

MINUTES OF A **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD ON **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2018** IN THE AUDITORIUM AT THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL, 15001 BROADWAY AVENUE, HARVEY, ILLINOIS, BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 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, Cruz, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington answered. Members Banks and Moody were absent. Dr. Nathaniel Cunningham, Superintendent, Dr. Jerry B. Doss, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Mr. Toriano Horton, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Mr. Brett Fickes, Director of Curriculum; Mr. Thomas Porter, Director of Pupil Personnel Services; Mr. John Arrington, Director of College and Career Partnerships; Mrs. Ebonie Williams, Thornridge Principal, 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 last meeting was held on 12/03/18 at T-107. Discussed was Thoughtful Classroom Partnership and Administrator's Course which will offer next year and ECRA, the next meeting will be 02/07/19 at 4:30p at Thornton High School in T-107.

COMMITTEE OF  
THE WHOLE

**Report from Finance Committee:** Mr. Horton reported that the last meeting was held on 12/04/18 and the next meeting will be held on 01/07/19 at 4:00pm at the District Office.

**Report from Policy Committee:** Dr. Doss reported that the next meeting is scheduled for 12/17/18 at 4:00pm at the District Office to discuss amendments to the PRESS policy.

**Report from Discipline Committee:** None.

**Report from Facilities Committee:** Mr. Garrett reported that the last meeting was held on 11/29/18 and the next meeting, all items were approved and presented to the Finance Committee is schedule for 12/20/18 at 4:00pm at the District Office.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes: Regular Meeting and Executive Meeting of October 10, 2018
- Minutes: Special Meetings of October 12, 2018
- Minutes: Special Meeting of October 13, 2018
- Minutes: Special Meeting of November 19, 2018
- The District 205 bills as presented for payment dated November 15, through December 12, 2018.
- Personnel dated December 12, 2018 (Resignations, Leave of Absence, New Hires and Terminations)
- Resolution Correcting Item from Board's November 19, 2018 Resolution Concerning Termination of Tenured Teacher from Employment

MINUTES

BILLS

PERSONNEL

RESOLUTION

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

The following individuals spoke during Public Participation:

- None

PUBLIC  
PARTICIPATION

Dr. Doss reported that 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:

- Thornton Township High School:
  - Congratulations to the Illinois State Scholars
  - The Sophisticats Dance Team competed in the Dunlap Regional Class AAA Hip Hop this past weekend and received 1st. Place
- Outlook Academy:
  - District Office & Outlook Academy's Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive, 15 families received baskets
  - Student and Staff Member of the Month are: Ms. Freeman, Cafeteria and Demarcus Cherry representing Thornridge High School, Future Entrepreneur
  - New Culture Club meets two days a week

District 205 Student Board of Education presented SY 2018-19 Mid-Year Report as well as an overview of events and community activities. The Board members and Administrators were presented with certificates

NEW BUSINESS

Adult Transition Program, presented by Ms. Brownlee, Dr. Johnson and Ms. Calloway, students made blankets to distribute to a senior citizen facility in the community. A 9-year-old local community resident, Marcus, was the influence of this project.

District 205 Men and Women's Ensemble students program presented by Fine Arts teachers from the high schools to introduce the new music program.

The Board members presented the students and teachers with medals.

Mr. Butler moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded, to **Approve the Varsity Boys Basketball team – 40<sup>th</sup> State Farm Holiday Classic in Bloomington, IL** as presented by Mr. Walsh for approximately 16 students and 4 chaperones to attend an overnight trip to Bloomington, IL from 12/26-29, 2019 in the amount of \$7,077.88. On roll call, Members Butler, Lawrence, Cruz, Graham and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT TRIP

Mr. Butler moved, Mrs. Cruz seconded, to **Approve the Lincoln Varsity Invitational Wrestling Tournament in Lincoln, IL** as presented by Dr. Ratliff for approximately 19 students and 3 coaches to attend an overnight trip to Lincoln, IL from 12/27-29, 2018 in the amount of \$2,446.80. On roll call, Members Butler, Cruz, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT TRIP

Mrs. Whittington moved, Mr. Butler seconded, to **Approve Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE) Curriculum and Program** as presented by Mr. Fickes to teach entrepreneurship in the amount of \$17,000/yearly, funded by CTE Federal Grant. On roll call, Members Whittington, Butler, Cruz, Graham and Lawrence voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM

Mr. Butler moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded, to **Approve Certiport Curriculum Software Package** as presented by Mr. Fickes for Career Tech students to earn MOS certificates in the amount of \$15,585.00, funded by CTE Federal Grant. On roll call, Members Butler, Lawrence, Cruz, Graham and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF CERTIPOINT CURRICULUM SOFTWARE PACKAGE

Mr. Butler moved, Mrs. Whittington seconded, to **Approve The Thoughtful Classroom Initiative** as presented by Mr. Fickes to establish partnership with Silver Strong and Associates to ensure growth and long-term success of students in the amount of \$125,000.00, funded by Title II. On roll call, Members Butler, Whittington, Cruz, Graham and Lawrence voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF THE THOUGHTFUL CLASSROOM INITIATIVE

