BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING

April 11, 2018

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
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:** Special Meeting and Executive Session of January 29, 2018

• **Approval of Minutes:** Regular Meeting and Executive Session of February 14, 2018

• **Approval of Minutes:** Special Meeting and Executive Session of February 21, 2018

• **Approval of District 205 Bills dated:** March 15 through April 11, 2018

• **Personnel:** Approval of Resignations, Leave of Absence, New Hires and Terminations dated April 11, 2018

• **Ratifications:**
  
  – Overnight Field Trip for Thornton Drama Tournament in Peoria, Illinois
  
  – Overnight Field Trip for Thornton Track Meet in Belleville, Illinois
Public Participation

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 no sign in and list a topic or the topic is not on the current Board agenda or if public participation has begun.
Public Hearing

• Public Hearing Concerning the Intent of the Board of Education of the District to Transfer $10,000,000 from the Transportation Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund of Said School District –

  Mr. Horton
Dr. Doss
Communications

- Mr. Arrington
FINANCIAL UPDATE

This past week, the Illinois State Board of Education released last year’s financial reports for all school districts in the state of Illinois. We are proud to announce that District 205 improved from Early Warning status, to Financial Recognition Status, which is the highest financial rating possible in the state of Illinois. Congratulations to the Board of Education, Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of Business for their vision and due diligence in improving the financial health of School District 205.
Congratulations to our Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Leotis Swopes and Thornwood Principal, Mr. Dennis Willis on receiving the 2018 Men of Valor Award from the Nellie Prather Foundation on April 7th.
The Family Centered Educational Agency will be giving out $20,000 in scholarship for students who have signed up for colleges ranging from $500 to $1000.
FALCON FAMILY FUN NIGHT

THURSDAY
APRIL 19, 2018
5PM-7PM

• Prom Ticket Raffle
• Gift Card Raffle
• Community Service Points for Senior Portfolio

Join us for dinner, fun activities that showcase our curriculum, SPOKEN Word and a live band! Special guest MC Moe Mentum Garrett and the Falcon speech team will be performing!

IT'S ALL FREE
TR’s AVID team is pleased to announce its Student of the Month! Freshman AVID Student, Devale Thornton, has been awarded this honor by his AVID teacher, Mrs. Martinez. Devale is using the AVID strategies to keep his grades high in order to reach his goal of attending the University of Illinois. Congratulations to Devale as he sets a great example for others to follow.

Thornridge will host an Earth Day Expo during the school day on April 19, 2018. The Falcon students will be demonstrating to middle school students many of the labs that they perform throughout the year with a focus on being earth friendly while also celebrating Earth Day. Thornridge will have approximately 100 high school students set up in the school gym at stations of biology, chemistry, physics, earth science, forensics, and many more. The students will see demonstrations including “Greenhouse Effect”, “Wind Turbine”, “Soapy Shipwreck”, and “Acid Attack”.
College and Career Center

- 258 seniors with a plan, only 79 more to go
- 253 seniors have completed FAFSA
- 234 have been accepted to a college
- 3 will attend a trade school
- 10 will join the Military
- Total Scholarships - $7,966,900.00
- Total of scholarships offered plus Financial Aid is $16,940,060.00!! Outstanding!!
8 Seniors interested in Law attended an empowering event called The Women Everywhere Project. They were able to interact with judges, attorneys, and other court personnel. They were also able to sit in on court proceedings. This was a very powerful experience.
The TTHS Contest Play Cast and Group Interp competed at the IHSA state final competition. Group Interp finished 7th in the state and the following students were named to the All State cast: Ira McDowell, Ira Wright, Malachi Wright, Cymone Winters, and Kavonya Moore.

