

**Thomas Academy
Board Meeting
February 13, 2018
4:00pm**

Anthony J. Brill Middle School

Welcome.....Owen Robinson

- Meeting called to order at 4:00 P.M by Owen Robinson.

Roll call.....Geraldine Bradshaw

- Attending by Conference Call: Dave Wyatt, Owen Robinson, Zelphia Grisett
- In Person: Larry Hewett, Geraldine Bradshaw

Approval of October minutes.....Owen Robinson

- Larry Hewett requested a motion to approve (January 2018) minutes. A motion was made by Dave Wyatt and seconded by Larry Hewett. The motion was approved Owen Robinson

Thomas Academy Updates.....Geraldine Bradshaw

- **February Head Count:** 106 student's present enrollment.
- **Saturday Academy:** Campus and Community Students are showing up for Saturday Academy. As of Saturday, February 10, 2018, we have 8 students attending Saturday Academy. We also have several Columbus Career and College Academy Ambassadors and Beta Club students who volunteer to assist our students.
- **Partnership with SCC:** We have 9 of our 15 seniors enrolled at Southeastern either in traditional college courses or Workforce Continuing Education (Job certification within 5 weeks of starting program). For example, welding, CNA1, Certified Production Technician (CPT).
- **Occupational Rehabilitation:** A Partnership has been formed with Mr. Glenwood Davis (Counselor for Occupational Rehabilitation), this program assist our Special Education, OCS, students with finding work in the community. Mr. Davis also offers our students Educational and IQ testing free of charge.
- **Technology Grant:** We have purchased 12 laptops for middle school a charge cart and head phones.
- **Sports Grant:** Basketballs, Ropes, Stacks were purchased for Gym use.
- **Implementation of INGINTA:** IGINITA – Software program that is DPI approved that offer high school courses, so that students that are behind in high school credits can work in that program for credit recovery and to gain credits toward graduation.

Old Business.....Owen Robinson
• None

New Business.....Owen Robinson
• March 2018 meeting date: March 13, 2018

Board Action Items.....Geraldine Bradshaw
• **Personnel Resignation: None**
• **Personnel New Hire: Whitney Bronson; Tara Haynes**
• **Personnel Recommendations: None**
• **School Designation Change: Have not been contacted by DPI as of yet for school designation change.**

Board Member Questions/Concerns.....Owen Robinson
• None

Adjourn.....Owen Robinson

**A motion to adjourn Thomas Academy Board of Education meeting was made by Larry Hewett and seconded by Dave Wyatt. The motion was approved (unanimously)

Meeting adjourned at 5 P.M.

Thomas Academy
Board Meeting Notes
April 10, 2018

Anthony J. Brill Middle School

Members Present: Dave Wyatt, Sheila Bowles, Larry Hewett

Members Present via phone conference call: Owen Robinson, Zelphia Grissett

Call to order/opening remarks:Owen Robinson

Roll call.....Geraldine Bradshaw

Five members present; this is a quorum.

Approval of February minutes: Owen Robinson –motion to approve, Seconded- Sheila Bowles.
Motion passed unanimously.

Thomas Academy update.....Geraldine Bradshaw

March head count - 111

- 9 of our graduating students are more than half-way through their courses both online and seated (and doing well)
- There are 13 students who have completed a high school course on IGNITIA in addition to their seated classes. This will bring them near or at grade level.
- Two of our seniors have been accepted into four-year colleges and are applying for scholarships.
- ACT testing is complete. The scores are in. The scores were not as high as we would like, but the students showed a desire to work hard on this test and took all the time provided for them. For this we are very proud.
- We have enrolled 12 new students from BGH.
- Dr. Simmons and Dr. Bradshaw attended a recruitment night at Columbus Charter School in Whiteville. Several parents have shown an interest in attending Thomas Academy and have had parents do a campus tour.
- Thomas Academy has received grant money to : **a.** furnish document cameras for each teacher – this should help reduce the amount of copies teachers use. **b.** buy laptops and a charge cart which will allow for computers to travel from classroom to classroom on a check-out basis, **c.** \$10000 for an after school tutoring program. We are choosing students who show the most need using MAPS data and EVAAS data, .Our concentration is on Middle School Mathematics as this is our lowest scoring test area. This grant is from DPI (PRC-116).



Dr. Bradshaw wrote this grant proposal. We are targeted to start Monday, April 16. d. Another grant written by Dr. Bradshaw was approved. It will help pay for substitute teachers when our teachers go to workshops and conferences.

