

MINUTES OF A **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD ON **FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2020, IN THE CAFETERIA AT THORNWOOD HIGH SCHOOL, 17101 SOUTH PARK AVENUE, SOUTH HOLLAND, ILLINOIS AND VIA WEBEX CONFERENCING, BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:40p.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, and Moody answered. Members Banks, Butler, Lawrence, and Whittington were absent. Dr. Nathaniel Cunningham, Superintendent, Dr. Jerry B. Doss, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources; Mr. Toriano Horton, Assistant Superintendent of Business; Mr. Brett Fickes, Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Mr. Thomas Porter, Director of Special Services; and Mr. Adam Dauksas, legal counsel, were also present.

ROLL
CALL

Report from Curriculum Committee: Mr. Fickes reported that the next meeting will be held on 08/20/20 at 4:00pm via WebEx.

COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE

Report from Finance Committee: Mr. Horton reported that the last meeting was held on 08/04/20 at 4:00pm via WebEx. There were thirteen action items approved and will be presented at tonight's meeting for board approval.

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 July 30, 2020 at 4:00pm. Items approved were sent to the Finance Committee for review and approval. The next meeting will be held on August 27, 2020 at 4:00pm via WebEx.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Meeting of July 8, 2020
- Minutes of the Special Meeting dated July 27, 2020
- The District 205 bills, as presented for payment, dated July 9, 2020 through August 14, 2020.
- Personnel dated August 14, 2020 (Resignations, Leave of Absence, New Hires and Terminations)

MINUTES

BILLS

PERSONNEL

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

The following individuals spoke during Public Participation:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- No public participation

Dr. Doss reported that since the last scheduled Board meeting, zero (0) FOIA requests were submitted and zero (0) are pending.

FOIA

At 6:50pm, Mr. Butler joined the meeting	MR. BUTLER JOINED THE MEETING
Mrs. Cruz moved, Ms. Moody seconded, to Approve the 2020-2021 School Calendar as presented by Mr. Fickes. On roll call, Members Cruz, Moody, Butler and Graham voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.	APPROVAL OF 2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR
Ms. Moody moved, Mr. Butler seconded, to Approve the Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2021 as presented by Mr. Horton. On roll call, Members Moody, Butler, Cruz and Graham voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.	APPROVAL OF PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021
Mr. Butler moved, Ms. Moody seconded, to Approve the ECHO Classroom Lease Agreement as presented by Mr. Horton for the lease agreement for rental of 3 ½ classrooms at Thornwood High School. On roll call, Members Butler, Moody, Cruz and Graham voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.	APPROVAL OF ECHO CLASSROOM LEASE AGREEMENT
At 6:58pm, Mr. Butler left the meeting	MR. BUTLER LEFT THE MEETING
At 6:59pm, Mr. Butler joined the meeting	MR. BUTLER JOINED THE MEETING
Mrs. Cruz moved, Ms. Moody seconded, to Approve the Sodexo Contract Renewal as presented by Mr. Horton for the 2020-2021 school year. On roll call, Members Cruz, Moody, Butler and Graham voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.	APPROVAL OF SODEXO CONTRACT RENEWAL
Ms. Moody moved, Mrs. Cruz seconded, to Approve the Exterior Waste Bins as presented by Mr. Horton to improve the sanitation, function, and appearance of the grounds at each of our schools in the amount of approximately \$41,475.00, funded by Fund 20 Operations and Maintenance, vendor is Ferguson Facilities Supply. On roll call, Members Moody, Cruz, Butler and Graham voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.	APPROVAL OF EXTERIOR WASTE BINS
Ms. Moody moved, Mr. Butler seconded, to Approve the Johnson Controls Fire System Testing as presented by Mr. Horton maintain compliance with the Office of the State Fire Marshal. State Fire Code requires that each school has an annual testing of all fire alarm equipment in the amount of approximately \$19,000.00, funded by Buildings and Grounds Fund 20. On roll call, Members Moody, Butler, Cruz and Graham voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.	APPROVAL OF JOHNSON CONTROLS FIRE SYSTEM TESTING
Ms. Moody moved, Mrs. Cruz seconded, to Approve the Thornwood Door Matting as presented by Mr. Horton to reduce the risk of personal injury, improve the safety and cleanliness of entering the school in the amount of approximately \$20,670.00, funded by Fund 20 Operations and Maintenance, vendor is Ferguson Facilities Supply. On roll call, Members Moody, Cruz, Butler and Graham voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.	APPROVAL OF THORNWOOD DOOR MATTING
Ms. Moody moved, Mr. Butler seconded, to Approve the Gym Floor Sanding and Refinishing as presented by Mr. Horton to refinish the main gym floor at Thornridge; refinish the small gyms at Thornwood; sand, letter, paint, stain, and refinish the main gym at Thornton; and sand, letter, paint, stain, and refinish the main gym at Thornwood in the amount of approximately \$99,540.00, funded by Fund 60 Capital Improvement,	APPROVAL OF GYM FLOOR SANDING AND REFINISHING

vendor is Veterans Flooring. On roll call, Members Moody, Butler, Cruz, and Graham voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

