

MINUTES OF A **SPECIAL MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD ON **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2016**, IN THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES, 465 EAST 170TH STREET, SOUTH HOLLAND, ILLINOIS, BEGINNING AT 5:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. President Lawrence made the following announcement: Any person may record or broadcast an open Board meeting. Recording meetings shall not distract or disturb Board members, other meeting participants, or members. Please know if you participate in public participation, you are part of the Board meeting and may be taped.

ANNOUNCEMENT
BY BOARD
PRESIDENT

On roll call, Members Butler, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington and Williams answered. Members Banks, Gibbs and Williams were absent. Dr. Leotis D. Swopes, Interim Superintendent; Mr. Thomas Porter, Director of Pupil Personnel Services; Mr. Jerry Doss, Director of Human Resources and Mr. Toriano Horton, Director of Business Operations, were also present.

ROLL
CALL

Ms. Graham moved, Mrs. Whittington seconded, to **Open the Public Hearing on Board Policies Section 5, Personnel; Section 6, Instruction; Section 7, Students and Section 8, School-Community Relations.** On roll call, Members Butler, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING
ON BOARD
POLICIES
SECTIONS 5,6,7
AND 8

Mr. Doss addressed Board Policy Section No. 5, *Personnel*; Board Policy Section No. 6, *Instruction*; Board Policy Section No. 7, *Students*, and Board Policy Section No. 8, *School-Community Relations*, stating that the Public Hearing is to gain input from the community and stakeholders before the Board Policy Manual is adopted. Policy Section 6:190 has been changed as follows:

In order to be eligible to participate in any school-sponsored or school-supported athletic or extracurricular activity, a student must satisfy: (1) the Illinois High School Association's scholastic standing requirements; and (2) have a cumulative 2.0 grade point average in at least five (5) classes on a weekly basis. Any student-participant failing to meet these two academic criteria shall be suspended from the activity until the specified academic criteria are both met. Selection of members or participants is at the discretion of the teachers, sponsors, or coaches, provided that the selection criteria conform to the District's policies. Participation co-curricular activities is dependent upon course selection and successful progress in those courses.

The Board and administration discussed the eligibility process that will be implemented by Policy Section 6:190. A committee should meet with the AIL's and head coaches to review the process to ensure proper implementation.

At 5: p.m., Mr. Butler moved, Mrs. Whittington seconded to **Close the Public Hearing on Board Policies.** On roll call, Members Butler, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

None.

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION

At 5:57 p.m., Ms. Graham moved, Mrs. Whittington seconded, to **Adjourn the Meeting.** On roll call, Members Butler, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

President

Secretary