

MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2022 AT THORNWOOD HIGH SCHOOL LOCATED AT 17101 SOUTH PARK AVENUE, SOUTH HOLLAND ILLINOIS, AND MICROSOFT TEAMS CONFERENCING BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 6:49 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 entire Board of Education and community is not feasible due to the disaster.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY
BOARD PRESIDENT

On roll call, Members Butler, Graham, Lawrence, and Moody answered. Members Banks, Brown, 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, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction; Mr. Thomas Porter, Executive Director of Special Services; and Mr. Adam Dauksas, legal counsel, were also present.

ROLL
CALL

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

COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE

Report from Finance Committee: Mr. Horton reported that the next meeting will be held on 09/06/22 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 08/25/22 via WebEx.

At 6:52 pm Mr. Brown joined the meeting

MR. BROWN JOINED
THE MEETING

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of Regular and Executive Sessions dated June 8, 2022
- Approval of Regular and Executive Session dated July 13, 2022
- The District 205 bills as presented for payment dated July 14, 2022 through August 10, 2022
- Personnel dated August 10, 2022 (Resignations, Leave of Absence, New Hires and Terminations)

MINUTES

BILLS

PERSONNEL

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

The following individuals spoke during Public Participation:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- No public participants
- There were four (4) FOIA completed and one (1) pending.

FOIA

Mr. Fickes presented the following information:

COMMUNICATIONS

- Thornwood High School
 - FCEA and D205 collaborated to host a back-to-school fest on Saturday, August 6th from 12-4pm on Thornwood High School's beautiful campus. This is the second annual collaboration. Families were offered live entertainment, food, games, school supplies and the opportunity to learn about multiple community resources and businesses
 - AP-Dr. Covington and the Freshmen Orientation Committee organized an awesome 3-day Freshmen Clinic for students and parents
 - Another TW Student Qualifies for as NFTE Finalists with his animal resistant universal cover that covers the lid of the trash can

- Presentation - G2/CEDA Summer Program Students - Mr. Fickes
- Presentation - District 205 Return to School Institute Days - Mr. Fickes
- Presentation - Tentative Budget 2023 - Mr. Horton

PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Lawrence moved, Mr. Brown seconded the **Approval of Second Reading of PRESS Policy Update 109** presented by Dr. Doss. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Brown, Butler, Graham and Moody voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVE THE PRESS
POLICY UPDATE 109

Mr. Brown moved, Ms. Moody seconded the **Approval of ISBE Discipline Improvement Plan** presented by Mr. Porter. On roll call, Members Brown, Moody, Butler, Graham, and Lawrence voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVE THE ISBE
DISCIPLINE
IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Mr. Brown stated that he would like the board members to receive an update throughout the year.

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Brown seconded the **Approval of ECHO Joint Agreement for SY2023** presented by Mr. Horton. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Brown, Butler, Graham, and Moody voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVE THE ECHO
JOINT AGREEMENT FOR
SY2023

Ms. Moody moved, Ms. Graham seconded the **Approval of Safe Passage Agreement for SY2023** presented by Mr. Horton. On roll call, Members Moody, Graham, Brown, Butler voted aye; Mrs. Lawrence voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVE THE SAFE
PASSAGE AGREEMENT
FOR SY2023

Mr. Brown moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded the **Approval of Adult Transition Program (ATP)** presented by Mr. Horton. On roll call, Members Brown, Lawrence, Butler, Graham, and Moody voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVE THE ADULT
TRANSITION PROGRAM
(ATP)

Ms. Moody moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded the **Approval of Kasperek Company, Inc., Certified Public Accountant Contract** presented by Mr. Horton. On roll call, Members Moody, Lawrence, Brown, Butler, and Graham voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVE THE KASPEREK
COMPANY, INC.,
CERTIFIED PUBLIC
ACCOUNTANT CONTRACT

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Ms. Moody seconded the **Approval of Thornton Township High School Banners** presented by Mr. Horton. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Moody, Brown, Butler, and Graham voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVE THE THORNTON
TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL
BANNERS

Mr. Brown moved, Ms. Moody seconded the **Approval of Thornton Township High School T-Building Lift** presented by Mr. Horton. On roll call, Members Brown, Moody, Butler, Graham, and Lawrence voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVE THE THORNTON
TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL
T-BUILDING LIFT

Ms. Moody moved, Ms. Lawrence seconded the **Approval of 2022-23 Food Service Management Company (FSMC) Contract** presented by Mr. Horton. On roll call, Members Moody, Lawrence, Brown, Butler, and Graham voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVE THE 2022-23
FOOD SERVICE
MANAGEMENT COMPANY
(FSMC) CONTRACT

Ms. Moody moved, Mr. Butler seconded the **Approval of Multi-Year Contract for Mr. Greg** presented by Mr. Horton. On roll call, Members Moody, Butler, and Graham voted aye; Mr. Brown and Ms. Lawrence voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVE THE MULTI-
YEAR CONTRACT FOR
MR. GREG CRUMP

Dr. Cunningham stated that:

SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT

In the Fall of 2021, schools nationwide were challenged by violence and mental health issues in our schools as we returned from remote learning to in-person learning. Our school system specifically was challenged by violent fights, weapons possession, and attendance (student and staff). Our Safe Schools Initiative was implemented to create stability in a time of challenge. The plan did create stability and the district was able to function and allow some of our students to flourish.

The next step of the district is not just to function - it is to grow. The safe school's initiative now is taking the next step. The next step will be accomplished in three phases. The first phase will deal with external security, the second on internal security, and the third phase will deal with communication and planning. This system is designed to create additional safety by moving the first point of contact for all visitors outside the building while reducing entrances and securing all doors. The final phase is communication and training. The district will ensure everyone knows and understands

The first phase is for the exterior of all buildings. The district will restrict access to campus. Each building will have a designated area for student parking, faculty parking, and student drop off. The student drop off at all buildings will be outside the campus grounds. Student drop off for Thornridge will be in the exterior parking on Champlain, Student drop off for Thornton is on Broadway at the main building, and the student drop off for Thornwood is at the district office parking lot. These three areas allow students to be dropped off without opening the campus to additional automotive traffic. The district, at the recommendation of our security expert, will be creating one way in and one-way outs to increase safety on the campus. The district will no longer be accepting drop-in appointments and allowing open access to campus. Each campus will have restricted access through gate or guard at the entrance. The district is also constructing gate access with proximity cards for staff. The district will continue to do all we can to serve our students and community, but we will focus on the safety of our student first.

The second phase of the plan is interior operations. The district wants to control the access to the building and interior doors. The district will be reducing the number of doors for access to buildings. The district will use up to two doors for student access to the school, a few designated doors for staff with proximity cards and one door for visitor access. Again, visitor access will be by appointment only. The district will place audible alarms on all non-designated entrance/exit doors. Each building will have interior plans for ensuring students and staff follow the safety requirements.

The third and final phases of the initiative is the communication phase. The district with its communication partner Avidity, will communicate, train, and implement the phases of the plan.

Faculty Association – Mr. Bearden present on:

- Communication
- Discipline
- Crisis Management Plan
- Attendance Policy
- Mask Policy

At 7:56 p.m., Ms. Moody moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded to **Adjourn the Meeting**. On roll call, Members Moody, Lawrence, Brown, Butler and Graham voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

President

Secretary