The Contest Play cast and crew brought back the hardware and finished 3rd in the state. The following students were named to the All State cast: Ira McDowell, Ira Wright, Malachi Wright, and Desiree Parker. Congrats to the cast and crew for their amazing performances!
Congratulations to Mr. Robert Powell, as he was the recipient of the Illinois Education Association (IEA) Education Support Professional of the Year for Illinois Award. Mr. Powell was selected out of 49 other nominees. He represented Thornton High School District 205 and the State of Illinois well and we are proud of Mr. Powell and his accomplishments. More importantly, we thank him for his dedication to our students.
Congratulations to TW Special Olympics Basketball members, Larry Williams and Deja Falodun, on winning gold in their division at the ISU Skills Tournament on March 17th. They were judged on passing, dribbling and shooting.
The Thunderbirds Gold Basketball Team took first place at the State Tournament on March 17th at Illinois State University.

Special Sportsmanship Awards went to Diamond Stallworth & Samuel Moore

Congratulations to athletes:

Aaron Bean    Jonathan Tyson
D'Anton Colyer Samuel Moore
Charles Lee    Diamond Stallworth
Joshua Hubbard Keandre Tucker
Deandre Taylor Keshawn Johnson
Antonio Carr   Tyree Hardy

Coaches: Lisa Zuccolo & Denard Eaves
Outlook Academy

April Staff Members of the Month
Officer Hill and Officer Harris

April Student of the Month
Shiesha Moore

For more information on Outlook Academy please visit the Outlook Academy Web Page on the District Web Site: www.district205.net.
Outlook Academy Friday Class Highlights – Radio & TV
Outlook Academy Friday Class Highlights – Swimming
Unfinished Business
New Business

- Outlook Academy Success Stories – Mr. Fickes
Outlook’s Very Own... Keenan Alexander

Keenan Alexander
2018 IHSA Wrestling Regional Champion
Outlook’s Very Own...

Jerald Simmons
TR
All Conference for Basketball
New Business

- Thornton Township High School Woodworking Class Presentation—
  Mr. Lamont Bibbie
New Business

• Wrap-Around Services Presentation –
  Ms. Twin Green, The Link & Option Center
The Link & Option Center, Inc., is a community-based comprehensive therapeutic intervention organization. The Link & Option Center, Inc., provides an array of human services to children, adolescents and their families, and adults coping with mental, behavioral, and emotional issues.
The goal of School Wraparound Intervention is to keep students in their schools, homes, and in their communities as we provide them the best chance of succeeding in education and life.
• Wraparound is a philosophy of care with built-in support networks to aid students with emotional or behavioral difficulties and their families.

• Wraparound is a treatment program.

• Wraparound plans are comprehensive and address multiple life domains across home, school, and community, including: living environment; basic needs; safety; and social, emotional, educational, spiritual and cultural needs.
The Child & Family Team is a crucial part of the Wraparound process. The team helps families help themselves. Team members lend their support to the child and/or family in many ways. Coordinated Care Management helps the team by providing the structure for the team meetings and by helping put in place an Individual Service Plan that the team creates with the child and family.
A Care Manager, employed by The Link & Option Center, Inc., is assigned to convene a Child & Family Team to develop an Individual Service Plan or ISP. The Care Manager first meets individually with the child and family to create a “strengths inventory” and find out who should be included on the team. The Care Manager contacts other possible team members, with the family’s permission, to invite their participation.
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SSI/SSDI Benefit Application Preparation (Transition Aged Youth)
Referrals are made by a designated school staff utilizing an agreed upon referral form. The form will be faxed to our office and retrieved by our Intake Specialists and an appointment is scheduled within 48 hours.
• Recommended Approval of Out-of-State Field Trip – Mr. Ratliff (Approval Needed)
New Business

• Recommended Approval of Overnight Field Trip – Mrs. Williams (Approval Needed)
New Business

- Recommended Approval of 2017-2018 School Calendar Modification—
  Dr. Doss (Approval Needed)
New Business

- Recommended Approval of Retroactive GPA Calculation for 2017-2018 School Year –
  
  Mr. Fickes (Approval Needed)
New Business

• Recommended Approval of Weed Preventative Services for Spring 2018 –
  Mr. Horton (Approval Needed)
New Business

- Recommended Approval of Resolution Directing the Transfer of $10,000,000 from the Transportation Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund of the District –
  
  Mr. Horton (Approval Needed)
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

❖ Possible Action Concerning Reassignment of Administrator
Adjournment

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, May 9, 2018
6:30pm
Thornwood High School