dr. Gentry. The Board decided to use the Local tool which was closely aligned to the State Instrument for the purposes of evaluating Dr. Gentry in June 2019.

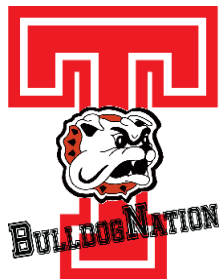
~ Dr. Gentry

Mr. Carmichael will make edits to the document in addition to adding a means to measure/score Staff Relations.

**Review of Board
Meeting Agenda
for 12/04/2018**

Dr. Gentry asked the Board to review with her the official agenda for December 4, 2018. She led the Board through discussions and answered all questions from members regarding the items which will be before them on that evening.

~ Dr. Gentry



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***Closed Session:** A motion was made by Dr. Dee Stokes and seconded by Kimberly Skeen that the Board move into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a) (6) and/or so that personnel matters may be considered by the Board. The motion carried and the Board went into closed session.

James Carmichael
Board Chairman

Cate Gentry, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools