

MINUTES OF A **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD ON **WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 2018** IN THE STUDENT CAFETERIA AT THORNWOOD HIGH SCHOOL, 17101 SOUTH PARK AVENUE, SOUTH HOLLAND, ILLINOIS, BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 6:43 p.m. President Graham made the following announcement: Any person may record or broadcast an open Board meeting. Special requests 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, Graham, Lawrence, Moody and Whittington answered. Members Banks and Cruz were absent. Dr. Cunningham, Superintendent, Dr. Jerry B. Doss, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Mr. Brett Fickes, Director of Curriculum; Mr. Thomas Porter, Director of Pupil Personnel Services; Mr. Toriano Horton, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Mr. John Arrington, Director of College and Career Partnerships; Mr. Tony Ratliff, Thornton Principal; Mr. Don Holmes, Thornwood Principal; Mr. Thomas Walsh, Thornwood Assistant Principal and Mr. James Petrunaro, legal counsel, were also present.

ROLL
CALL

Report from Curriculum Committee: Mr. Fickes reported that the next Curriculum Committee meeting will be held August 6, at Thornton in T-107 at 4:00 p.m. The integrated math approach (Math 1), institute day agenda, AP Geography class (for district-wide freshmen), brief review of summer school and summer programs and pre-AP courses will be discussed.

COMMITTEE OF
THE WHOLE

Report from Finance Committee: Mr. Horton reported that a Finance Committee meeting was held on July 3, 2018 at the District Office at 4:00p.m. Discussion included 11 action items, each will be recommended for approval at tonight's meeting. The next Finance Committee meeting will be on July 31, 2018 at the same location.

Report from Policy Committee: Dr. Doss reported that there is nothing to report. There is one action item that will be presented at tonight's meeting.

Report from Discipline Committee: None.

Report from Facilities Committee: Mr. Garrett reported that the Facilities Committee did not meet in June. Topics discussed were the stairs and chimney projects at Thornton. The remaining bond amount for capital improvements is \$14,583,892.95. The next Facilities Committee meeting will be July 26, 2018 at the District Office at 4:00p.m.

Mr. Butler moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded, to **Approve the Consent Agenda**, which includes the following:

CONSENT AGENDA

- The District 205 bills as presented for payment dated June 14 through July 11, 2018.
- Personnel dated July 11, 2018 (Resignations, Leave of Absence, New Hires and Terminations)

BILLS

PERSONNEL

On roll call, Members Butler, Lawrence, Graham, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

The following individuals spoke during Public Participation:

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION

- Felita Crayton (Dolton): 1) State of the Community – Inquired if contracts had been posted for custodial, security and others for the prior months that may be approved this evening; 2) Provided the date of the upcoming teacher's institute; and 3) welcomed Dr. Cunningham as the Superintendent.
- Mr. Roosevelt Louissaint (South Holland) whose son is a student at Thornwood, inquired about Curriculum and Technology. Express concern about potential outdated curriculum and would like to see web designed or more updated curriculum and proper tools and also offer assistance if needed.
- Ms. Ricca Louissaint (South Holland) expressed concerns about student conduct and

recommends enforcement of student cell phone use policy.

Dr. Doss reported that the District has two completed FOIAs and since the last scheduled Board meeting, no FOIA requests were submitted and none are pending. All requests have been responded to within the allotted period.

FOIA

Mr. Arrington presented the following information:

COMMUNICATIONS

- Welcome Dr. Cunningham, new Superintendent
- 2018 Summer School graduation will be held Thursday, July 19, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at Thornridge High School auditorium.
- We are proud to announce three students have earned the International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma. One student scored a 31; two scored a 30, the scores were higher than all of our diploma students from last year. The highest score last year was a 28. This brings the total IB diplomas awarded in Wildcat Country to 11 in two years!
- Wildcat class of 2008 celebrated their 10-year reunion on June 29th. They toured TTHS on June 30th, met with two class of 2018 students/their parents for lunch and presented the students with a gift that included financial assistance.
- TTHS Wildcats are very proud to announce that one student will be playing for team Illinois at the Special Olympics Unified Cup Chicago 2018 on July 18-19. Another student will serve as an alternate on the team USA female team. Team Illinois will compete against Uruguay and Bangladesh.
- Thornwood High School Welcomes New Principal, Mr. Don Holmes
- On June 16th, Thornwood Special Olympics athletes journeyed to the Summer Games at Illinois State University! Congratulations to the students for winning gold in the Bocce Singles and taking bronze. Congrats to Bocce coaches Joel Vickers and Kathy Bunde. Also, two Thornwood Special Olympics Rhythmic Gymnastics athletes won gold. Congratulations to coaches Rebecca Boyter and Veronica Guerrero.

Mr. Fickes provided an update on Thornridge's *Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)*

FAMILY, CAREER
AND COMMUNITY
LEADERS OF
AMERICA (FCCLA)

- Two Graduated Seniors spent the week competing in Atlanta at the FCCLA (a nonprofit national career technical organization) National Convention in the area of Life Event Planning at the occupational level where they achieved a score of 96.66 out of 100 points! Students received their second gold medal. The Board presented medals to the students.