- The 17-minute walk-out that was conducted in other schools to remember the lives lost in the recent Florida school shooting was modified by Thomas Academy. Thomas Academy, under the leadership of Pastor Joe, conducted a service in our gym to the student body. Each name was called, a brief inspiration was given about each, a candle was lit in their honor, and they received a 17 second moment of silence. The students were very respectful.
- Staff meetings were held to fine-tune our lock-down procedure in the case of an emergency. Needs were assessed and a short practice was conducted with staff during a workday. Dr. Bradshaw also had the Lake Waccamaw Police Department come over and discuss procedures with her.

Questions concerning the Thomas Academy update: Dave Wyatt: Is Columbus Christian Academy through the 8th grade only? Dr. Bradshaw: yes

Dave Wyatt: Board is glad to hear that Dr. Bradshaw involved the Lake Waccamaw Police Department in the planning of Lock Down Procedures. Dr. Bradshaw: Police also advised that students who may be in the parking lot or between classes outside of school to disperse, not group together. The plan is to practice once a month.

Old Business:.....Owen Robinson
Dr. Bradshaw asked that the addendum for Thomas Academy to change status as an Alternative School, option C be approved. Owen Robinson asked what is Option C Alternative School. Dr. Bradshaw read the components of Option C. Copies of these components are being sent to each board member. Dave Wyatt motioned for approval. Zelfhia Grissett seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

New Business:Owen Robinson
none

Board Action:Geraldine Bradshaw
Dr. Bradshaw presented the resignation of Douglas Skipper, PE teacher. Larry Hewett motioned to accept resignation. Seconded by Sheila Bowles. Motion passed unanimously.
Dr. Bradshaw presented the hiring of Don Jerome Williams, PE teacher. Sheila Boyles asked if he had an North Carolina license. Dr. Bradshaw affirmed that he did. Sheila Boyles made a motion to hire Mr. Williams. Dave Wyatt seconded motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Board Member Questions/Concerns.....Owen Robinson

Sheila Boyles: When will Thomas Academy be approved as an Alternative School? Dr. Bradshaw: August of 2018-2019 school year.

Dave Wyatt: I cannot find the approval of our November 17 minutes. Dr. Bradshaw: We will send minutes to each board member and approve at next meeting.

Lary Hewett and Dave Wyatt reported the BGH board meeting concerning a review of the financial report to the Thomas Academy Board. Further it was reported that there were no outstanding

issues. BGH Board voted to use Thompson-Price=Scott and Adams as auditors for both BGH and Thomas Academy.

Larry Hewett stated he attended the Thomas Academy Prom. He complimented the decorations that Johnna Harrelson from Development had put up. The students looked wonderful in their suits and gowns. He stated that the relationship between the students and Thomas Academy staff was evident. Dr. Bradshaw also complimented Mr. Hewett on his professionalism with the photography. She noted that students were heard saying, "This was the best prom ever!"

Owen Robinson asked if graduation was scheduled for June 9. Dr. Bradshaw said yes. She also stated that class rings were here and a ring ceremony was scheduled. Also, Dr. Bradshaw relayed the following schedule:

- May 22-25 Middle School EOG
- May 29- June 1 High School EOC
- June 11-27 Summer school
- June 20-27 testing
- June 6 -last day of school
- June 9 - Graduation

Adjourn.....Owen Robinson

Motion to adjourn – Dave Wyatt, Seconded Sheila Boyles. Motion passed unanimously

Thomas Academy
Board Meeting Notes
June 9, 2018

Anthony J. Brill Middle School

Call to order/opening remarks:Owen Robinson

Roll call.....Geraldine Bradshaw

Members Present: Owen Robinson, Sheila Boyles, Larry Hewett, Geraldine Bradshaw

Members not present: Dave Wyatt, Zelphia Grissett

Also Present: Gary Faircloth, Tom Huggins, Betty Hux

Approval of May 8, 2018 minutes: Larry Hewett –motion to approve, Seconded-Owen Robinson.
Motion passed unanimously.

Thomas Academy update.....Geraldine Bradshaw

- There is an increase in enrollment for the upcoming school year
- Southeastern Community College is offering a class during summer school: Resumes, Interviews and Getting Hired

Old Business:.....Owen Robinson

None

New Business:Owen Robinson

- Tom Huggins presented the proposed Thomas Academy budget for 2018-2019

Discussion on Budget

- Larry Hewett asked if Thomas Academy could have fund raisers. Tom Huggins answered yes, but with guidelines from the State.
- Larry Hewett asked if the Academic Education/Recreation line item was new. Tom Huggins answered yes. The Academic Education was to pay enrollment into Southeastern and that the Recreation was for travel, referee fees, meals for athletes.

Board Action:Geraldine Bradshaw

Motion to approve the budget – Sheila Boyles, Seconded – Larry Hewett.

Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn.....Owen Robinson

Motion to adjourn – Larry Hewett; Seconded Owen Robinson. Motion passed unanimously.