



Wednesday, December 14, 2022
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION, THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205 HELD AT THORNRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL, 15000 COTTAGE GROVE AVENUE, DOLTON, ILLINOIS, AND VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS CONFERENCING AT 6:30 PM

The meeting was called to order at 6:35p.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 Banks, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington answered. Members Brown, Butler and Moody were absent. Dr. Nathaniel Cunningham, Superintendent, Dr. Jerry B. Doss, Associate Superintendent of Human Resources; Mr. Toriano Horton, Assistant Superintendent of Business; Mr. Thomas Porter, Executive Director of Pupil Services and Mr. Adam Dauksas, legal counsel, were also present.

ROLL
CALL

Report from Curriculum Committee: Mr. Fickes reported that items from the last committee meeting will be presented at tonight's meeting for board approval. The next meeting will be held in mid-January 2023 via WebEx.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Report from Finance Committee: Mr. Horton reported that the last meeting was held on December 7, 2022. Each action item approved will be presented at tonight's meeting for board approval. The next meeting will be held on January 4, 2023 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 December 27, 2022 via WebEx.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of Regular Meeting and Executive Session Minutes dated November 9, 2022
- The District 205 bills as presented for payment dated December 14, 2022
- Personnel dated December 14, 2022 (Resignations, Leave of Absence, New Hires and Terminations)
- Ratifications:
 - Approval of Thornton Township High School Boys Basketball and Cheer Overnight Fieldtrip, Decatur, IL November 22-26, 2022

MINUTES

BILLS

PERSONNEL

- Approval of Thornwood High School AVID Students Out-of-State College Tour, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI, November 28, 2022
- Approval of Thornridge High School Out-of-State College Tour, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI, December 8, 2022
- Approval of Thornridge and Thornton Township High Schools Cheer Competition Overnight Fieldtrip, Peoria High School, December 14, 2022

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

The following individuals spoke during Public Participation:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Mr. Lou Macaluso, Harvey, IL resident and alumni and educator, presented the LaMarr Thomas book to the Board of Education members and the Superintendent. Mr. Thomas was an all-state football and basketball player in the 1960s. He gave it up to fight for civil and human rights. He was a Thornton Township High School alumni. He was one of the founding members of the Alumni Legacy Fund.

- None

FOIA

Mrs. Fortier presented the following information:

COMMUNICATIONS

- Thornridge High School:
 - Hosted College & Career Fair on November 18, 222 from 11:00am-3:00pm
 - The Class of 2023 had an opportunity to attend workshops designed to expose them to information for their specific District 205 3E (Enrolled, Enlisted, or Employed) plan
- Thornton Township High School
 - All band students receive scholarships in the amount of \$10,000.000 per year from Simmons College of Kentucky.
 - A huge shout out to YOU!!!! Teachers, administration, administrative assistants, and students who made an event with motivational speaker Ovi Vasquez and Rich 227 students amazing at Thornton.
 - Thornton joined with CEDA and My Block My Hood My City to provide decorations in Harvey community. Thank you, Mr. Hood
 - A special thanks to our Parent Coordinators for hosting a wonderful event for parents and students. A total of 90 families attended. Principal Whitaker focused on the district's motto "Enrolled, Enlisted, Employed."
- Thornwood High School
 - IB team has had many opportunities for experiential learning and celebrations this fall. Thanks to our dedicated teachers and support from administration, IB students were able to participate in many events.
 - Steppenwolf Theatre to see 1919 as an IB History group, IB Psychology students attended Museum of Illusions exhibit, as well as participated in the Feed My Starving Children event, IB Chemistry team led an event for the middle schools, IB ESS class had a Bubble Lab recently
 - Marching Thunderbirds participated in the Chicago Thanksgiving Day Parade
 - Welcome Mr. Dan Higgins to the AVID team; upperclassmen, Ms. Taylor, Mr. Owen, Mr. Higgins and Dr. Hines spent time visiting Grand Valley State University in Michigan
 - IB student R. Karim received \$72,000 scholarship from Bradley University
 - Students and staff participated in tree planting around the campus

- PEACE Center
 - The trauma-sensitive approach meets the needs of students and creates a culture that provides a safe learning space for students who are statistically at risk of failure, dropping out, or incarceration.
 - This year’s theme is “Show Up & Show Out”! Our three primary goals for this year:
 - Increase overall attendance, Decrease negative behaviors, and Improve math and reading scores
 - Staff and students explored city and suburban gems!
 - Iron Oaks, Field Museum, Museum of Science and Industry, Joliet Junior College, Kennedy King College

- Annual AVID Presentation – Mrs. Fortier

PRESENTATIONS

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Ms. Graham seconded the **Approval of Shoot Your Best Shot Program Proposal subject to contract negotiation and attorney review** presented by Mrs. Fortier. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Graham, Banks and Whittington voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVE THE SHOOT YOUR BEST SHOT PROGRAM PROPOSAL

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Banks seconded the **Approval of Thornton Township High School Boys’ Varsity Wrestling Tournament Overnight Fieldtrip, Lincoln, IL December 28-30, 2022** presented by Mrs. Fortier. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Banks, Graham, and Whittington voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed. Mr. Whitaker will present a schedule to the Board of Education members.

APPROVE THE THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL BOYS’ VARSITY WRESTLING TOURNAMENT OVERNIGHT FIELDTRIP

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mrs. Whittington seconded the **Approval of Districtwide Heart Monitors** presented by Mr. Horton. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Whittington, Banks, and Graham, voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed. Mr. Horton stated that the monitors will be kept in the classrooms.

APPROVE THE DISTRICTWIDE HEART MONITORS

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mrs. Whittington seconded the **Approval of District-Wide Roofing Repairs** presented by Mrs. Fortier. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Whittington, Bank, and Graham voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVE THE DISTRICT-WIDE ROOFING REPAIRS

Mrs. Whittington moved, Mr. Banks seconded the **Adoption of Final Tax Levy 2022** presented by Mr. Horton. On roll call, Members Whittington, Banks, Graham, and Lawrence voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVE TO ADOPT THE FINAL TAX LEVY 2022

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mrs. Whittington seconded the **Approval of Resolution declaring an intent to issue not to exceed \$2,800,000 of working cash fund bonds.** presented by Mr. Horton. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Whittington, Banks, and Graham voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVE THE RESOLUTION DECLARING AN INTENT TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$2,800,000 OF WORKING CASH FUND BONDS.

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Banks seconded the **Approval of Thornridge and Thornwood High Schools Chiller Replacement** presented by Mr. Horton. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Banks, Graham, and Whittington voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed. Mrs. Whittington asked what is a chiller? Mr. Garrett stated that it cools was for air conditioning for large units.

APPROVE THE THORNTRIDGE AND THORNWOOD HIGH SCHOOLS CHILLER REPLACEMENT

None.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

At 7:44p.m., Mr. Banks moved, Mrs. Lawrence 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, Banks, Lawrence, Graham, and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

At 8:42p.m., Mr. Banks moved, Mrs. Whittington seconded to **Reconvene Regular Session**. On roll call, Members Banks, Whittington, Graham, and Lawrence voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Banks seconded the **Approval of Tenured Teacher Notice to Remedy for Sarina Donaldson** presented by Mr. Horton. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Banks, Graham, and Whittington voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVE THE TENURED TEACHER NOTICE TO REMEDY

At 8:45p.m., Mrs. Whittington moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded to **Adjourn the Meeting**. On roll call, Members Whittington, Lawrence, Banks, and Graham voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

President

Secretary