

MINUTES OF A **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD ON **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2019** 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 6:37 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 Banks, Butler, Cruz, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington answered. Member Moody was 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; Mr. Rob Penman, Director of Research, Assessment & Quality Analysis; Mr. Don Holmes, Thornwood 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 02/07/19 in T107 at 4:30pm. The new health book was reviewed. Next meeting will be held on 03/04/19 at same time.

COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE

Report from Finance Committee: Mr. Horton reported that the last meeting was held on 03/05/19 there were eleven (11) action items presented and approved and will be recommended for approval at tonight's meeting. The next meeting will be held on 03/15/19 at 4:00pm at the District office.

Report from Policy Committee: No report

Report from Discipline Committee: No report

Report from Facilities Committee: Mr. Garrett reported that the last meeting was held on 03/07/19 and the next meeting will be held on 03/28/2019 at 4:00pm at the District office.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

The District 205 bills as presented for payment dated February 14, 2019 through March 13, 2019

BILLS

- Personnel dated March 13, 2019 (Resignations, Leave of Absence, New Hires and Terminations)
- Ratifications:
 - Overnight fieldtrip: Thornton Township High School IHSA Speech State Finals, Peoria IL, February 14-17, 2019

PERSONNEL

RATIFICATIONS

On roll call, Members Lawrence, Cruz, Banks, Butler, 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, zero (0) FOIA requests were submitted and zero (0) are pending.

FOIA

Mr. Arrington presented the following information:

- Districtwide
 - All school band festival was held on 03/21/19 at South Suburban College at 7:00pm
 - Special Olympics – Participated in Snowshoe Competition in Galena, IL; 50-meter race winners took gold medal, 4th place and 30-meter race took silver medal;
- Thornridge High School:
 - Band - Congratulate the following TR BAND STUDENTS on achieving ten (10) Superior Ratings and four (4) Excellent ratings at the 2019 IHSA Solo and Ensemble
 - Our Special Olympics basketball team placed 1st in their division and now headed to state. Congrats students and Coaches Miller and Garcia!
 - Regional varsity wrestling tournament - February 2nd
 - Students placed 4th in the state series
 - Congratulations to the Science Club who competed at Andrew High School on January 19th for the last SWSC Science Competition.
 - Students won Silver Medal in the Paper Airplane Competition, Silver in Marble Maze contest.
- Thornton Township High School
 - Speech team competed at IHSA State Finals in Peoria, IL, finishing 2nd out of 200 teams - Students won State Champ, Prose Reading; Finalist, Dramatic Interpretation, placed 6th; Oratorical Declamation; and placed 3rd, Humorous Duet
 - Annual STEAM Carnival Feb. 21, 2019, many surrounding middle schools gathered in the fieldhouse. High school students presented various Science experiments.
 - Black history month celebration included Sophiscat dancers, Mr. McLin and choir, Spoken word, Spoken word-301, and Art contest.
- Thornwood High School
 - On Wednesday, February 13th our very own, Mrs. Stephanie Wayne, Sped Teacher and 504 coordinator received an award for being named WGN's February teacher of the month. Mrs. Wayne will secure TWHS a \$1,000 check to help in an area of her choosing.
 - Journalism Students win BIG at SWSC Conference taking home three awards – one 1st place for Best Photo Journalist called "Pardi Gras at the Wood"; 3rd place on Editorial on why Thornwood should introduce Political Science class and 3rd place news story entitled "Building moral at Thornwood High School"
 - TW's Speech Team:
 - Novice Champion-Oratorical Declamation, Novice Champion-Original Comedy, Novice Champion-Informative Speaking, Champion-Prose Reading and 5th place-Poetry Reading, 3 Regional Champions, and 15th in State
 - Jasmine Mitchell, Senior, ace thrower made an impact in the shot put as a freshman when she earned a trip to the 3A state meet. Jasmine ranks #1 in the state & nation in the shot put with a personal best and state-leading 47-4.5.
 - Morgan Reed, Senior, ranked #2 in the state and #25 in nation
 - Outlook Academy
 - March student of the month is Thornton Township High School's Brandon Drumgole, Staff of the month is Mr. Folsom, English teacher

- Monique Rodriguez - (CEO of Mielle Organics and Graduate of the Thornton Class of 2001) and Thornton Township High School Summer in London Experience Students Chicoyah Hunt and Christina Garcia

PRESENTATIONS

- At 6:58p.m. Ms. Moody joined the meeting

MS. MOODY JOINED
THE MEETING

- Ms. Sherry Murphy, consultant and senior facilitator, presented the Quantum Learning Krystal Key Award to the Board of Education for dedication to teaching. A culture of caring and understanding Faculty shared their Quantum Learning methods and how it has impacted them

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Banks seconded, to **Approve the Special Olympics State Basketball Finals** as presented by Mr. Porter for approximately 13 students and 5 coaches in Normal, IL departing on March 15, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. to March 17, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. On roll

