

Thomas Academy

Anthony J. Brill Middle School

**Minutes of the Called Thomas Academy Board Meeting Notes**

August 1, 2019

**CALL TO ORDER – Dave Wyatt, Chairperson**

The August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 Thomas Academy Board Meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM by Chairman, Dave Wyatt.

Members present: Dr. Geraldine Bradshaw. Members present via phone conferencing: Dave Wyatt, Sheila Boles, and Owen Robinson. Not present: Larry Hewett, Dr. Zelphia Grissett. Staff Member present: Betty Hux

**NEW BUSINESS – Dave Wyatt**

Dave Wyatt, Chairperson turned the meeting over to Dr. Bradshaw to discuss the reason for the meeting. Dr. Bradshaw relayed that last June or so, Thomas Academy went to an Alternative School plan. The Alternative Accountability Model that we used was Option B with the following percentages for the three subgroups to determine accountability:

Student Persistence	20%
Student Achievement	20%
Student Growth	60%

Dr. Bradshaw explained that we chose these numbers due to the fact that our students from Boys and Girls Home are transient and often do not attend for a school year. Since last year, Boys and Girls Home is changing their format due to the upcoming Family First Act and persistence will be addressed. Thomas Academy is making growth and even some proficiency.

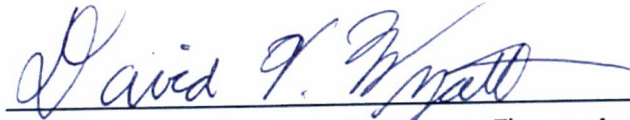
Dr. Bradshaw further explained that there is money that needs to be spent this year for tutoring and that teachers will use one half hour of their hour and one half planning to tutor students. With this extra tutoring, she feels that our growth and proficiency will continue. She proposed that Thomas Academy choose Option A, defined as: Alternative Schools may participate in School Performance Grades as defined by G.S. 115C-83.15. Dr. Simmons, Vice President of Education of Boys and Girls Homes, and Amanda Hobbs, Regional Accountability Specialist, also recommend this option.

**DISCUSSION:**

There was no discussion or questions. Mr. Wyatt called for a motion. Owen Robinson made a motion to make an Accountability change to Option A (from option B) for the 2019-2020 school year to be reviewed yearly. Sheila Boles seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.

**Adjournment –Dave Wyatt**

Motion to adjourn was made by Sheila Boles, seconded by Owen Robinson.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David T. Wyatt". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

**Dave Wyatt, Chairperson Thomas Academy Board**

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**CALL TO ORDER – Dave Wyatt, Chairperson**

The Thomas Academy Board was called to order by Chairperson Dave Wyatt at 4:07 PM in the office of Dr. Geraldine Bradshaw. Roll was called with the following present:

**Members present:** Larry Hewett and Dave Wyatt. Other team members present: Dr. Geraldine Bradshaw, Dr. Tom Simmons, and Betty Hux. Present via conference call: Sheila Boles and Owen Robinson.

**APPROVAL OF** May 14 2019 minutes, May 14, 2019 Thomas Academy Audit minutes, June 11, 2019 minutes (read by Betty Hux at meeting), June 11 Proposed Budget Meeting, and August 1 Special Board Meeting – Dave Wyatt, Chairperson

Motion to approve the above listed minutes was made by Owen Robinson. It was seconded by Larry Hewett. Mr. Hewett asked if these were the handwritten notes. Mr. Wyatt answered no, that corrections had been made in a typed version. Motion carried.

**THOMAS ACADEMY UPDATE -Dr. Geraldine Bradshaw –Current enrollment**

There are 107 students enrolled to date: (25 campus), (82 community). The first day of school was 8.8.2019. All schedules are finished. Dr. Bradshaw reported a good start to school. Dr. Simmons noted that parent attendance had been good at both the Open Houses. Open House was 8.7.2019 at 9AM and again at 6PM to target both campus and community students.

**OLD BUSINESS – Dave Wyatt**

Mr. Wyatt asked if there were any questions about the August 1 Accountability model. There were no questions and Dr. Bradshaw gave Mr. Wyatt the official paper for his signature.

**NEW BUSINESS – Dave Wyatt**

none

**BOARD ACTION Items – Geraldine Bradshaw**

Dr. Bradshaw asked for permission to add Career College Promise (CCP) by- laws to our 2019-2020 School Handbook. She asked that the following quote be added:

There will be no changes allowed to high school transcripts to reflect any information other than what is true and pertinent. College courses obtained through Career College Promise will reflect on high school transcripts as obtained through Career College Promise counselors. Students cannot choose what college courses should show on their transcripts as this is not a true reflection of their academic career. After a transcript has been verified as graduated with a graduation date include on the transcript no one should be allowed to go back into the software named Power School to "un-graduate" a student to alter his or her transcript to reflect courses of students liking (altering GPAs).

A motion to add to the Thomas Academy by-laws the Career College Promise to the handbook was made by Owen Robinson. It was seconded by Larry Hewett. Motion carried.

Dr. Bradshaw asked for permission to add the signature of Dr. Bradshaw along with Dr. Simmons to approve IDEA grant. IDEA requires a superintendent signature. It can be amended to add another signature, pending Board approval. Most of this grant is time sensitive. Larry Hewett asked if this was allowable. Dr. Bradshaw said yes and that Tina Hinson from DPI had even suggested it. A motion was made to add Dr. Bradshaw's signature to the IDEA grant by Sheila Boles. It was seconded by Owen Robinson. Motion carried.

#### **DISCUSSION – Dave Wyatt**

Mr. Wyatt stated that he thought graduation went well. Dr. Bradshaw added that we have received compliments from visitors and parents about this.

Mr. Wyatt brought up the issue of school security. He wanted to reassure the board of school safety and efforts being made to improve and/or maintain school safety. Dr. Simmons related that we have received a grant to buy two portable metal detectors, to pay an officer to be present at games, to purchase window film for the classrooms, and to install a camera in the parking lot.

Dr. Bradshaw stated that starting last year, we had a lock down procedure. She wants to have a lock down drill once a semester. We would change the code word after each practice. We had a practice last year.

Dr. Simmons has arranged for a drug dog to come once or twice a year. No one will know when they are coming.

#### **Adjournment –Dave Wyatt**

Motion to adjourn was made by Larry Hewett. It was seconded by Sheila Boles. Motion carried.

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**Dave Wyatt, Chairperson Thomas Academy Board**