



Wednesday, April 12, 2023
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 6:36 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 Banks, Brown, Graham, Lawrence, and 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, 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 last meeting was held in March. The next meeting will be held in late May via Microsoft Teams.

COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE

Report from Finance Committee: Mr. Horton reported that the last meeting was held on April 6, 2023. Each action item approved will be presented at tonight's meeting for board approval. The next meeting will be held on May 2, 2023 via Microsoft Teams

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 27, 2023 via Microsoft Teams to discuss current Capital Improvement Projects.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Regular Meeting and Executive Session Minutes dated March 8, 2023
- B. Approval of Special Meeting and Executive Session Minutes dated March 15, 2023
- C. Approval of Special Meeting and Executive Session Minutes dated March 23, 2023
- D. The District 205 bills as presented for payment dated March 9, 2023 through April 12, 2023
- E. Personnel dated April 12, 2023 (Resignations, Leave of Absence, New Hires and Terminations)

MINUTES

BILLS

PERSONNEL

F. Ratifications:

RATIFICATIONS

- i. Approval of Special Olympics State Basketball Finals Overnight Fieldtrip, Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois, March 9-11, 2023
- ii. Approval of Thornton Township and Thornwood High Schools Drama GI State Finals Overnight Trip, Springfield, Illinois, March 23-25, 2023
- iii. Approval of Thornwood High School MTB Leadership Team Lock-In, March 25, 2023
- iv. Approval of Thornwood High School, Girls' Track & Field Overnight Fieldtrip, Murray State University, Murray, Kentucky, March 31-April 2, 2023
- v. Approval of Emergency Purchase of Football Helmets for Thornridge High School
- vi. Approval of Emergency Purchase of Football Helmets for Thornton Township High

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

The following individuals spoke during Public Participation:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Penny Catlett, alumni, spoke on the state of the community pertaining to a new development in the community that can affect green space. Mrs. Lawrence asked if the property was part of Thornton Township. Response from Ms. Catlett was not as of yet but in progress.
- None

FOIA

Mr. Fickes presented the following information:

COMMUNICATIONS

- District:
 - Special Olympics Basketball Team won 3rd Place at the state tournament at Illinois State University
 - Adult Transition Program students volunteered at the Greater Food Depository on March 31, 2023
- Thornridge High School:
 - Polished Pebbles Commonwealth Edison Job Shadow; students were featured on NBC News Channel 5
- Thornton Township High School
 - Rho Kappa National Social Studies Honor Society held its induction ceremony on Wednesday, April 5th. CONGRATULATIONS to the inductees.
 - Thanks to Ms. Cunningham and Dr. DeWitz creating a motivational, Inspiring PEP RALLY for the Junior students. Lockers were decorated, motivational quotes were placed all over the building, fun testing strategies were in place.
 - One of our students participated in the Nike Indoor National High School Track & Field Tournament in New York, the only thrower in the tournament from Illinois. His performance makes him the 2nd ranked high school shot putter in the country
- Thornwood High School
 - Hosted Post High School Options Fair on March 23, 2023
 - Sophomores (Class Challenge for Attendance and Seniors (Class Challenge for Behavior & GPA) for Quarter 2, won a field trip

- Thornton Township High School Shark Tank Competition winners

Mr. Brown moved, Ms. Moody seconded the **IHSA 2023-24 Membership Renewal for Thornridge, Thornton Township and Thornwood High Schools** presented by Dr. Cunningham. On roll call, Members Brown, Moody, Banks, Graham, and Lawrence voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

PRESENTATIONS

APPROVE THE IHSA
2023-24 MEMBERSHIP
RENEWAL FOR
THORNRIDGE,
THORNTON TOWNSHIP
AND THORNWOOD
HIGH SCHOOLS

Mr. Brown moved; Mr. Banks seconded the **Approval of Barber/Cosmetology Installation Proposal** presented by Mr. Horton. On roll call, Members Brown, Banks, Graham, Lawrence, and Moody voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVE THE
BARBER/COSMETOLOGY
INSTALLATION
PROPOSAL

The Governor of Illinois and the President will end the current COVID-19 mitigations will end in May and all meetings will be in-person. We will follow all pre-pandemic rule for Board of Education Meetings.

SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT

At 7:16 p.m., Ms. Moody moved, Mr. Brown seconded to **Adjourn the Meeting**. On roll call, Members Moody, Brown, Banks, Graham, and Lawrence voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

President

Secretary