

**MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2022, THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL 15001 BROADWAY, 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: 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, Moody, and Whittington answered. Member Butler was absent. Dr. Nathaniel Cunningham, Superintendent, Dr. Jerry B. Doss, Associate 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 next meeting with be held end May or early June 2022

COMMITTEE OF THE  
WHOLE

**Report from Finance Committee:** Mr. Horton reported that the last meeting was held on April 5, 2022. Each action items approved and will be presented at tonight’s meeting for board approval. The next meeting will be held on May 3, 2022, at 4:00pm via WebEx.

**Report from Policy Committee:** None.

**Report from Discipline Committee:** None.

**Report from Facilities Committee:** Mr. Garrett reported that the next meeting will be held on April 28, 2022, at 4:00pm via WebEx.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- Special Meeting and Executive Session dated March 4, 2022; Regular Meeting and Executive Session dated March 9, 2022; Special Meeting and Executive Session dated March 16, 2022

MINUTES

- The District 205 bills as presented for payment dated March 10, 2022, through April 13, 2022

BILLS

- Personnel dated April 13, 2022 (Resignations, Leave of Absence, New Hires and Terminations)

PERSONNEL

- Ratification:
  - Approval of Thornwood and Thornton Township Boys' Lake Michigan Track & Field Invitational, March 18-19, 2022, Kenosha, Wisconsin
  - Approval of Thornwood Girls' Track and Field Overnight Trip, April 1-2, 2022, Belleville, Illinois

RATIFICATION(S)

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

The following individuals spoke during Public Participation:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Mr. David Etheridge spoke on concerns pertaining to the schools

- None

FOIA

Mr. Fickes presented the following information:

COMMUNICATIONS

- Thornridge High School:
  - Honors Night Spring 2022 Recognition Ceremony
  - Students attend STEM Career Prep Program Benefit
  - Hosted a successful College and Career Fair
- Thornton Township High School
  - Congratulations RHO Kappa National Social Studies Honor Society Inductees
  - Parents attend Superintendent’s Commission for the Study of Demographics and Diversity Parent Conference
  - Drama/Group Interpretation advances to State
  - Congratulations National Technical Honor Society Inductees
- Thornwood High School
  - Qualifies 13-Illinois State Scholars 2021-2022 IB teacher, Mr. Boylan received US Navy Impact Influencer Award
  - Mathletes Take 2nd Place @ SAC Conference
  - Takes 2nd Place in Lumity Competition
  - Alum Gives Scholarship to Deserving Senior Student
  - Jackson State University Band\$10,000.00 Scholarship Winner
  - National Athlete Signing Day - Six student athlete-scholars signed letters of intent to play college sports at a variety of colleges
  - Alumni Win at Nationals

Mr. Fickes introduced the Drama and Speech Teams

PRESENTATION(S)

Mrs. Whittington moved, Ms. Moody seconded the **Approval of IHSA 2022-23 Membership Renewal for Thornridge, Thornton Township and Thornwood High Schools** as presented by Dr. Cunningham. On roll call, Members Whittington, Moody, Banks, Brown, Graham, and Lawrence voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVE THE IHSA 2022-23 MEMBERSHIPS RENEWAL

Mr. Brown moved, Ms. Moody seconded the **Approval of Thornton Football Uniforms** as presented by Mr. Horton. On roll call, Members Brown, Moody, Banks, Graham, Lawrence, and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVE THORNTON FOOTBALL UNIFORMS

Mr. Brown moved, Ms. Moody seconded the **Approval of Thornwood Cheer and Dance Uniforms** as presented by Mr. Horton. On roll call, Members Brown, Moody, Banks, Graham, Lawrence, and Whittington voted aye; Banks voted nay, Whittington voted none; motion passed.

