

MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 2021, 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 6:37 p.m. President Graham made the following announcement: Call to Order. Tonight’s meeting is being streamed live via videoconferencing on WebEx and is video recorded. The Board President declares that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent because of the current Disaster Proclamation issued by the Governor. Physical presence for the meeting is not feasible due to the disaster.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY
BOARD PRESIDENT

On roll call, Members Banks, Graham, Lawrence, Moody, and Whittington answered. Members Butler and Brown 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 Petrungaro, legal counsel, were also present.

ROLL
CALL

Report from Curriculum Committee: Mr. Fickes reported that the last meeting was held on 06/07/21 at 4:00pm. The next meeting will be held at the end of July. Discussed CEDA 7-week program, Chromebook for math classes, drivers’ education plan for SY 2021-22, and eLearning for emergency school closures

COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE

Report from Finance Committee: Mr. Horton reported that the last meeting was held on 06/01/21 at 4:00pm via WebEx. There were nine (9) action items approved and will be presented at tonight’s meeting for board approval. The next meeting will be held on 07/06/21 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 May 27, 2021, at 4:00pm. Items approved were sent to the Finance Committee for review and approval next meeting will be held on June 24, 2021, at 4:00pm via WebEx.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes of the Special Meeting dated May 4, 2021
- Minutes of the Regular Meeting dated May 12, 2021

- The District 205 bills as presented for payment dated May 13, 2021 through June 9, 2021.

- Personnel dated June 9, 2021 (Resignations, Leave of Absence, New Hires and Terminations
 - Non-Certified Employment (1) Brittany Tolbert, Administrative Assistant-Building & Grounds, Thornridge High School, effective June 7, 2021
 - Retirement (2) Leon Willis, Civil Air Patrol, Thornwood High School, effective June 30, 2021; Valerie Marshal, Administrative Assistant, Thornton Township High School, effective July 30, 2021
 - Resignation (4) Daniel Gale, Science, Thornton Township High School, effective end of 2020-2021 school year; Tashanna Gillenwater-Catron, PE, Thornridge

MINUTES

BILLS

PERSONNEL

High School, effective 2020-2021 school year; Robert Boehm, Buildings & Grounds, Thornwood High School, effective July 9, 2021; Christopher Morgan, Specialist, District Office, effective June 30, 2021

- Ratification: Approval of Thornton Township High School IHSA Girls Track Meet – Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL June 11-12, 2021

RATIFICATIONS

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

The following individuals spoke during Public Participation:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- None

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
 - Wildcat girls' track team advances to State
 - Thornton Urban Farm Community Plant giveaway was held on May 29th
- Thornwood High School
 - On Sunday, May 16, 2021, Thornwood's Class of 2021 was celebrated with an outdoor celebration on the Football Field
 - South Holland Memorial Day Parade down South Park Avenue
 - Two scholar athletes qualify the IHSA State

Mr. Fickes introduced:

PRESENTATION(S)

- Basketball Showcase, Shoot Your Best Shot presented by Mr. Sam Hill invited classes of 2023-26 to participate in basketball skills and drills to showcase for college coaches and scholarship. Incentives and grants are offered (40 scholarships and \$1,500 grant via raffle).
- Year in Review by College & Career Counselors who highlighted virtual Google classroom, career center (Naviance, career planning, US military, HBCU), post high school planning (enrolled, enlisted or employed), and FAFSA completions (www.fafsa.gov)

At 7:15pm Mr. Brown joined the meeting

MR. BROWN JOINED THE MEETING

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Brown seconded, to **Approve the Student Board of Education Summer Retreat, Lombard, IL, July 13-16, 2021** as presented by Dr. Doss. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Brown, Banks, Graham, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF STUDENT BOARD OF EDUCATION SUMMER RETREAT

Mrs. Whittington moved, Ms. Moody seconded, to **Approve the Thornwood High School Lift Repairs** as presented by Mr. Horton. On roll call, Members Whittington, Moody, Banks, Brown, Graham, and Lawrence voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF THORNWOOD HIGH SCHOOL LIFT REPAIRS