Mrs. Cruz moved, Ms. Moody seconded, to **Approve Thornridge Culinary Room B104** as presented by Mr. Horton for to beautify the culinary classroom to meet the expectation of the students and staff in the amount of approximately \$24,800.00, funded by Fund 20 Operations and Maintenance, vendor is Exclusive Epoxy Flooring. On roll call, Members Cruz, Moody, Butler and Graham voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
THORNTRIDGE CULINARY
ROOM B104

At 7:07pm Ms. Moody left the meeting

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MEETING

At 7:10pm Ms. Moody joined the meeting

MS. MOODY JOINED
THE MEETING

Ms. Moody moved, Mrs. Cruz seconded, to **Approve the Thornwood High School Emergency Flooring Repair and Abatement** as presented by Mr. Horton for abate flooring, level concrete, encapsulate sand, replace flooring associated with a recent settling of the Thornwood Foundation in the amount of approximately \$260,000, funded by Fund 60 Capital Improvement, vendor is North Side, Hygieneering, Level-Rite, and an additional asbestos budget. On roll call, Members Moody, Cruz, Butler and Graham voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
THORNWOOD HIGH
SCHOOL EMERGENCY
FLOORING REPAIR AND
ABATEMENT

Mr. Butler moved, Ms. Moody seconded, to **Approve the Thornridge Backflow Preventer** as presented by Mr. Horton for to repair the Backflow Preventer that services the varsity baseball field sprinkler system in the amount of \$9,995.00 funded by Fund 20 Operations and Maintenance, vendor is Aquamist Plumbing. On roll call, Members Butler, Moody, Cruz and Graham voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
THORNTRIDGE
BACKFLOW PREVENTER

Mr. Butler moved, Ms. Moody seconded, to **Approve the Security Camera Upgrades** as presented by Mr. Horton for to install 714 new cameras, while completely upgrading every aspect of the camera system infrastructure in the amount of \$2,648,445.00 funded by Fund 60 Capital Improvement, vendor is Tri Electronics. On roll call, Members Butler, Moody, Cruz and Graham voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF SECURITY
CAMERA UPGRADES

At 7:14 pm Mrs. Lawrence joined the meeting

MRS. LAWRENCE
JOINED THE MEETING

Mr. Butler moved, Ms. Moody seconded, to **Approve the Thornwood Gymnasium Railing** as presented by Mr. Horton for to seek approval to replace the gymnasium balcony railing in the amount of \$151,915.00 funded by Fund 60 Capital Improvement, vendor is Chicago Heights Construction. On roll call, Members Butler, Moody, Cruz, Graham and Lawrence voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
THORNWOOD
GYMNASIUM RAILING

Ms. Moody moved, Mr. Butler seconded, to **Approve the Phase 3 Tuckpointing** as presented by Mr. Horton for seek approval for the lowest responsible bidder for the Tuckpointing project valued at approximately \$812,210.00 funded by Fund 60 Capital Improvement, vendor is B.E.T.O.N. On roll call, Members Moody, Butler, Cruz, Graham and Lawrence voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF PHASE 3
TUCKPOINTING

Dr. Cunningham stated the following:

I would like to thank the Board of Education, administration, community, and our staff for the work that is being done together to ensure student success. We are all under tremendous stress, but we are working together for the good of our community. We educators are directly responsible for crucial, life-saving work. Today, a student who graduates from school with a mastery of essential skills and knowledge has a good chance of successfully competing in the global market place, ensuring they can be enrolled in the college of their choice, enlisted in the service of their choice, or employed in a livable wage job with numerous opportunities to lead a rewarding adult life. For others, the future is not bright, students who fail in school are at greater risk of poverty, welfare dependency, incarceration, and early death. Our work is to assist the first group and intervene in the second. To that end, we had an outstanding virtual opening day lead by our staff members. Although it was virtual, and we all would have preferred to be face-to-face, our need for safety, generated a successful day of outstanding training for the staff. The training will enable us to support and intervene for the success of our students.

As I have been out and around, I have seen signs that say Hero's work here. The community needs to know that heroes work here too. Thornton Township High School District 205 has provided breakfast and lunches for our students, worked with our associations to get agreements about safety and work expectations, ordered Chromebooks for students and teachers and kept the district running even during the shutdown – we never closed – we never stopped serving our community. Our security, custodian, grounds, and admin were here daily. They made it possible for us to continue to work to educate our students and support them during these challenging times.

Our restorative justice team is presented yesterday. The district is reaching to meet the needs of our students and work to become better at remote learned every day. We look forward to in-person instruction, but we will not let anything stop us from serving our communities. We were so blessed to get our Chromebooks. They were distributed to the buildings the last day of July. There are so many schools that are still working to get their items to start school. I thank the board for authorizing the purchases early enough for us to have them for the opening of school. We are all looking forward to the first day, August 19th.

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:20p.m., Ms. Moody moved, Mrs. Cruz seconded to **Adjourn the Meeting**. On roll call, Members Moody, Cruz, Butler, Graham and Lawrence voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT



President



Secretary