APPROVE THORNTON CHEER AND DANCE UNIFORMS

Mr. Brown moved, Mrs. Moody seconded the **Approval of Cosmetology and Barber School Consultant Proposal** as presented by Mr. Fickes. On roll call, Members Brown, Moody, Banks, Graham, Lawrence, and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVE COSMETOLOGY AND BARBER SCHOOL CONSULTANT PROPOSAL

Ms. Moody moved, Mrs. Whittington seconded the **Approval of Chicago Regions Tree Initiative at Thornwood** as presented by Mr. Horton. On roll call, Members Moody, Whittington, Banks, Brown, Graham, and Lawrence voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVE THE CHICAGO REGIONS TREE INITIATIVE AT THORNWOOD

Ms. Moody moved, Ms. Graham seconded the **Approval of Thornwood Power Washing Building Headers and Columns** as presented by Mr. Horton. On roll call, Members Moody, Graham, Brown, Lawrence, and Whittington voted aye; member Banks voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVE THE  
THORNWOOD POWER  
WASHING BUILDING  
HEADERS AND  
COLUMNS

Ms. Moody Lawrence moved, Ms. Graham seconded the **Approval of Lab Chemical Waste Pickup and Disposal** as presented by Mr. Horton. On roll call, Members Moody, Graham, Banks, Brown, Lawrence, and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVE THE LAB  
CHEMICAL WASTE  
PICKUP AND DISPOSAL

In 2018, the district started the process of updating – we wanted to move to paperless system. We wanted to move to online registration, and we wanted to go to one-to-one instruction with computers. In order to do this the district had to work on infrastructure – wired and wireless. Connect with companies that had the software needed to help us become paperless and to connect with an organization that could design an online registration system. Our planning process was worked out – we set goals ensured the items were working and moved toward the fruition of our plans. Then – the Pandemic – shook us all.

SUPERINTENDENT  
REPORT

We did not stop the work – we accelerated our plans and added new plans with the ESSER Funds. Our goal with the funds has always been to ensure every dollar spent directly impacts student learning, in as efficient a manner as possible. We used the funds to update and improve the HVAC system with Needlepoint to attack virus & bacteria in the air. While we were out – we refreshed each classroom. What does that mean?

With our ESSER funds, we plan to continue impacting each student’s classroom experience. Thus far, and in accordance with our one-to-one initiative, we have outfitted each student with a Chromebook, each teacher with a new computer, and each classroom with an interactive promethean board.

With our remaining funds, we will completely rebuild and refresh each classroom throughout the district. The plan includes: new classroom furniture and cabinets, interior and exterior window treatment updates, and new floor and ceiling finishes.

The ESSER Funds also have a 20% requirement to address learning loss. The district has utilized these funds by including:

- High-quality assessments via STAR Renaissance to determine academic needs and provide individualized action plans for each student with focused skills to meet grade level standards
- Electronic graphing calculators for each student and staff member to support math education
- Touchscreen Chromebook and stylus pens for the Math teachers
- The supplemental IXL progress monitoring tool was implemented for Math, Reading, and Science to identify areas of improvement
- Evidence -based after school academic interventions
- Assistance to parents and families by streamlining the registration process with Registration Gateway
- Professional Development on culturally responsive teaching and teaching in a remote or blended learning setting
- The purchase of a multitude of virtual resources and provided professional development to increase staff efficacy
- Principal support through monthly goal analysis meetings

- Summer enrichment experiences
- Implementation of therapeutic interventions to address trauma brought on by the pandemic

This is not an exhaustive list – we continue to look for items that improve the learning experience of all of our students. Our Board has charged us with the mission of developing productive citizens who are enrolled, enlisted, or employed by graduation with the focus being children first. We continue to work to meet that charge and look forward to finding new ways to assist our student.

At 7:22 p.m., Ms. Moody moved, Mrs. Whittington seconded to **Adjourn the Meeting**. On roll call, Members Moody, Whittington, Banks, Brown, Graham, and Lawrence voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

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President

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Secretary