Ms. Moody moved, Mrs. Whittington seconded, to **Approve the Thornton Township High School Lift Repairs** as presented by Mr. Horton. On roll call, Members Moody, Whittington, Banks, Brown, Graham, and Lawrence voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
THORNTON TOWNSHIP
HIGH SCHOOL LIFT
REPAIRS

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Ms. Moody seconded, to **Approve the Thornwood High School Irrigation Repair RPZ Repair** as presented by Mr. Horton. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Moody, Banks, Brown, Graham, and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
THORNWOOD HIGH
SCHOOL IRRIGATION
REPAIR RPZ REPAIR

Ms. Moody moved, Mrs. Whittington seconded, to **Approve the Districtwide Fire System Testing** as presented by Mr. Horton. On roll call, Members Moody, Whittington, Banks, Brown, Graham, and Lawrence voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
DISTRICTWIDE FIRE
SYSTEM TESTING

Mr. Brown moved, Ms. Moody seconded, to **Approve the Thornwood High School Gymnasium Railing Replacement** as presented by Mr. Horton. On roll call, Members Brown, Moody, Banks, Graham, Lawrence, and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
THORNWOOD HIGH
SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
RAILING REPLACEMENT

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Banks seconded, to **Approve the Thornridge High School Pool Liners** as presented by Mr. Horton. On roll call, Members Whittington, Moody, Banks, Brown, Graham, and Lawrence voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
THORNRIDGE HIGH
SCHOOL POOL LINERS

Mr. Brown moved, Mr. Banks seconded, to **Approve the Thornwood High School Emergency Lighting Monthly Testing** as presented by Mr. Horton. On roll call, Members Whittington, Moody, Banks, Brown, Graham, and Lawrence voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
THORNWOOD HIGH
SCHOOL EMERGENCY
LIGHTING MONTHLY
TESTING

Mrs. Whittington moved, Ms. Moody seconded, to **Approve the Thornridge High School Cooling Tower Tuckpointing** as presented by Mr. Horton. On roll call, Members Whittington, Moody, Banks, Brown, Graham, and Lawrence voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
THORNRIDGE HIGH
SCHOOL COOLING
TOWER TUCKPOINTING

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Banks seconded, to **Approve the Resolution Authorizing Intervention before the Property Tax Appeal Board** as presented by Mr. Horton. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Banks, Brown, Graham, Moody, and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
RESOLUTION

Dr. Cunningham stated the following:

SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT

As we end this school year and begin the next:

- Focusing on Comprehensive School Reform (CSR)
 - Redirect programs
 - Enables student success (100% of students will be enrolled, enlisted, or employed)
 - Five components
 - Strategizing – developing a systemic plan for curriculum and instruction (IB, advanced placement, AVID, restorative justice, international brotherhood of electrical workers, machine shop, Navistar, CEDA, civil air patrol)
 - Building support of stakeholders and community by working with ECRA to help identify a portrait to help identify our needs by gathering data

- Facilitating an informed choice by developing a school improvement approach that meets the needs of students
- Forging a new compacted schools by pursuing reforming by hold schools accountable for results
- District will reflect on how the District roll changes to support school improvement
- We have changed for the betterment of our student and will return in the fall renewed and focus on the goals the Board and Administration has agreed upon. We will work together with the staff to ensure our students reach their best.

Mr. Banks moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded, to **Go into Executive Session**. On roll call, Members Banks and Lawrence, voted aye; Brown, Graham, Moody, and Whittington voted nay, none; motion failed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Brown moved, Mrs. Whittington seconded, to **Table Approval of Administrator Employment Contract**. On roll call, Members Brown, Whittington, Banks, Graham, and Mrs. Lawrence voted aye; Ms. Moody voted nay, none; motion passed.

TABLE APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATOR EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT

Mr. Banks moved, Mrs. Whittington seconded, to **Table Approval of Administrator Employment Contract**. On roll call, Members Banks, Whittington, Brown, Graham, and voted aye; Ms. Moody and Mrs. Lawrence voted nay, none; motion passed.

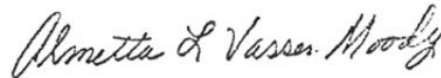
TABLE APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATOR EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT

At 7:50p.m., Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Brown seconded, to go into **Adjourn the Meeting**. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Brown, Banks, Graham, Moody, and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT



President



Secretary