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Cheryl Jefferies
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MINUTES

THOMASVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
6:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 12, 2017
Huneycutt Administration Building

**Board Members
Present:**

Kevan Callicutt
Keith Raulston

James Carmichael via telephone
Cheryl Jefferies
Andrea Walker

**Superintendent
& Staff Members
Present:**

Dr. Patrice Faison
Ashton Clemmons
Dr. Cate Gentry
Johnnie Musgrave

Leslie Kinard

**Welcome & Call
to Order:**

Welcome and meeting brought to order by Dr. Faison, Superintendent of Schools

**Appearance by
Citizen(s):**

None

***Adoption of
Agenda:**

Motion was made by Keith Raulston and a second by Andrea Walker to adopt the meeting agenda. Motion to adopt was approved.

***Election of
Board of
Education
Chairperson for
2017-18**

Nominations were opened by Dr. Faison for the Board to elect the coming year's Board Chairman.

Mr. Kevan Callicutt was nominated and accepted the nomination.

A motion was made by Andrea Walker and seconded by Keith Raulston to accept the nomination and approve Mr. Callicutt as Board Chairman. Motion to accept was unanimous.

***Election of
Board of
Education Vice
Chairperson for
2017-18**

Nomination to elect Keith Raulston as Board Vice Chairman was made by Kevan Callucutt.

Motion to accept nomination was made by Andrea Walker and seconded by Cheryl Jefferies.

Motion to accept was unanimous.

**Welcome to
newest Board of
Education
Member**

Dr. Faison invited everyone to share cupcakes and extended a warm TCS welcome to the newly appointed member of the school board, Mrs. Cheryl Jefferies.



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***American Reading Company Purchase of Literacy Tools, District Resources, Classroom Libraries, and Professional Development**

Dr. Faison shared with the board the reason for the specially called meeting, requesting approval for the district to purchase literacy materials from the American Reading Company.

Dr. Faison discussed that TCS was lacking cohesion in literacy programming throughout the district. It is her belief that specific literacy modules provided by American Reading Company will address this issue.

She outlined a positive growth vision for both students and teachers across grades and levels in Thomasville City Schools. She shared that the district curriculum leaders team, Ashton Clemmons, Dr. Cate Gentry, and Jennifer Buck, had spent much time looking for innovative, cohesive ways to address literacy in the district.

Dr. Faison highlighted the structure and rigor of American Reading Company's literacy product and how literacy is not taught in isolation but in a continuum throughout the student's day.

Dr. Faison turned to Mrs. Clemmons who shared specific details and attributes that the vendor addresses and how these attributes address certain instructional gaps found in TCS.

Mrs. Clemmons outlined what a lesson may look like in the classroom; whole classroom instruction using one selected text and individual practice of the taught concepts using on-level, high interest text.

Dr. Gentry and Mrs. Kinard shared in support of the components of the partnership and professional development for staff and how that focused, delivered PD would benefit teachers and their individual capacity and thus enhancing their instruction leading to student success.

The group fielded instructional delivery and professional development questions from Board members.

Mrs. Clemmons shared the costs and outlined exactly the program components funding would provide.

Dr. Faison summed the discussion indicating that the purchase of this tool would not be an overnight success but would assist in addressing literacy issues plaguing the district.

Dr. Faison asked the board for their support and permission to purchase tools and components through American Reading Company.

Andrea Walker made a motion to approve the purchase from American Reading Company and Cheryl Jefferies offered a second.

The motion passed unanimously.



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*** Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by James Carmichael and seconded by Andrea Walker. The meeting dismissed.

Kevan W. Callicutt
Board Chairman

Patrice Faison, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools