



Wednesday May 8, 2023
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION, THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205 HELD AT THORNWOOD HIGH SCHOOL 17101 SOUTH PARK AVENUE, SOUTH HOLLAND, ILLINOIS AT 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 6:22p.m. President Graham made the following announcement: I now call this special Board meeting of May 8, 2023, to order. Please note: Any person may record or broadcast this Board meeting. Recording meetings shall not distract or disturb meeting participants, or members of the public. It may be necessary to designate a location for recording equipment, restrict the movements of individuals who are using recording equipment, or may take such other steps as are deemed necessary to preserve decorum and facilitate the meeting. Please know, if you participate in public participation, you are part of the meeting and may be taped.

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

Superintendent Dr. Cunningham announced the April 4, 2023 canvassing election results which can also be found on the following website:

ABSTRACT CANVASSING
OF ELECTION RESULTS

https://www.cookcountyclerk.il.gov/sites/default/files/pdfs/Official%20Results_04042023.pdf

President Graham stated the following: We would like to thank our outgoing board members for their contributions to the community, students, and Board. Let us give our outgoing board members a round of applause for their leadership of School District 205. This Board has no further business. May I have a motion and 2nd for the adjournment sine die?

ADJOURNMENT OF
CURRENT BOARD SINE
DIE

Mrs. Lawrence moved; Mr. Brown seconded to the **Adjournment of Current Board Sine Die**. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Brown, Banks, Graham, and Moody voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

President Graham stated the following: The board will recess for a moment while the outgoing board members return to the audience and the new board members take their seats.

All newly elected Board of Education members were sworn in collectively by a judicial judge.

OATH OF OFFICE OF NEW
ELECTED BOARD
MEMBERS

On roll call, Members Banks, Brown, Davis, Graham, Lawrence, Moody, and Owens answered.

ROLL CALL OF NEW
BOARD

Ms. Moody made a motion to **Appoint Bernadette Lawrence as President Pro Tem.** There were no other nominations. On roll call, Members Moody, Brown, Banks, Davis, Graham, Lawrence, and Owens voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ORGANIZATION OF NEW BOARD OF EDUCATION; APPOINT PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY PRO TEM

Ms. Graham motioned to **Appoint Almetta Vasser-Moody Secretary Pro Tem.** There were no other nominations. On roll call, Members Graham, Brown, Banks, Davis, Lawrence, Moody, and Owens voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

At 6:38p.m. Mrs. Lawrence called the meeting of Thornton Township High School District 205 to order.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Owens motioned to **Nominate Ms. Graham for Board President.** There were no other nominations On roll call, Members Owens, Banks, Brown, Davis, Graham, Lawrence, and Moody voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ELECTION FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT AND TERM OF OFFICE

Ms. Moody moved; Mr. Banks seconded to **Close the Floor for Board President.** On roll call, Members Moody, Banks, Brown, Davis, Graham, Lawrence, and Owens voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

CLOSE THE FLOOR FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT

Mr. Banks motioned to **Nominate Ms. Almetta Vasser-Moody for Board Vice-President.** There were no other nominations On roll call, Members Banks, Brown, Davis, Graham, Lawrence, Moody, and Owens voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ELECTION FOR THE OFFICE OF VICE-PRESIDENT AND TERM OF OFFICE

Ms. Moody moved; Mr. Banks seconded to **Close the Floor for Board Vice-President.** There were no other nominations. On roll call, Members Moody, Banks, Brown, Davis, Graham, Lawrence, and Owens voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

CLOSE THE FLOOR FOR THE OFFICE OF VICE-PRESIDENT AND TERM OF OFFICE

Mrs. Lawrence motioned to **Nominate Mr. Ray Banks for Board Secretary.** Mr. Banks rejected the nomination. Mr. Brown motioned to **nominate Dr. Davis for Board Secretary.** There were no other nominations. On roll call, Members Brown, Banks, Davis, Graham, Lawrence, Moody, and Owens voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ELECTION FOR THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY AND TERM OF OFFICE

Ms. Moody moved; Mr. Brown seconded to **Close the Floor for Board Secretary.** There were no other nominations. On roll call, Members Moody, Brown, Banks, Davis, Graham, Lawrence, and Owens voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

CLOSE THE FLOOR FOR THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY

If the Secretary is a Board Member, compensation may be up to \$500/year. The compensation for a board member must be fixed at least 180 days before the beginning of the term as Secretary.

APPROVE SALARY FOR THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY

Ms. Moody moved; Mr. Brown seconded for **Approval for the Salary for Office of Secretary.** On roll call, Members Moody, Brown, Banks, Davis, Graham, Lawrence, and Owens voted aye; nay, none; motion passed

Second Wednesday of the month at 6:30p.m. as it currently is now.

ESTABLISH THE DATE,
TIME, AND PLACE FOR
THE SCHOOL BOARD
MEETINGS

- September, October, November, and December: Board meets in Thornridge High School auditorium
- January, February, March, and April: Board meets in Thornton Township High School auditorium
- May, June, July, and August: Board meets in Thornwood High School cafeteria

Ms. Moody moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded for **Approval the date, time, and place for the School Board Meetings**. On roll call, Members Moody, Lawrence, Banks Brown, Davis, Graham, Lawrence, and Owens voted aye; nay, none; motion passed

The Board Committees were appointed as follows:

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

- Curriculum Committee Dr. Davis, Chair / Ms. Moody, Co-Chair
- Discipline Committee Mr. Brown, Chair / Mrs. Lawrence, Co-Chair
- Facilities Committee Ms. Moody, Chair / Mr. Owens, Co-Chair
- Finance Committee Ms. Moody, Chair / Mr. Banks, Co-Chair
- Policy Committee Mrs. Lawrence, Chair

The following individuals spoke during Public Participation:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Mrs. Crayton, Dolton, IL, welcomed each new board member
- Ms. Bonnie, member of school district 147, welcomed and congratulated the new board members

At 7:00p.m., Mr. Banks moved, Mr. Brown seconded to **Adjourn the Meeting**. On roll call, Members Banks, Brown, Davis, Graham, Lawrence, and Moody voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

President

Secretary