

MINUTES OF A **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD ON **WEDNESDAY, September 9, 2020 AT THORN RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL, 15000 COTTAGE GROVE AVENUE, DOLTON, IL 60419, ILLINOIS AND WEBEX CONFERENCING, BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:36p.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, Moody, and Whittington answered. Members Butler and Lawrence 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. James Petrungaro, legal counsel, were also present.

ROLL
CALL

At 6:39pm Mrs. Lawrence joined the meeting.

MRS. LAWRENCE
JOINED THE MEETING

Report from Curriculum Committee: Mr. Fickes reported that the last meeting was held on August 20, 2020. Institute day and survey results was shared. IB program and CTE updates was discussed. Discussed progress with remove learning plan. Update on restorative justice plan. Next meeting will be mid-September or early October.

COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE

Report from Finance Committee: Mr. Horton reported that the last meeting was held on September 1, 2020 at 4:00pm via WebEx. There were five (5) action items approved and will be presented at tonight's meeting for board approval. The next meeting will be held on October 6, 2020

Report from Policy Committee: None.

Report from Discipline Committee: None.

Report from Facilities Committee: Mr. Garrett reported that the last meeting was held on August 27, 2020. Three (3) items approved were sent to the Finance Committee for review and approval; the next meeting will be held on September 24, 2020 at 4:00pm via WebEx.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Meeting of Regular Meeting dated August 14, 2020
- The District 205 bills as presented for payment dated August 13, 2020 through September 9, 2020.
- Personnel dated September 9, 2020 (Resignations, Leave of Absence, New Hires and Terminations)

MINUTES

BILLS

PERSONNEL

At 6:39pm Mrs. Whittington left the meeting

MRS. WHITTINGTON
LEFT THE MEETING

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

The following individuals spoke during Public Participation:

- No public participation

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public Hearing on the 2020-2021 District 205 Budget presented by Mr. Horton

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

FOIA

Mr. Fickes presented the following:

COMMUNICATIONS

Thornwood High School

- New STEM Program - Lumity: Committed to making an impact on the lives of teens and young adults by creating transformational experiences that, not only prepare them for STEM careers, but for life. A freshman cohort will receive Lumity curriculum for four years in high school and beyond. They will be part of a University of Chicago study to see if these skills can make an impact on high school students to be successful in STEM careers. We are very excited about this partnership and hope to share our successes along the way
- New Aviation Science Program - The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), the world's largest aviation community, is building aviation STEM curriculum for high schools across America. When complete, the program will be the first of its kind, offering students comprehensive four-year aviation study options that are aligned to rigorous math and science standards used in many states nationwide. We are creating these courses as part of two career and technical education (CTE) pathways: pilot and unmanned aircraft systems (drones). Each pathway will be four years in length, and schools can decide to implement one or more complete pathways, or select individual courses to use as standalone electives. Major Carol Curtis will pilot (pun intended) this curriculum as part of Civil Air Patrol at Thornwood this year.
- Scholarship Officers Summer and Fall 2020. The following students received offers: Nayo Lear/Jr/PG-Continues to receive scholarship offers from D-1 schools (Penn State, University of Illinois, Cleveland State University, Western Michigan University, St. John's University). Congratulations!
- Saveon Brown/Jr/S-Congratulations to Sr. So far, he has received offers from: Northwestern University, Iowa State University & Eastern Illinois University
- Jalen Cunningham/Sr/QB-Congratulations for receiving a scholarship offer from Eastern Illinois University.
- Chris Miller/Sr/RB and LB- Congratulations for receiving a scholarship offer to Loras college.

At 6:51pm Mrs. Whittington joined the meeting.