APPROVAL OF
OVERNIGHT FIELDTRIP

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

Ms. Moody moved, Mrs. Cruz seconded, to **Approve Thornton Township High School University of Evansville-AVID TRIP, Evansville, IN, March 27, 2019** as presented by Dr. Ratliff for approximately 45 students and 7 chaperones in Evansville, IN, departing on March 27, 2019 at 6:30a.m. and return same day at 9:30p.m. On roll call, Members Moody, Cruz, Banks, Butler, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-STATE FIELDTRIP

Mrs. Cruz moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded, to **Approve Thornton Township High School 2019 Belleville West Girls Track Invitational** as presented by Dr. Ratliff for approximately 30 students and 3 coaches to Belleville, IL, departing on March 28, 2019 to March 30, 2019. On roll call, Members Cruz, Lawrence, Banks, Butler, Graham, Moody, and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT FIELDTRIP

Mrs. Cruz moved, Ms. Moody seconded, to **Approve Thornton Township High School 2019 Belleville West Girls Track Invitational** as presented by Dr. Ratliff for approximately 21 students and 3 chaperones to East St. Louis, IL, departing on April 5, 2019 at 8:00a.m. to April 6, 2019 at 9:00p.m. On roll call, Members Cruz, Moody, Banks, Butler, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT FIELDTRIP

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Ms. Moody seconded, to **Approve Thornton Township High School Out-of-State Fieldtrip to Fair Oaks Farms** as presented by Dr. Ratliff for approximately 26 students and 4 chaperones to Fair Oaks, IN, departing on April 18, 2019 at 7:45a.m. and return the same day at 2:15p.m. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Moody, Banks, Butler, Cruz, Graham and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-STATE FIELDTRIP

Mrs. Cruz moved, Mr. Banks seconded, to **Approve Thornwood High School Boys' Varsity Baseball and Girls' Varsity Softball HS Jamboree, University of Illinois at Springfield** as presented by Mr. Holmes for approximately 38 students and 9 coaches to Jacksonville, IL, departing on March 29-31, 2019. On roll call, Members Cruz, Banks, Butler, Graham, Lawrence, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT FIELDTRIP

Ms. Moody moved, Mr. Butler seconded, to **Approve Teach Smartboard Purchase** as presented by Mr. Fickes for Career and Technology Education Instructional equipment for Thornton Township and Thornridge High Schools in the amount of \$18,249.00 funded by Perkins Grant, vendor is Hatch Early Learning Corporation. On roll call, Members Moody, Butler, Banks, Cruz, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF TEACH SMARTBOARD PURCHASE

Mr. Butler moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded, to **Approve Automotive Scanner** presented by Mr. Fickes to purchase cutting edge equipment used in the field today for Thornwood High School in the amount of \$15,026.75 funded by Perkins Grant, vendor is Snap-On Industrial. On roll call, Members Butler, Lawrence, Banks, Cruz, Graham, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF AUTOMOTIVE SCANNER

Ms. Moody moved, Mr. Butler seconded, to **Approve Summer School 2019 Calendar** presented by Mr. Fickes. On roll call, Members Moody, Butler, Banks, Cruz, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF SUMMER SCHOOL 2019 CALENDAR

Mr. Butler moved, Mrs. Whittington seconded, to **Approve School Calendar SY2019-2020** presented by Mr. Fickes. On roll call, Members Butler, Whittington, Banks, Cruz, Graham, Lawrence and Moody voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF SUMMER SCHOOL 2019-20 CALENDAR

Mrs. Whittington moved, Mr. Banks seconded, to **Approve School Calendar Amendment** as presented by Dr. Doss to incorporate five emergency days and change the last day of school to June 3, 2019. On roll call, Members Whittington, Banks, Butler, Cruz, Graham, Lawrence and Moody voted aye; nay, none; motion passed

APPROVAL OF CALENDAR AMENDMENT

Ms. Moody moved, Mr. Banks seconded, to **Approve HBCU April Student Tour** as presented by Mr. Arrington for approximately 75 students and 15 chaperones, departing on April 22-25, 2019. Ms. Moody asked if parents were contacted to chaperone, Mr. Arrington replied only staff have been contacted and he will provide a list to Ms. Moody. On roll call, Members,

APPROVAL OF HBCU APRIL STUDENT TOUR

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

Ms. Moody moved, Mr. Banks seconded, to **Approve Property Tax Relief Abatement Resolution** as presented by Mr. Horton to abate the ISBE approved grant application to abate \$3,748,682 in property taxes. On roll call, Members Moody, Banks, Butler, Cruz, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
PROPERTY TAX RELIEF
ABATEMENT
RESOLUTION

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mrs. Whittington seconded, to **Approve Copy/Print Solution** as presented by Mr. Horton for new five-year contract in the amount of \$17,893.88/month, savings of \$7,566.00 funded by General Funds, vendor is ProvenIT. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Whittington, Banks, Butler, Cruz, Graham and Moody voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
COPY/PRINT SOLUTION

