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 Judy Younts

## BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

THOMASVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 7, 2020  
 Huneycutt Administrative Building Board Room

**Board Members Present:** James Carmichael      Kimberly Skeen  
 Dr. Dee Stokes      Judy Younts

**Board Attorney:** Bradley Hunt was in attendance.

**Superintendent's Staff in Attendance:**

Dr. Cate Gentry	Ken Hill	Dr. Angela Moore-Little
Johnnie Musgrave	Lorrie Johnson	Calvin Freeman
Kelli Dalton	Andrew Wiener	Ron Hewitt
Scott Powell	Lanny Loflin	Michelle Posley
Jennifer Buck		Megan Silvey
		Jamille Rhodes

**Also in Attendance:** Joe Leonard, City Council      Neal Grimes, City Council

**Media In Attendance:** Daniel Kennedy from the T'ville Times was in attendance for this meeting.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Mr. James Carmichael and he welcomed guests from the Thomasville City Council and new Thomasville Times Reporter, Daniel Kennedy. Daniel will be reporting on the School Board since Ms. Hightower's retirement.

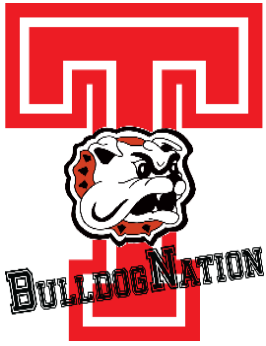
**Citizen Appearance:** none

**\*Changes to the Meeting Agenda** Mr. Carmichael requested to remove Item D and Item from the consent agenda making them regular voting items. Motion to amend meeting agenda was made by Judy Younts and seconded by Kimberly Skeen. The motion was approved 4-0.

**\*Adoption of Agenda:** The meeting agenda was adopted with one change noted above.

- Motion by Judy Younts
- Seconded by Dr. Dee Stokes
- Motion carried 4-0

**Superintendent's Report** Dr. Gentry wished everyone a very Happy New Year and welcomed everyone to the Board Meeting and invited everyone to attend future meetings as well.



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Dr. Gentry expressed her appreciation to the Board for all of their hard work, dedication and commitment to the students and staff members of Bulldog Nation. On behalf of the district she gave each member a Thomasville Chamber Umbrella and a lapel pin in the shape of the "Big Chair" in honor of School Board Appreciation Month.

Dr. Gentry shared the following during her Superintendent's Report:

- Mid-term exams begin on January 13, 2020 at Thomasville High School
- Dr. Gentry and Kelli Dalton awarded the Bulldog Nation Award to Ms Debbie Hightower of the Thomasville Times and Jennifer Sebastian.
- Dr. Jessica Dreher updated the Board on the continuing work being done through the Student Services Department
- Student releases and Out of District admissions officially begins February 3
- High school class registration will begin February 3, 2020 and should finish by March 2, 2020. This year course catalogs will be given to Thomasville Middle in addition to Thomasville High for students to begin planning their future academic courses.
- Thomasville Middle students shared their Tiny House projects with the Board and also spoke about what they learned from the project. Also highlighted from Thomasville Middle School was the "Bow Tie" on game day initiative. Football players and their coaches discussed how the team felt they looked good and played good. Every team member had bow ties for game days through a partnership with CIS of Thomasville.

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**\*Approval of  
Consent Agenda  
Items:**

Items listed on the consent agenda were approved via a motion made by Kimberly Skeen and seconded by Dr. Dee Stokes. Consent items were unanimously approved.

Approved consent Items:

- Board Briefing minutes from November 20, 2019
- Board Meeting minutes from December 3, 2019
- 2019-2020 TCS Board Budget Resolution



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### **2019-2020 TCS Budget Summaries**

Mr. Powell shared with the Board 2019-2020 Budget Summaries for their review.

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### **\* 2020-2021 Academic Calendar:**

Dr. Gentry requested the board approve the 2020-2021 Academic Calendar. Additional external feedback has been obtained and Dr. Gentry feels more confident that stakeholders have been given ample opportunity to comment on the new start date, holiday breaks, exam schedules, and graduation.

- Motion to approve the 2020-2021 Academic Calendar was made by Kimberly Skeen
- Seconded by Dr. Dee Stokes
- Motion carried unanimously

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### **\*Board Policy to Approve/Incorp orate into TCS Policy Manual**

Kelli Dalton requested the Board approve policy 7421 – Drug and Alcohol Testing of Commercial Motor Vehicle Operators which has been tabled since the December 2019 meeting.

In addition, Mrs. Dalton requested the policies listed as Agenda Item #6 have the waiting period waived and approve during this January 2020 meeting. These policies include: 4240/7312, 8350, 8340, 7430, 6315, 6220, 6120, 3102, 6305, and 2010.

- Dr. Dee Stokes made a motion to waive the customary waiting period
- Kimberly Skeen seconded
- The Board agreed to waive the waiting period 4-0

After the waiting period was waived

- Kimberly Skeen made a motion that the Board adopt policy 7421, 4240/7312, 8350, 8340, 7430, 6315, 6220, 6120, 3102, 6305, and 2010.
- Second was offered by Judy Younts
- Motion passed 4-0

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### **\*First-Read Board Policy – Request to table until next Board Meeting**

Kelli Dalton reviewed the following policies and requested that the Board table the policy until next meeting for comment and feedback. Policies to table: 4700, 4400, 4333, 4325, 4270/6145, 4040/7310, 3620, 2300, and 1310/4002

- Dr. Dee Stokes made a motion to table policies until next meeting.
- Judy Younts seconded the motion
- The Board agreed to table the policies 4-0



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**\*Closed Session:** A motion was made by Kimberly Skeen and seconded by Judy Younts 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.

**\*Return to Open Session:** Motion to return to open session was by Kimberly Skeen, seconded by Dr. Deanna Stokes and approved 4-0.  
  
Then the meeting was adjourned.

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James Carmichael, Board Chairman

Cate Gentry, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools