

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2021, AT THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL, 15001 BROADWAY AVENUE, HARVEY, ILLINOIS AND WEBEX CONFERENCING, BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 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, Cruz, Graham, Lawrence, and Moody answered. Members Butler 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, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Mr. Thomas Porter, Executive Director of Special Services; and Mr. James Petrunaro/Adam Dauksas, legal counsel, were also present.

ROLL  
CALL

**Report from Curriculum Committee:** Mr. Fickes reported that the last meeting was held on 03/25/21; items discussed were the CEDA and urban efficiency partnership and the international brotherhood of electrical workers' possibility of establishing a training program.

COMMITTEE OF THE  
WHOLE

**Report from Finance Committee:** Mr. Horton reported that the last meeting was held on 04/06/21 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 05/04/21 at 4:00pm.

**Report from Policy Committee:** None.

**Report from Discipline Committee:** None.

**Report from Facilities Committee:** Mr. Garrett reported that the last meeting was held on 03/25/21 at 4:00pm. Items approved were sent to the Finance Committee for review and approval next meeting will be held on 04/29/21 at 4:00pm via WebEx.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Meeting dated February 10, 2021
- Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Meeting dated March 10, 2021
  
- The District 205 bills as presented for payment dated March 11, 2021 through April 14, 2021
  
- Personnel dated April 14, 2021 (Resignations, Leave of Absence, New Hires and Terminations
  - Non-Certified Employment (1) Dwayne Tyson, Thornton, Paraprofessional, effective March 15, 2021
  - Professional Leave (1) Albert Llorens, Thornridge, Math, effective the 2021-2022 school year
  - Resignation (1) Marnel Rahimi, Thornridge, Special Education, effective March 19, 2021

MINUTES

BILLS

PERSONNEL

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

The following individuals spoke during Public Participation:

- None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Dr. Doss reported that since the last scheduled Board meeting, three (3) FOIA requests were submitted and zero (0) are pending. All requests have been responded to within the allotted period.

FOIA

Dr. King presented the following information:

COMMUNICATIONS

- Thornton Township High School
  - 9<sup>th</sup> annual Half Cap ceremony will be held April 29<sup>th</sup>. 225 sophomore students to participate.
- Thornwood High School
  - Illinois state scholars acknowledged
  - Congratulations to students who enlisted in the armed forces
- Outlook Academy
  - Visio
- PEACE Center
  - Hosted first virtual cooking session with parents, student and staff
  - Highlights – Mathematics teacher Ashley Hay

Student Board of Education, Salamot Balogun

PRESENTATION(S)

- Presented Pyramid of Success Incentive system

Mr. Fickes introduced

- Lumity Partnership and Stem Fair

Ms. Moody moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded, to **Approve the Green Generation Home Weatherization Program** as presented by Mr. Horton. On roll call, Members Moody, Lawrence, Banks, Cruz, and Graham voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF GREEN GENERATION HOME WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM

Ms. Moody moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded, to **Approve the iPad Purchase for Infant Care Center Thornton High School Math Department** as presented by Mr. Horton. On roll call, Members Moody, Lawrence, Banks, Cruz, and Graham voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF IPAD PURCHASE

Ms. Moody moved, Mr. Banks seconded, to **Approve the Thornton Township Supplemental Heating** as presented by Mr. Horton. On roll call, Members Moody, Banks, Cruz, Graham, and Lawrence voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF THORNTON TOWNSHIP SUPPLEMENTAL HEATING

Ms. Moody moved, Mr. Banks seconded, to **Approve the Thornton Township Woodshop LED Lighting** as presented by Mr. Horton. On roll call, Members Moody, Banks, Cruz, Graham, and Lawrence voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF THORNTON TOWNSHIP WOODSHOP LED LIGHTING

Ms. Moody moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded, to **Approve the PPE Equipment** as presented by Mr. Horton. On roll call, Members Moody, Lawrence, Banks, Cruz, and Graham voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF PPE EQUIPMENT

At 7:25pm Mrs. Whittington joined the meeting.

MRS. WHITTINGTON  
JOINED THE MEETING

Mrs. Whittington moved, Ms. Moody seconded, to **Approve the Domestic Water Booster Pump** as presented by Mr. Horton. On roll call, Members Whittington, Moody, Banks, Cruz, Graham and Lawrence voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF  
DOMESTIC WATER  
BOOSTER PUMP

Dr. Cunningham shared the updated draft mission, vision and core values statements:

SUPERINTENDENT  
REPORT

At 7:35p.m., Mrs. Whittington moved, Ms. Moody 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 Whittington, Moody, Banks, Cruz, Graham, and Lawrence voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

At 8:17p.m., Ms. Moody moved, Mrs. Cruz seconded to **Reconvene Regular Session**. On roll call, Members Moody, Cruz, Banks, Graham, Lawrence, and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

RECONVENE REGULAR  
SESSION

Ms. Moody moved, Mrs. Whittington seconded to **Accept the Resignation of Tenured Teacher Tequola Perry**. On roll call, Members Moody, Whittington, Banks, Cruz, Graham, and Lawrence voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ACCEPT OF  
RESIGNATION OF  
TENURED TEACHER

Ms. Moody moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded to **Approve Teacher Notice of Remediation for Nicholas Stoming**. On roll call, Members Moody, Lawrence, Banks, Cruz, Graham, and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL TEACHER  
NOTICE OF  
REMIEDIATION

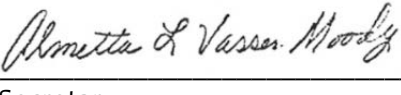
Ms. Moody moved, Mr. Banks to **Approve ARS Settlement Agreement**. On roll call, Members Moody, Banks, Cruz, Graham, Lawrence, and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF  
SETTLEMENT  
AGREEMENT

At 8:20p.m., Mrs. Whittington moved, Ms. Moody seconded to **Adjourn the Meeting**. On roll call, Members Whittington, Moody, Banks, Cruz, Graham, and Lawrence voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

  
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President

  
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Secretary