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mrs. Whittington seconded, to **Approve the Math Student Textbook Proposal** as presented by Mr. Fickes for the purchase of freshmen student materials for Mathematics 1, which will begin at Thornridge and Thornton High Schools during academic year 2018-19 in the amount of \$39,000.00, funded by Title I. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Whittington, Butler, Graham and Moody voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF THE
MATH STUDENT
TEXTBOOK

Mr. Butler moved, Mrs. Moody seconded, to **Approve the HD Projector Screen** as presented by Mr. Fickes to enhance the professional development trainings held at Thornton T-107 for staff, students, and parents in the amount of \$7,868.00, funded by Title I (Approved by ISBE in the 2017-18 grant). On roll call, Members Butler, Moody, and Graham, Lawrence and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF HD
PROJECTOR
SCREEN

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Butler seconded, to **Approve the Math Teach Textbook Proposal** as presented by Mr. Fickes for the purchase of freshmen student materials for Mathematics 1, which will begin at Thornridge and Thornton High Schools during academic year 2018-19 in the amount of \$15,918.00, funded by Title I. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Butler, Graham, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
MATH TEACHER
TEXTBOOK

- Mrs. Whittington moved, Mr. Butler seconded, to **Approve the Second Reading of PRESS Recommended Updates 30-Day Review** as presented by Dr. Doss for the update of Issues 94 (March 2017) and 96 (October 2017) regarding 27 policies. On roll call, Members Whittington, Butler, Graham, Lawrence and Moody voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.
- Mrs. Moody moved, Mr. Banks seconded, to **Approve the Custodian Bid Results** as presented by Mr. Horton to move forward with ABM Industry Groups, LLC for a three-year contract, at a cost of \$2,376,283.00, funded by Fund 20 (Operations Fund). On roll call, Members Moody, Butler, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.
- Mr. Butler moved, Mrs. Moody seconded, to **Approve the Security Bid Results** by Mr. Horton to move forward with Prudential Security, for a three-year contract, at a cost of \$2,145,908.40, funded by Fund 20 (Operations Fund). On roll call, Members Moody, Butler, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.
- Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Butler seconded, to **Approve the Pest Control Bid Results** as presented by Mr. Horton to move forward with Wil-Kil Pest Control, for a three-year contract, in the amount of \$22,200.00 per year with a First of \$10,000, funded by Fund 20 (Operations Fund). On roll call, Members Lawrence, Butler, Graham, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.
- Mrs. Moody moved, Mr. Butler seconded, to **Approve the Johnson Controls Service Contract** as related for Fire and Burglar Alarms and Equipment as presented by Mr. Horton for a one-year contract in the amount of \$18,080.00, funded by Fund 20 (Operations Fund). On roll call, Members Moody, Butler, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.
- Mr. Butler moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded, to **Approve the Thornton High School Stairway Repairs** as presented by Mr. Horton, in the amount of \$54,900.00, funded by Fund 60, to repair the auditorium curtain rails by Complete Construction Resources. On roll call, Members Butler, Lawrence, Graham, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.
- Mr. Butler moved, Mrs. Moody seconded, to **Approve the Thornton High School Chimney Removal Project** as presented by Mr. Horton, to remove the Boiler and site improvements by Chicago Heights Construction Company with a term of 3 months from start date in the amount of \$319,705.00 funded by Fund 60. To demolish abandoned Chimney Stack, including hazardous material removal by Alessio and Sons Company with a term of 2 months from start date in the amount of \$114,900.00. On roll call, Members Butler, Moody, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.
- Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Butler seconded, to **Approve the Technology Audit Results** as presented by Mr. Horton to rebuild the District's technology infrastructure as demonstrated by William Everett Group's assessment. The vendor is Cisco, for a five-year contract, in the amount of \$4,671,217.74, funded by the General Fund, Working Cash Bond Issuance and Grants. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Butler, Graham, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.
- Superintendent presented a welcome speech.
- At 7:37 p.m., Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mrs. Whittington seconded, to go into **Executive Session** pursuant to Section 2C of the Illinois Open Meetings Act to consider:

APPROVAL OF
SECOND READING
OF PRESS
RECOMMENDED
UPDATES 30-DAY
REVIEW

APPROVAL OF
CUSTODIAL BID
RESULTS

APPROVAL OF
SECURITY BID
RESULTS

APPROVAL OF
PEST CONTROL
BID RESULTS

APPROVAL OF
JOHNSON
CONTROLS
SERVICE
CONTRACT

APPROVAL OF
THORNTON HIGH
SCHOOL AUDI-
TORIUM STAIRWAY
REPAIRS

APPROVAL OF
THORNTON HIGH
SCHOOL CHIMNEY
REMOVAL
PROJECT

APPROVAL OF
TECHNOLOGY
AUDIT RESULTS

SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

- 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, Lawrence, Graham, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

At 9:12 p.m., Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mrs. Moody seconded to **Reconvene Regular Session.** On roll call, Members Lawrence, Moody, Banks, Butler, Graham and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

RECONVENE
REGULAR SESSION

Mrs. Moody moved, Mr. Butler seconded, to **Approve the Authorization Settlement of Target Commercial Property Tax Appeal of Year 2014** as presented by James Petrunaro. On roll call, Members Moody, Banks, Butler, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL TO
AUTHORIZE
SETTLEMENT OF
COMMERCIAL
PROPERTY TAX
APPEAL

At 9:14 p.m., Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mrs. Moody seconded, to **Adjourn the Meeting.** On roll call, Members Lawrence, Moody, Banks, Butler, Graham and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

President

Secretary