MRS. WHITTINGTON
JOINED THE MEETING

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mrs. Cruz seconded, to **Approve the 2021 District 205 Budget and Resolution** as presented by Mr. Horton. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Cruz, Banks, Graham, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF 2021
DISTRICT 205 BUDGET
AND RESOLUTION

Mrs. Whittington moved, Ms. Moody seconded, to **Approve the Resolution Authorizing FY2021 General Procurement Plan with the Amendment** as presented by

APPROVAL OF
RESOLUTION FY2021
GENERAL

Mr. Horton for approximately \$711,037.22. On roll call, Members Whittington, Moody Banks, Cruz, Graham and Lawrence voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

PROCUREMENT PLAN
WITH THE AMENDMENT

Ms. Moody moved, Mr. Banks seconded, to **Approve the Thornwood Pool Painting** as presented by Mr. Horton in the amount of approximately \$44,701.65; vendor is Aqua Pure, funded by Fund 20 Operations and Maintenance. On roll call, Members Moody Banks, Cruz, Graham, Lawrence, and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
THORNWOOD POOL
PAINTING

Mrs. Whittington moved, Ms. Moody seconded, to **Approve the Thornwood Emergency Exit Lighting** as presented by Mr. Horton in the amount of approximately \$11,135.00; vendor is Kreykes Electric, funded by Fund 20 Operations and Maintenance. On roll call, Members Whittington, Moody, Banks, Cruz, Graham and Lawrence voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
THORNWOOD
EMERGENCY EXIT
LIGHTING

Mrs. Whittington moved, Mrs. Cruz seconded, to **Approve the Release and Settlement Agreement** as presented by Mr. Horton in the amount of approximately \$77,446.14; vendor is AT&T, funds will be returned to Fund 20 Operation and Maintenance. On roll call, Members Whittington, Cruz, Banks, Graham, Lawrence, and Moody voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF RELEASE
AND SETTLEMENT
AGREEMENT

I have a mission – that is to have our school district create functional citizens that are enrolled, enlisted, or employed at the completion of high school. That means that you are ready to go to the community college, private college, or university of your choice. Or ready to enlist or be commissioned by the service of your choice, or ready to be employed at a living wage job of your choice. I always say enrolled, enlisted, or employed because it is set up by difficulty. It is easier to get into school than it is to get into the military, and it is easier to get into the military than it is to start in a living wage job. The number of people who are employed directly into a living wage job is a lot smaller than those who enlist in the military. The number of people enlist in the military is a lot smaller than those who enroll in school. That is because it is more difficult to get a job right out of high school than it is to go to school. It is more difficult to get a job than it is to enlist in the military. I do not know what your choice will be after you walk across the graduation stage, but It is my mission to have you prepared.

Superintendent
Report

I have a vision for Thornton Township High School District 205 to become an exemplary high-quality educational institution that produces major gains in student achievement and prepares all students for success in life wherever they choose to serve.

Our district has values: Pride- We will offer those we serve, the opportunity to perform at their highest levels. Innovation- We will consistently look for better ways to grow and change. Responsiveness- We will own our actions, as good stewards of resources. Commitment to Excellence- We will hold ourselves and others accountable for supporting students and families. High Expectations with High Support- We will engage in transparent and aligned communication practices, for the good of the system. Integrity- We will trust that people do the right thing, at the right time, in the right way. Collaboration- We will make a personal choice to engage with others positively; work toward solutions with a team approach.

I have goals for our district. The district will ensure student Growth Performance in the Blue Range for all subjects & programs. The district will have 95% Attendance for our Remote Learning System. Build a Successful Professional Learning Community System within the District. These are our goals for the year.

When Our mission, vision, values, and goals come together – the success of our students, in our community are guaranteed. Thank you for working to keep students first as a part our Mission, Vision, Values, and Goals.

At 7:12p.m., Ms. Moody moved, Mrs. Whittington 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, Whittington, Banks, Cruz, Graham and Lawrence voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

At 7:26p.m., Ms. Moody moved, Mr. Banks seconded to **Reconvene Regular Session**. On roll call, Members Moody, Banks, Cruz, Graham, Lawrence, and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION

Ms. Moody moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded to **Approve the Extra Experience Credit for Teacher**. On roll call, Members Moody, Lawrence, Banks, Graham and Whittington voted aye; Mrs. Cruz voted nay, none; motion passed.

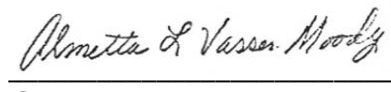
APPROVAL OF EXTRA EXPERIENCE CREDIT FOR TEACHER

At 7:29p.m., Ms. Moody moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded to **Adjourn the Meeting**. On roll call, Members Moody, Lawrence, Banks, Graham and Whittington voted aye; nay, Mrs. Cruz voted none; motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT



President



Secretary