

MINUTES OF A **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD ON **WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2019** IN THE IN THE CAFETERIA AT THORNWOOD HIGH SCHOOL, 17101 SOUTH PARK AVENUE, SOUTH HOLLAND, ILLINOIS BEGINNING AT 6:30p.m

The meeting was called to order at 6:38p.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, Cruz, Graham, Lawrence, Moody and Whittington answered. Members Butler was absent. Dr. Nathaniel Cunningham, Superintendent, Mr. Toriano Horton, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Mr. Brett Fickes, Director of Curriculum; Mr. John Arrington, Director of College and Career Partnerships; Mr. Rob Penman, Director of Research, Assessment & Quality Analysis; Dr. Tony Ratliff, Thornton Township Principal; Ms. Ebonie Williams Thornridge Principal; Mr. Don Holmes, Thornwood Principal, and Mr. James Petrunaro, legal counsel, were also present.

ROLL  
CALL

**Report from Curriculum Committee:** Mr. Fickes reported new health book and Plato renewal contract, which is the online credit recovery system, will be discussed at the next meeting in early June.

COMMITTEE OF THE  
WHOLE

**Report from Finance Committee:** Mr. Horton reported that the last meeting was held on 05/01/19, several action items presented and approved and will be recommended for approval at tonight's meeting. The next meeting will be held on 06/04//19 at 4:00p.m. 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 next meeting will be held on 05/30/2019 at 4:00p.m. at the District office.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting and Executive Session of February 13, 2019
- Approval of Minutes: Special Meeting and Executive Session of February 27, 2019
- The District 205 bills as presented for payment dated April 11, 2019 through May 8, 2019
- Personnel dated May 8, 2019 (Resignations, Leave of Absence, New Hires and Terminations) e

MINUTES

BILLS

PERSONNEL

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

The following individuals spoke during Public Participation:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Anthony Cantone, President (Local 225) and other union workers from Labor Locals 225 and 5 asbestos removal workers who live in community requested consideration when choosing non-union vs union contractors
- Felita Crayton – would like the Board to consider the new Health textbook that was reviewed in the Curriculum Committee meeting for SY 19-20.
- Natasha Golden, South Holland, concerns with Thornwood High School curriculum, materials and resources.

Dr. Doss reported that since the last scheduled Board meeting, one (1) FOIA request was submitted and zero (0) is pending.

FOIA

Mr. Arrington presented the following information:

- Districtwide
  - HBCU Tour 2019 to five (5) sites, students received on-site scholarships
  - April 28-29<sup>th</sup>, all schools hosted Law Day, facilitators were Circuit Court and Appellate Court Judges
  - Celebrated National Decision Day, seniors have been awarded over \$6.1 million in scholarships and grants
- Thornton Township High School
  - Partnered with WE Help Two to host sock fundraiser to help purchase prosthetic legs for two people
  - Student council hosted a silent part during lunch hour
- Thornwood High School
  - Hosted Special Olympics spring games
  - Attended Congresswoman Robin Kelly’s congressional art competition
- Outlook Academy
  - Partnered with Sam’s Club to provide 25 summer jobs
- PEACE Center
  - Restorative Justice club hosted A Community at PEACE all day event

- Student Board of Education, Cafeteria report – Dr. Doss introduced the Committee who presented their report and recommendations for improvement on food quality, cafeteria staff, individual consumption rate, menu items, and cafeteria experience. A representative from Sodexo replied to the report and will follow-up with the District for recommended improvements

STUDENT BOARD OF EDUCATION CAFETERIA REPORT

- Mr. Fickes discussed the Explanation of Waiver Request for 4-Phase Driver's Education Program that will be submitted for approval at the next meeting - Key Components to Driver’s Education Range and Phase

4-PHASE DRIVER'S EDUCATION PROGRAM

- Mr. Fickes introduced Thornton Township High School Speech and Drama Students who gave testimonies on what the programs has done in their lives personally and academically. Coaches Mode and students were presented with awards. The team presented speech medals to the Board of Education and Superintendent.

THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH AND DRAMA STUDENTS

- Presentation of NEA-IEA – Community Outreach Recognition - Mr. Al Lorenz discussed the program and awarded Susan Hudson with a check for \$500.00 for her work in the program.

PRESENTATION OF NEA-IEA – COMMUNITY OUTREACH RECOGNITION

- Presentation of IT Infrastructure Upgrade Status Report – The William Everett Group

IT INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADE STATUS REPORT

At 8:00p.m. Ms. Moody left the meeting

MS. MOODY LEFT MEETING

Mr. Banks moved, Mrs. Cruz seconded, to **Approve Out-of-State Fieldtrip to Jak’s Warehouse** as presented by Mr. Cox-Bey, Schererville, eight (8) students, two (2) chaperones, IN, May 9, 2019 and returning same day. On roll call, Members, Banks, Cruz, Graham, Lawrence, and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF FIELDTRIP

At 8:15p.m. Ms. Moody joined the meeting.

