

MINUTES OF A **SPECIAL MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD ON **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2018**, IN THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES, 465 EAST 170TH STREET, SOUTH HOLLAND, ILLINOIS, BEGINNING AT 5:15 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 5:21 p.m. President Graham made the following announcement: Any person may record or broadcast an open Board meeting. Special request to facilitate recordings or broadcast an open Board meeting should be directed to the Superintendent at least 24 hours before the meeting. Recording meetings shall not distract or disturb Board members or participants. 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, Cruz, Graham, Lawrence and Moody answered. Members Banks and Whittington were absent. Dr. Leotis D. Swopes, Superintendent and Mr. Adam Dauksas, legal counsel, were also present.

ROLL
CALL

The following individuals spoke during Public Participation:

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION

- Dwayne Bearden (South Holland): 1) stated that some of the non-renewals approved at the last Board meeting were second and third year employees who had proficient ratings in their evaluation. There is a teacher shortage in the district and the Faculty Association requests the administration to review the non-renewals and consider them for hiring next year; 2) May 12, 2018 is the Ray Price Golf Outing and invitations will be sent. Mr. Price was a strong union rep and advocate for education. Last year, \$12,000 in scholarships was raised from the outing.
- LaVell Rucker (Harvey): stated he is parent coordinator at Thornton Township High School and expressed concern about security and maintenance due to the campus being closed for the summer. He asked where Thornton programs will be held and is concerned that the building will not be secure. Dr. Swopes responded that both of these matters are currently being addressed.

At 5:29 p.m., Mr. Butler moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded, to go into **Executive 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. On roll call, Members Butler, Cruz, Graham, Lawrence and Moody voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

At 6:41 p.m., Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mrs. Cruz seconded to **Reconvene Regular Session**. On roll call, Members Butler, Cruz, Graham, Lawrence, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

RECONVENE
REGULAR SESSION

Mrs. Moody moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded, to **Approve the Written Decision to Expel Student Discipline Case No. 328181, 328132 and 32813 through December 2018**. On roll call, Members Butler, Cruz, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington voted aye; Member Moody voted nay; motion passed.

STUDENT
DISCIPLINE CASE
NOS. 328181,
328132 AND 32813

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Butler seconded, to **Approve the Written Decision to Send Student Discipline Case No. 02-20-1718-16 to RISE through June 2018; and Send Student Discipline Case No. 02-20-1718-18 to RISE through June 2019**. On roll call, Members Butler, Cruz, Graham, Lawrence, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

STUDENT
DISCIPLINE CASE
NOS. 02-20-1718-16
AND 02-20-1718-18

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mrs. Cruz seconded, to **Approve the Resolution for the Proposed Reassignment and Reclassification of Principal**. On roll call, Members Cruz, Graham, Lawrence, Moody and Whittington voted aye; Member Butler abstained; nay, none; motion passed.

ACTION
CONCERNING
REASSIGNMENT OF
ADMINISTRATOR

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Butler seconded, to **Approve the Letter of Engagement of Laduzinsky & Associates as legal counsel for paraprofessional negotiations**. On roll call, Members Butler, Cruz, Graham, Lawrence, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ACTION
CONCERNING
LEGAL COUNSEL
FOR PARA-
PROFESSIONAL
NEGOTIATIONS

At 6:45 p.m., Mr. Lawrence moved, Mrs. Moody seconded, to **Adjourn the Meeting.** On roll call, Members Butler, Cruz, Graham, Lawrence, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed. ADJOURNMENT

President

Secretary