

MINUTES OF A **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD ON **WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2020, VIA WEBEX CONFERENCING, BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M.**

The WebEx meeting was called to order at 6:45 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 Cruz, Graham, Lawrence, Moody and Whittington answered. Members Banks and Butler were 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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of District 205 Bills: Dated April 9, 2020 through May 13, 2020
- Personnel: Approval of Resignations, Leave of Absence, New Hires & Terminations dated May 13, 2020
 - **Retirement (1):** Raymond Mudryk, Thornwood, Maintenance, effective the end of the 2019-2020 school year
- Ratifications:
 - Approval of Recommended Graduation Requirement Changes for the Class of 2020
 - Approval of Revised 2019-2020 School Calendar

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. Linda McGhee stated, I am the proud grandmother of two Thornton Township High School District 205 seniors who will graduate soon, albeit not in the traditional fashion. They are twins Ausar and Auset Muhammad. I was so pleased when my daughter sent a picture of two enormous posters placed on her front lawn this morning, May 12, 2020, honoring her children for being Thornwood National Honor Society Senior Scholars. So cool! In this time of uncertainty during this pandemic, this gesture elated and lifted us all. Thank you for making today a beautiful day!
- Ms. Courtney Perkins stated, my daughter, Saniyah Perkins and I were to attend the TWHS Freshman night on March 17, just trying to get an update if possible.

No Report

FOIA

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mrs. Whittington seconded, to **Approve the Adoption of Rules for Executive Session Hearing**. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Whittington, Cruz, Graham and Moody voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF ADOPTION
OF RULES FOR
EXECUTIVE SESSION
HEARING

Dr. Cunningham stated, it continues to be an adventure handling the challenges of COVID-19. The district continues to update the public on our COVID-19 webpage (<https://www.district205.net/domain/406>), plan for next school year, collaborate with the teacher association, feed our community, and update curricular issues.

SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT

A quick update on the food system. Since March 17, 2020, the district has handed out lunches at sites throughout the township. The sites are on our COVID-19 webpage. As of last Friday, the district delivered 43,508 meals. Our administrators, security, and kitchen workers have met the needs of our community daily. In meeting those needs, the district has partnered with Districts 147, 147.5, 148, 150, 151, and 152. Harvey, South Holland and all of Thornton Township, and the state. Representative Davis, Representative Jones, and Senator Harris have worked with us to ensure we had places to distribute food. Our people are working daily to ensure we continue to serve our community in this challenging time. Our people are handing out food daily.

At 6:54 p.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, Graham, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed

At 9:00p.m. Ms. Moody moved, Mrs. Cruz seconded, to **Reconvene the Meeting**. On roll call, Members Moody, Cruz, Banks, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington voted aye, nay, none; motion passed

RECONVENE

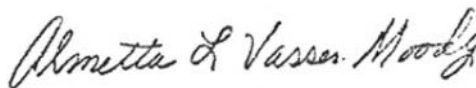
Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Banks seconded, to **Approve Resolution Affirming the Reassignment/Reclassification and Non-Renewal of Administrator Laquitha Snow**. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Banks, Cruz, Graham, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed

At 9:08 p.m., Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mrs. Whittington seconded, to **Adjourn the Meeting**. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Whittington, Banks, Cruz, Graham and Moody voted aye; nay, none; motion passed

ADJOURNMENT



President



Secretary