MS. MOODY JOINED MEETING

Mr. Banks moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded, to **Approve Overnight Fieldtrip to Jefferson Awards** as presented by Dr. Doss, six (6) students, four (4) chaperones, Washington DC, June 16-20, 2019. On roll call, Members Banks, Lawrence, Cruz, Graham, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF FIELDTRIP

Ms. Moody moved, Mrs. Whittington seconded, to **Approve Baker Tilly Engagement Letter Renewal** as presented by Mr. Horton, funded by General Fund. On roll call, Members Moody, Whittington, Banks, Cruz, Graham and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF BAKER TILLY ENGAGEMENT LETTER RENEWAL

Ms. Moody moved, Mrs. Cruz seconded, to **Approve Lowest Qualified Bid for Roof Repairs at Thornton and Thornridge** as presented by Mr. Horton, funded by Fund 60 – Capital Improvements, vendor is L. Marshall Co. On roll call, Members Moody, Cruz, Banks, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF LOWEST QUALIFIED BID FOR ROOF REPAIRS AT THORNRIDGE AND THORNWOOD

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mrs. Cruz seconded, to **Approve Lowest Qualified Bid for Tuckpointing at Thornton, Thornridge and Thornwood** as presented by Mr. Horton, funded by Fund 60. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Cruz, Banks, Graham, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF LOWEST QUALIFIED BID FOR TUCKPOINTING AT THORNTON, THORNRIDGE AND THORNWOOD

Mr. Banks moved, Ms. Moody seconded, to **Motion to Table Lowest Qualified Bid for Asbestos Flooring Abatement and Flooring Replacements at Thornton, Thornridge and Thornwood** as presented by Mr. Horton, funded by Fund 60, vendor is Chicago Heights. On roll call, Members Banks, Moody, Cruz, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

MOTION TO TABLE LOWEST QUALIFIED BID FOR ASBESTOS FLOORING ABATEMENT AND FLOORING REPLACEMENTS AT THORNTON, THORNRIDGE AND THORNWOOD

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mrs. Cruz seconded, to **Motion to Table Lowest Qualified Bid for Weight Room Projects at Thornton, Thornridge and Thornwood** presented by Mr. Horton, funded by Fund 60. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Cruz, Banks, Graham, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

MOTION TO TABLE LOWEST QUALIFIED BID FOR WEIGHT ROOM PROJECTS AT THORNTON, THORNRIDGE AND THORNWOOD

Ms. Moody moved, Mr. Banks seconded, to **Approve Lowest Qualified Bid for Machine Shop at Thornton** as presented by Mr. Horton, funded by Fund 60, vendor is Chicago Heights. On roll call, Members Moody, Banks, Cruz, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF LOWEST QUALIFIED BID FOR MACHINE SHOP AT THORNWOOD

Mrs. Cruz moved, Ms. Moody seconded, to **Approve Chromebook Purchase** as presented by Mr. Horton, funded by Lowest Performing Schools Healthy School Grant, vendor is CDW. On roll call, Members Cruz, Moody, Banks, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF CHROMEBOOK PURCHASE

Ms. Moody moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded, to **Approve Turn It In Contract Renewal** as presented by Mr. Horton, funded by Federal Programs, vendor is CDW. On roll call, Members Cruz, Moody, Banks, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF TURN IT IN CONTRACT RENEWAL

Mrs. Whittington moved, Mrs. Cruz seconded, to **Approve Edmentum/PLATO Contract Renewal** as presented by Mr. Fickes, funded by Federal Programs. On roll call, Members Whittington, Cruz, Banks, Graham, Lawrence and Moody voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF EDMENTUM/PLATO CONTRACT RENEWAL

Ms. Moody moved, Mrs. Cruz seconded, to **Approve Partnership for Resilience/CEC Contract Renewal** as presented by Mr. Fickes, funded by Title 2. On roll call, Members Moody, Cruz, Banks, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF PARTNERSHIP FOR RESILIENCE/CEC CONTRACT RENEWAL

Dr. Cunningham stated the following: I have been in this position for ten (10) months and seven (7) days. I am very happy to be working with a Board that focuses on keeping children first. I have spent time with the School Board Association setting up goals and focus so we can move forward. We have a five (5) years contract with our teachers' association and paraprofessionals and have achieved labor peace. We are an ALICE school district that goes through a process of crisis drills to ensure students/staff are safe. Lastly, we have built a strong curriculum for freshmen. We have accomplished:

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Math 1 – a combination of very rigorous course which has reduced failure rate of freshmen.
- ECRA

We are teaming together to solve problems we have had for years. Looking forward to next year, great success and spending time with the Board.

At 8:49p.m., Ms. Moody 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 Moody, Cruz, Banks, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

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

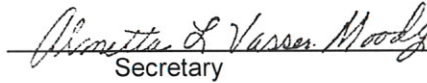
RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT



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President



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Secretary