BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

April 10, 2019

Serving All or Portions of the Following Communities:
Blue Island * Burnham * Calumet City * Dixmoor * Dolton * East Hazel Crest * Harvey * Hazel Crest * Lansing * Markham * Phoenix * Posen * Riverdale * South Holland * Thornton
Open Session
Roll Call
Pledge of Allegiance
Committee of the Whole

- Report from Curriculum Committee
- Report from Finance Committee
- Report from Policy Committee
- Report from Discipline Committee
- Report from Facilities Committee
• **Approval of Minutes:** Regular Meeting and Executive Session of January 9, 2019
• **Approval of Minutes:** Special Meeting and Executive Session of January 23, 2019
• **Approval of District 205 Bills** dated March 14, 2019 through April 10, 2019
• **Personnel:** Approval of Resignations, Leave of Absence, New Hires and Terminations dated April 10, 2019
• **Ratifications - Approval of Overnight and / or Out-of-State fieldtrips:**
  – Thornton Township High School IHSA Drama State Tournament Finals, Peoria, IL, March 21-23, 2019
We now open the Public Participation section of our agenda. At this time, members of the community are invited to address the Board. We ask that you state your name and town, limit your total time to two minutes, and talk only about items on the current Board Agenda.

In addition, if your comments are of a critical nature about specific people, the Board requests that you present your comments during the personnel portion of the “executive session.”

Your name will not be called if you do not sign in and list a topic or the topic is not on the current Board agenda or if public participation has begun.
Freedom Of Information Act

- Dr. Doss
Communications

- Mr. Arrington
The District 205 Avid Team presented at the 2019 Superintendents' Commission for the Study of Demographics and Diversity conference. Students from Thornridge also participated in the student panel answering questions and providing insight into the Avid program.
Class of 2019 celebrated College and Career Day on April 1st! Seniors with a post-secondary plan wore their college and career t-shirt. As of today, our top earner, Omotola Elujulo, earned over $1.1 million in scholarships and grants and is accepted to over 20 colleges and universities! Congratulations Class of 2019!
SPECIAL OLYMPICS BASKETBALL STATE CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to our Special Olympics Basketball Team on winning the State Championship at Illinois State University in March! Dondre Foster, Jaylen Echols, Jeremiah Jenkins, Devon Curry, Isaac Carter, Kahari Rowls, Maciah Scott, Latrell Widstrom, and Deandre Taylor represented Thornridge and District 205 with CLASS! Kahari Rowls and Deandre Taylor, both ATP students, won Good Sportsmanship awards. Also, a special thank you to Coaches Garcia, Miller, and Benacka!
THORN RIDGE AVID STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Junior AVID student Daejanay Collins was awarded by AVID teacher, Ms. Martinez. Daejanay is recognized for her outstanding progress made in AVID and the rest of her classes. Daejanay is the perfect example of individual determination and she is a natural leader in and out of class. Daejanay is the true definition of an AVID student. Congratulations Daejanay!
IHSA STATE DRAMA AND GROUP INTERP COMPETITION

• Thornton Drama department competed at IHSA State Drama and Group Interp (GI) competition. GI advanced to Final round and finished 5th in the State.

  • The following students were named to All State Cast for GI: Ira McDowell, Kavonya Moore, Malachi Wright and Desiree Parker.

• The drama production competed and became 2019 IHSA DRAMA STATE CHAMPS! Congrats to the entire cast and crew of the production.

  • The following students were named to the All State Cast: Ira McDowell, Desiree Parker, Caileb Travier, and Malachi Wright.
Mr. Lorenzo Powell gave an awesome presentation about electrical trade opportunities in Cook County. Thirty-eight (38) students attended.

Apprenticeship program consists of on-the-job training provided by union electrical contractors. All apprentices who successfully complete the classes earn 53 credit hours through Richard J. Daley College toward an A.A.S. in Electrical Construction Technology.
Restorative Justice Forum

- Consisted of a round-table discussion lead by prominent members of nearby communities.

- Approximately seventy (70) students were invited to participate in the discussion with varying topics: racial profiling, students knowing their rights, and perseverance.

- Present: a judge, juvenile defense lawyer, owner of a real estate brokerage company, and state representative Anthony Deluca.
Restorative Justice Forum
Health Career Day Hosted at Thunderbird Nation

March 26th, TW hosted a Health Career Day.

- Topics: First Responder, Physician, Nursing, Medial Lab Technician, Massage Therapy, Personal Training, Dental Hygiene, Multi-Skilled and Surgical Technician, Mental Health Therapy, Exercise Science, Mortuary Science, and Yoga Instructor.
- Speakers: Practitioners and educators from Ingalls-University of Chicago, Robert Morris University, Chicago State University, and South Holland Fire and Police Departments.
- Twenty-five (25) facilitators were in classrooms with Biology and Health students in small cell groups. Speakers have been overwhelming positive with comments on how impressive our students were.
March 19th, TWHS hosted our annual Incoming Freshman Night.