Mrs. Cruz moved, Mr. Butler seconded, to **Approve Registration Gateway** as presented by Mr. Fickes to enhance online registration process with in the amount of \$67,014.00 for two years, funded by General Funds, vendor SRC Solutions, Inc. On roll call, Members Cruz, Butler, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF REGISTRATION GATEWAY

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mrs. Cruz seconded, to **Approve Final Tax Levy of 2018** as presented by Mr. Horton to adopt the tax levy in the amount of \$72,092,253. On roll call,

APPROVAL OF 2018 FINAL TAX LEVY

Members Lawrence, Cruz, Butler, Graham and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

Mr. Butler moved, Mrs. Cruz seconded, to **Approve Property Tax Relief Grant Program** as presented by Mr. Horton to provide property tax relief. On roll call, Members Butler, Cruz, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF  
PROPERTY TAX  
RELIEF GRANT  
PROGRAM

Mr. Butler moved, Mrs. Whittington seconded, to **Approve E-Rate Contract Renewal** as presented by Mr. Horton in the amount of \$29,000.00 for two years, funded by Technology Budget, Vendor is Infinite Connections. On roll call, Members Butler, Whittington, Cruz, Graham and Lawrence voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF E-  
RATE CONTRACT  
RENEWAL

Mr. Butler moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded, to **Approve Bathroom Phase 2 Upgrades** as presented by Mr. Horton for Thornridge and Thornton High Schools in the amount of \$5,362,000/168,500.00 (Total \$5,530,500), funded by Fund 60 Capital Improvement for Summer 2019 (May 31, 2019 - August 11, 2019), Vendor is Complete Construction Resources/ HEPA Abatement. On roll call, Members Butler, Lawrence, Cruz, Graham and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF  
BATHROOM PHASE 2  
UPGRADES

Mrs. Cruz moved, Mr. Butler seconded, to **Approve Crabgrass Preventer and Broadleaf Weed Control** as presented by Mr. Horton in the amount of \$11,400.00 funded by Fund 20. Vendor is Forever Green Lawn Care, Inc. On roll call, Members Cruz, Butler, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed

APPROVAL OF  
CRABGRASS  
PREVENTER AND  
BROADLEAF WEED  
CONTROL

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mrs. Whittington seconded, to **Approve Village of Phoenix TIF Extension** as presented by Mr. Horton for twelve years. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Whittington, Butler, Cruz and Graham voted aye; nay, none; motion passed

APPROVAL OF  
VILLAGE OF PHOENIX  
TIF EXTENSION

Mr. Butler moved, Mrs. Cruz seconded, to **Approve Thornwood High School Cafeteria Audio System Purchase** as presented by Mr. Horton in the amount of \$9,885.00 funded by Fund 20. Vendor is Plus One Audio and Video. On roll call, Members Butler, Cruz, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed

APPROVAL OF  
THORNWOOD HIGH  
SCHOOL CAFETERIA  
AUDIO SYSTEM  
PURCHASE

Mr. Butler moved, Mrs. Whittington seconded, to **Approve Registration Fees** as presented by Mr. Horton to waive registration fees on a graduated. On roll call, Members Butler, Whittington, Cruz, Graham and Lawrence voted aye; nay, none; motion passed

APPROVAL OF  
Approval of  
REGISTRATION FEES

Dr. Cunningham thanked the Board of Education members in working with him and staff. Thanked the Faculty Association's and the Administrators' input and looks forward to the next semester. .

SUPERINTENDENT  
REPORT

At 7:40p.m., Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mrs. Cruz seconded, to go into **Executive Session** pursuant to Section 2C of the Illinois Open Meetings Act to consider:

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 Lawrence, Cruz, Butler, Graham and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

At 10:07p.m., Mr. Butler moved, Mrs. Cruz seconded to **Reconvene Regular Session**. On roll call, Members Butler, Cruz, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

RECONVENE  
REGULAR SESSION

Mr. Butler moved, Mrs. Cruz seconded, to **Approve Issuance of Board Decisions to Deny on Faculty Association Grievances, Nos: 090518, 092518, 101918**. On roll call,

FACULTY  
GRIEVANCES

Members Butler, Cruz, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

Mrs. Whittington moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded, to **Approve the termination of Building and Grounds Employee Juan Navarro**. On roll call, Members Whittington, Lawrence, Butler, Cruz and Graham voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

TERMINATION  
AGREEMENT

Mr. Butler moved, Mrs. Cruz seconded, to **Approve proposed settlement of Iron Workers 2014-15 Property Tax Appeals**. On roll call, Members Butler, Cruz, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

2014-15 PROPERTY  
TAX APPEALS

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Butler seconded, to **Approve the stipulated assessment of the Iron Workers Mid-America Fund property tax appeal for tax years 2014 and 2015 and to authorize the Board's legal counsel to execute the stipulation**. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Butler, Cruz, Graham and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ASSESSMENT OF IW  
MID-AMERICA FUND  
APPEALS FOR 2014-15  
TAX YEARS

At 10:11p.m., Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Butler seconded, to **Adjourn the Meeting**. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Butler, Cruz, Graham and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

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President

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Secretary