

MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 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 6:30 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, Brown, Graham, Lawrence, and Whittington answered. Members Butler and Moody 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, legal counsel, were also present.

ROLL
CALL

Report from Curriculum Committee: Mr. Fickes reported that the last meeting was held on 07/12/21 at 4:00pm. The next meeting will be held in late August. Introduced our new division leaders: Ms. Rouse (Thornwood High School) and Ms. Hampton (Thornridge High School) and new assistant principal at Thornton Township High School, Ms. Harris. Learned about Impact and their student support services and how they would incorporate their services into the district schools, Family Centered Education Agency presented their proposal for a return to school festival and School improvement plans were presented by the Principals. Teacher institute day will be August 12-13. First day of school is August 17th.

COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE

Report from Finance Committee: Mr. Horton reported that the last meeting was held on 07/08/21 at 4:00pm via WebEx. There were four (4) action items approved and will be presented at tonight's meeting for board approval. The next meeting will be held on 08/03/21 at 4:00pm.

Report from Policy Committee: None.

Report from Discipline Committee: None.

Report from Facilities Committee: None.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting dated June 9, 2021
- Minutes of the Special Meeting and Executive Session dated June 15, 2021
- The District 205 bills as presented for payment dated June 10, 2021, through July 14, 2021.
- Personnel dated July 14, 2021 (Resignations, Leave of Absence, New Hires and Terminations
 - Administrative Employment (3) Cerelia Hampton, Division Leader, Thornridge High School, effective July 1, 2021; Marilyn Rouse, Division Leader PE/FACS, Thornton Township High School, effective July 1, 2021; Rikeita Harris, Assistant Principal, Thornridge High School, effective July 1, 2021

MINUTES

BILLS

PERSONNEL

- Retirement (1) Linda Olsen, Administrative Assistant, Thornwood High School, effective August 6, 2021
- Resignation (6) Salam Musleh, Science, Thornwood High School, effective end of 2020-2021 school year; Maria Brown, Assistant Principal, Thornwood High School, effective July 1, 2021; Dionne Scott, Counselor, Thornwood High School, Thornridge High School, effective end of the 2020-2021 school year; Amaris Winters, Special Education, Thornwood High School, effective end of the 2020-2021 school year; Dionicia Martinez, Social Studies, Thornwood High School, effective end of the 2020-2021 school year; JaRita Steward, English, Thornwood High School, effective June 30, 2021.
- Personnel: Approval of Administrators' and Employees' Contracts for the 2021-2022 school year, effective July 1, 2021

- Ratification: Approval of Thornton Township and Thornwood High Schools IHSA Boys' State Track Meet - Charleston, IL, June 18-19, 2021 RATIFICATIONS

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

- The following individuals spoke during Public Participation: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
- None

It is the intention of the District to seek approval of a waiver of that portion of Section 27-24.3 of the Illinois School Code and Section 252.20(A) of the State Board of Education's Rules that states "... The driver education course in which the student was enrolled at the previous school offered 30 clock hours of classroom instruction and 6 clock hours of behind-the wheel instruction." The agenda for the meeting is as follows: PUBLIC HEARING

1. Explanation of the waiver request by Division Leaders and Driver's Education Joint Committee Representation.
2. Hearing – Public/Employee Comment
3. Discussion of waiver

Dr. Cunningham reported that since the last scheduled Board meeting, zero (0) 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

- PEACE Center
 - As we conclude the 2020-2021 school year, we would like to express our sincerest appreciation to our parents, guardians, and students for their incredible perseverance, patience, and flexibility.
 - We honor all of you for the fortitude and the determination you have demonstrated
- Outlook Academy
 - On Thursday, July 15, 2021, at 10:00am at Thornwood High School

Mr. Fickes introduced: PRESENTATION(S)

- PEACE Center students for graduation, attendance, and academics

- School Improvement Plan and Registration Update presented by the Principals of Thornridge High School, Thornton Township High School and Thornwood High School.
- Return to In-Person Learning, presented by Mr. Fickes

Board member Ms. Lawrence inquired about the low percentage rate of students who have received immunizations in the community and requested that possible guidance from IDPH to see if we can schedule vaccinations at the schools to increase vaccination numbers. Dr. Cunningham responded that the district is working on it with other districts. The challenge is the Delta surge, and we will be rolling out strict rules as well.

Mrs. Whittington moved, Mr. Brown seconded, to **Family Centered Educational Agency (FCEA) Back to School Fair** as presented by Mr. Fickes. On roll call, Members Whittington, Brown, Banks, Graham, and Lawrence voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF FCEA
BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR

Mr. Banks moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded, to **Approve the Touchscreen Chromebooks Purchase** as presented by Mr. Fickes. On roll call, Members Banks, Lawrence, Brown, Graham, and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
TOUCHSCREEN
CHROMEBOOKS
PURCHASE

Mr. Banks moved, Mrs. Whittington seconded, to **Approve the Boss Door Company Proposal** as presented by Mr. Horton. On roll call, Members Banks, Whittington, Brown, Graham, and Lawrence voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF BOSS
DOOR COMPANY
PROPOSAL

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mrs. Whittington seconded, to **Approve the Prudential Contract Renewal** as presented by Mr. Horton. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Whittington, Banks, Brown, and Graham voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
PRUDENTIAL CONTRACT
RENEWAL

Mrs. Whittington moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded, to **Approve the ABM Custodial Contract Renewal** as presented by Mr. Horton. On roll call, Members Whittington, Lawrence, Banks, Brown, and Graham voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF ABM
CUSTODIAL CONTRACT
RENEWAL

Dr. Cunningham stated the following:

SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT

- District is looking for ways to improve the education of our students. We will work together with the Board of Education members to ensure student success.
 - Implemented monthly board member lunch & learns – refreshed mission, visions, and core values statements
 - Goals have been created to ensure student success.

None

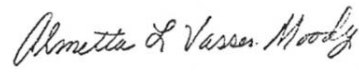
EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:19p.m., Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mrs. Whittington seconded, to go into **Adjourn the Meeting**. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Whittington, Banks, Brown, and Graham, voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT



President 



Secretary 