- 6th, 7th, and 8th graders family and friends were cordially invited.
- 8th graders had an opportunity to register as incoming freshmen for Fall 2019.
- We showcased the diversity of selections in academics, fine arts, sports, clubs, and activities.
- Students, staff and teachers worked together to further demonstrate why we have established a strong legacy of successful alumni, who once traveled these same trails. Over 140 families attended!
Women’s Empowerment Conference 2019

- On April 6th, Women’s Empowerment event was hosted at Thornwood and moderated by current Lady Thunderbird Scholars: Tamron, Kezia, Cheyenne and Zarha
- Students were exposed to professional alumni who shared their stories of trials and tribulations, tragedy and triumph, in addition to discussing issues and positionality as it relates to the journey of molding and becoming empowered young women.
- Kudos to everyone who helped to make this event successful.
Thornwood visits
SHBA 2019 Business Expo

• On March 28th, Administration and a few staff members participated in South Holland Business Association’s 2019 Business Expo held at the Community Center.

• Staff networked and built relationships among local businesses and residents. This was an opportunity to introduce programs, sports and activities that Thornwood offers.

TW Programs represented:

- Civil Air Patrol
- Student Activities
- AVID
- IB
- TPAC
- Athletics
Four (4) athletes qualified to Illinois Top Times Indoor Championship.

- Seniors Jasmine Mitchell and Morgan Reed competed and placed 1\textsuperscript{st} and 3\textsuperscript{rd} in Shot Put. Christine Nosike qualified in Shot Put.
- Sophomore Arryona Simmons qualified in 3 events placing 5\textsuperscript{th} in the 60 meter high hurdles.
• Sean Benton-Harris came to Outlook from Thornridge High School, was struggling to catch up on credits and having issues in the classroom.
• He realized that he needed to focus and earn his diploma to pursue his goal of joining the military. Although Sean struggled, he kept focused and earned his diploma last Fall.
• Sean overcame adversity and realized his dreams. He is currently stationed in Virginia as part of the U.S. Naval Academy.

Sean sends a thank you to everyone in District 205
March Student of the Month
Alejandra Juarez, TR

Staff ~ Mr. Patrick O’ Leary
Social Studies

Student of the Month

For more information on Outlook Academy please visit the Outlook Academy Web Page on the District Web Site: [www.district205.net](http://www.district205.net).
Unfinished Business
Student Presentation: Special Olympics Athletes – Mr. Fickes
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New Business

• Recommended Approval of Thornton Township High School AVID Trip to Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville, Edwardsville, IL, April 17, 2019 - Dr. Ratliff (Approval needed)
New Business

- Recommended Approval of School Calendar for SY 2020-21 – Mr. Fickes (Approval needed)
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**Legal School Holidays**

- Labor Day: 9/7/2020
- Columbus Day: 10/12/2020
- Veteran's Day: 11/11/2020
- Thanksgiving Day: 11/26/2020
- Christmas Day: 12/25/2020
- New Year's Day: 1/1/2021
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day: 1/18/2021
- President's Day: 2/15/2021
- Casimiri Piuski Day: 3/1/2021
- Memorial Day: 5/31/2021

**School Opening**

- School Opening: 9/7/2020
- Legal School Holiday: H
- Institutes: TI
- Parent Teacher Conf.: PTC
- Spring Break: SB
- Back to School Night: BSN
- Emergency Days: E
- Graduation: G
- Not In Attendance: X
- End of Semester: 
- End of Quarter: 

**Total Days (excluding holidays and vacations):** 165

**Attendance Days:**

- Pupil Attendance Days: 174
- Institute Days: 4
- Approved All Day Parent/Teacher Conference Days: 2
- Emergency Days: 5

**Semester Days:**

- 1st Semester: 86 student days
- 2nd Semester: 88 student days

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**Calendar Legend**

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- H: School Holiday
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New Business

- Recommended Approval Double Head Embroidery Machine at Thornwood High School – **Mr. Fickes** (Approval needed)
New Business

- Recommended Approval of Kitchen Aid Mixer with Stands at Thornton, Thornridge and Thornwood High Schools – Mr. Fickes (Approval needed)
New Business

• Recommended Approval of Softball Batting Cages at Thornwood High School – Mr. Horton (Approval needed)
New Business

- Recommended Approval of District Office Fire System Upgrade – **Mr. Horton** (Approval needed)
New Business

• Recommended Approval of Chiller Maintenance at Thornridge and Thornton High Schools – Mr. Horton (Approval needed)
Superintendent’s Report
Executive Session

• Closed session pursuant to Section 2(c) of the Open Meetings Act to consider:
  – The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees;
  – Student discipline;
  – Collective negotiating matters, and
  – Pending, probable or imminent litigation.
Reconvene Open Session
Action Items Following Executive Session

A. Possible Action Concerning Employee Grievance
B. Possible Action Concerning Resignation of Employee
C. Possible Action to Rescind the Retirement of Employee
NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, May 8, 2019
6:30pm
Thornwood High School