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mrs. Cruz seconded, to **Approve Thornwood Helmet Reconditioning** as presented by Mr. Horton to ensure safety of football players by reconditioning/inspecting yearly in the amount of \$6,590.00, funded by Athletic Budget – Property services, vendor is Mercury Sports. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Cruz, Banks, Butler, Graham, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
THORNWOOD HELMET
RECONDITIONING

Ms. Moody moved, Mrs. Whittington seconded, to **Approve Thornridge Radio and Repeater Replacement** as presented by Mr. Horton to replace existing 2-way radios with new digital equipment in the amount of \$18,994.25, funded by Fund 60 Capital Funds, vendor is Alpha Prime Communications. On roll call, Members Moody, Whittington, Banks, Butler, Cruz, Graham and Lawrence voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
THORNIDGE RADIO
AND REPEATER
REPLACEMENT

Mrs. Cruz moved, Mrs. Whittington seconded, to **Approve Crab Grass and Weed Preventer** as presented by Mr. Horton in the amount of \$10,063.00, funded by Fund 20 Operations and Maintenance, vendor is TruGreen Commercial. On roll call, Members Cruz, Whittington, Banks, Butler, Graham, Lawrence and Moody voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF CRAB
GRASS AND WEED
PREVENTER

Mrs. Whittington moved, Ms. Moody seconded, to **Approve Thornton Auditorium Stage Repairs** as presented by Mr. Horton in the amount of \$8,335.45, funded by Fund 60 Capital Funds, vendor is Gym Floor Services, Inc. On roll call, Members Whittington, Moody, Banks, Butler, Cruz, Graham and Lawrence voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
THORNTON
AUDITORIUM STAGE
REPAIRS

Ms. Moody moved, Mr. Banks seconded, to **Approve Thornton and Thornwood Asbestos Flooring Abatement** as presented by Mr. Horton, amount is under review, funded by Fund 60 Capital Funds, vendor to be determined. On roll call, Members Moody, Banks, Butler, Cruz, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
THORNTON AND
THORNWOOD
ASBESTOS FLOORING
ABATEMENT

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Banks seconded, to **Approve Thornwood PAC Seating Repairs** as presented by Mr. Horton, in the amount of \$13,713.80, funded by Fund 60 Capital Funds, vendors are Three Sixty, Inc. (\$4,966.00) and Irwin Seating Company (\$8,747.80). On roll call, Members Lawrence, Banks, Butler, Cruz, Graham, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
THORNWOOD PAC
SEATING REPAIRS

Discussed SY 2019-20:

1. SY 2019-20

SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT

- o Faculty Association – thanked the association for working with Administration to make changes that we had done to make sure the proper amount of time to ensure all construction is complete and that we will have the new bathrooms and water systems that is needed in our schools to ensure that we do not get impacted.
 - o Board of Education – thanked the school board for their support in the construction project
 - o Buildings – will get information on how movement for the summer will be during the renovation. Principals have made sure that we have alternate locations for summer school and programs for Thornridge and Thornton Township High School and will get all logistic sent out on expectations.
2. Student Board of Education: IB Students concern with digital tools in the Library. Librarians have been asked to make a recommendation to the district office so that we can gather the digital tools needed to ensure that the IB students have necessary tools for SY 2019-20.

At 7:54p.m., Mr. Butler moved, Mr. Banks 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 Butler, Banks, Cruz, Graham, Lawrence, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

At 10:02p.m., Mrs. Cruz moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded to **Reconvene Regular Session**. On roll call, Members, Cruz, Lawrence, Banks, Butler, Graham, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION

No Action concerning student discipline.

POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING STUDENT DISCIPLINE

Ms. Moody moved, Mr. Butler seconded, to **Approve Memorandum of Agreement with First Student Regarding Transportation Contract**. On roll call, Members Moody, Butler, Banks, Cruz, Lawrence, Graham and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH FIRST STUDENT REGARDING TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT

Mr. Butler moved, Ms. Moody seconded, to **Approve Commercial Property Tax Appeal Settlement Docket #1429920.001C3**. On roll call, Members Butler, Moody, Banks, Cruz, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF COMMERCIAL PROPERTY TAX APPEAL SETTLEMENT

Mr. Butler moved, Mr. Banks seconded, to **Approve Resolution Authorizing Intervention in 2017 Tax Year Proceedings Before the State Property Tax Appeal Board**. On roll call, Members Butler, Banks, Cruz, Graham, Lawrence, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTERVENTION IN 2017 TAX YEAR PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE STATE PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

At 10:05 p.m., Mrs. Lawrence moved, Ms. Moody seconded to **Adjourn the Meeting**. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Moody, Banks, Butler, Cruz, Graham and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

President

Secretary