

MINUTES OF A **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD ON **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2020, VIA WEBEX CONFERENCING, BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M.**

The WebEx meeting was called to order at 6:35 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 of Human Resources; Mr. Toriano Horton, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Mr. James Petrunaro, legal counsel, were also present.

ROLL  
CALL

**Report from Curriculum Committee:** No report

COMMITTEE OF THE  
WHOLE

**Report from Finance Committee:** No report

**Report from Policy Committee:** No report

**Report from Discipline Committee:** No report

**Report from Facilities Committee:** No report

Mr. Banks moved, Mrs. Whittington seconded to the Election of Bernadette Lawrence as Secretary Pro-Tem in Absence of Board Secretary, Almetta Vasser-Moody. On roll call, Members Banks, Whittington, Butler, Cruz, Graham and Lawrence voted aye, nay, none, motion passed.

SECRETARY PRO-TEM

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of District 205 Bills: Dated March 12, 2020 through April 8, 2020
- Personnel: Approval of Resignations, Leave of Absence, New Hires & Terminations dated April 8, 2020
  - **Non-Certified Employment (1):** Betty Laws, Thornridge, Administrative Assistant, effective March 23, 2020
  - **Retirement (1):** Karla Mitchell, Thornton, Special Education, effective the end of the 2019-2020 school year
  - **Resignation (1):** Brandon Wilson, Thornton, Buildings and Grounds, effective March 20, 2020
  - **Deceased (1):** Vincent Hughes, Thornridge, Buildings and Grounds, effective March 29, 2020
- Ratifications:
  - Approval of Renue Venue Revitalization Specialists to disinfect and sanitize Thornridge, Thornton Township and Thornwood High Schools, District office building and the interior of 25 food delivery vehicles using the Clorox® Total 360® System on March 28, 2020.
  - Approval of the Purchase of 4,500 Dell Chromebooks for Students from CDW, Inc.

BILLS

PERSONNEL

RATIFICATIONS

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

The following individual(s) emailed questions to the Board Secretary, the questions will be forwarded to the associated administrator to address:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Ms. Felicia Williams asked, is there a team to create/modify a strategic plan for e-Learning, as well as Remote Learning? Do we have a Crisis Intervention Plan? If we have a Crisis Intervention Plan is it reviewed annually?

No Report

FOIA

Mrs. Whittington moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded, to **Table the Contract Amendment with transportation provider concerning school closures.** On roll call, Members Whittington, Lawrence, Banks, Butler, Cruz and Graham voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

TABLE THE CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH TRANSPORTATION PROVIDER CONCERNING SCHOOL CLOSURES

Mrs. Whittington moved, Mr. Butler seconded, to **Approve the Human Resources Plan** as presented by Dr. Doss. On roll call, Members Whittington, Butler, Banks, Graham and Lawrence voted aye; nay, Cruz voted none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF HUMAN RESOURCES PLAN

Mrs. Whittington moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded, to **Approve Coordinator of Curriculum** as presented by Dr. Doss. On roll call, Members Whittington, Lawrence, Banks, Butler, Cruz and Graham voted aye, nay, none, motion passed.

APPROVAL OF COORDINATOR OF CURRICULUM

Dr. Cunningham stated: In times of great challenge, America comes together. Rather it be Pearl Harbor, 911, or the time we are in now with the covid-19 pandemic...we do what is necessary to help our fellow sister or brother. I believe this shows, America is not one place, but a group of communities that continue to rely on one another.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

When brick and mortar school buildings were ordered to be closed by Governor Pritzker, it was a priority to ensure our students were able to receive meals. Communicating with the mayors in our community- Mayors DeGraff, Rogers, and Clark...plans were executed and put in place. We were even able to call on our Thornton Township Supervisor, Mr. Frank Zuccarelli. Everyone came together to do what is best for our students and families, to build a program to serve our community.

What can we do? How can we help?...did not stop there. State Representatives Thaddeus Jones and Will Davis and State Senator Napoleon Harris opened their offices for distribution. So now, not only were our schools being utilized...they all rallied together to find parks and offices. Through an exciting and overwhelming response...our community came together to support one another.

Our association and administration have been working together to ensure learning continued during these challenging times. Together, we continue to work to ensure all students have what they need to complete remote learning.

Today, our schools began handing out Chromebooks, to our students that did not have computers. Through the continued efforts of both our Business and Curriculum Departments, they have worked collaboratively to find ways to get all learners online. Comcast and T-Mobile have reached out to help. We are working to ensure our students not only survive this Pandemic but that we continue to prepare for tomorrow.


To our families and caregivers who have now become homeschool educators, you are the vital link in helping us help our students with the continuation of their learning. We all say thank you! For our administrators, the Board of Education, the community, our teachers, and our support staff...you were the heartbeat of helping all of this come together. Thank you for your support of our community and the communities' support of the district and our students.

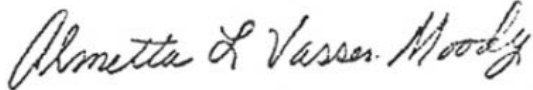
None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:53 p.m., Mrs. Whittington moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded, to **Adjourn the Meeting.** On roll call, Members Whittington, Lawrence, Banks, Butler, Cruz and Graham voted aye; nay, none; motion passed

ADJOURNMENT

  
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President

  
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Secretary