

MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2022 AT THORNWOOD HIGH SCHOOL, 17101 SOUTH PARK AVENUE, SOUTH HOLLAND, ILLINOIS, AND MICROSOFT TEAMS CONFERENCING BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 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 answered. Members Butler and Whittington were 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; and Mr. James Petrunaro, legal counsel, were also present.

ROLL
CALL

Report from Curriculum Committee: Mr. Fickes reported that the next meeting will be held in August via WebEx.

COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE

Report from Finance Committee: Mr. Horton reported that the last meeting was held on 07/05/22. Each action item approved will be presented at tonight’s meeting for board approval. The next meeting will be held on 08/02/22 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 07/28/22 via WebEx.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- The District 205 bills as presented for payment dated June 9, 2022 through July 13, 2022
- Personnel dated July 13, 2022 (Resignations, Leave of Absence, New Hires and Terminations)

BILLS

PERSONNEL

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

The following individuals spoke during Public Participation:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- None
- There were two (2) FOIA requests which were responded to at the time of the meeting.

FOIA

Mr. Fickes presented the following information:

- Thornwood High School
 - 2021-22 end of year Advance Placement Test Results had massive increases
 - 2021-22 end of year International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme Percentages
 - Marching Thunderbirds Win Overall Best Entry
- PEACE:
 - Summer enrichment program off to a great start
- Andrew Lawrence Scholarship Recipients – Mr. Fickes
 - Sarai Hurst, Flavio Ceja and Saafia Vhora

PRESENTATIONS

First Reading of PRESS Policy Update 109 – Dr. Doss

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PRESS POLICY UPDATE
109

- 5-Year-Review - Needs 30-Day Review
Review of Policy Sections: 3:70 Succession of Authority; 5:110 Recognition for Service; 5:140 Solicitations By or From Staff; 5:240 Suspension; 5:70 Religious Holidays; 6:330 Achievement and Awards; 6:70 Teaching About Religions
- Draft Update
Review of proposed updates of Policy Sections: 2:230 Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings and Petitions to the Board; 4:70 Resource Conservation; 5:80 Court Duty; 6:140 Education of Homeless Children; 6:290 Homework; 6:80 Teaching About Controversial Issues; 7:15 Student and Family Privacy Rights; 7:270 Administering Medicines to Students; 7:285 Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program
- Draft Update - District Edits
Review of proposed District Edits of Policy Section: [6:170 Title I Programs](#)

Mr. Banks moved, Ms. Moody seconded, to **Approve the Thornridge High School Bike Room Lighting** as presented by Mr. Garrett. On roll call, Members Banks, Moody, Brown, Graham, and Lawrence voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF THE
THORNTRIDGE HIGH
SCHOOL BIKE ROOM
LIGHTING

If you are not a professional educator, you may think that when the students leave for the summer we rest. That is far from the case. For the administration, we had our district wide retreat the last week of June. We trained our administration on the expectations of the district, new laws in the state, and prepared them to complete building retreats. Our buildings will be completing individual building and program retreats this month to set the directions. At the end of the month, district and building administration will be hosting two additional trainings for assistant principals, and division leaders.

SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT

Currently, every building is being cleaned and worked upon – the district is working with law enforcement to make our safe campuses safer. Including attending the Illinois State Police Clear and Present Danger Webinar. Safety for our students and staff is paramount.

We still have challenges from the pandemic. We have supply chain challenges; the latest variant is working on the next wave, and we are prepared. We are one of the few districts that did not remove the mask mandate. It kept our numbers low, and we are planning to come back to school prepared to educate – and ensure our students are enrolled, enlisted, or employed at graduation.

Most people do not know that the board authorized our HVAC systems to be improved with a system that destroys viruses, that the district refreshed classrooms with new promethean boards, and that the district provided new paint for

classrooms. Even in these difficult times we are creating ways to improve student learning and our campuses. Thank you for your support, through these difficult times and challenges.

At 6:59 p.m. Mrs. Whittington joined the meeting.

MRS. WHITTINGTON
JOINED THE MEETING

At 7:00 p.m., Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Banks 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, Lawrence, Banks, Brown, Butler, Graham, Moody, and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

At 8:45 p.m., Mr. Brown moved, Mrs. Lawrence to **Reconvene Regular Session**. On roll call, Members Brown, Lawrence, Banks, Graham, Moody, and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

RECONVENE REGULAR
SESSION

At 8:46 p.m., Mr. Brown moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded to **Adjourn the Meeting**. On roll call, Members Brown, Lawrence, Banks, Graham, Moody, and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

President

Secretary