BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

FEBRUARY 13, 2019

Serving All or Portions of the Following Communities:

Blue Island * Burnham * Calumet City * Dixmoor * Dolton * East Hazel Crest * Harvey * Hazel Crest *
Lansing * Markham * Phoenix * Posen * Riverdale * South Holland * Thornton
Roll Call
Pledge of Allegiance
Committee of the Whole

• Report from Curriculum Committee
• Report from Finance Committee
• Report from Policy Committee
• Report from Discipline Committee
• Report from Facilities Committee
Consent Agenda

- **Approval of District 205 Bills** dated January 10, 2019 through February 13, 2019
- **Personnel**: Approval of Resignations, Leave of Absence, New Hires and Terminations dated February 13, 2019
- **Approval of Minutes** of Regular and Executive Meetings dated November 14, 2018
- **Approval of Minutes** of Regular and Executive Meetings dated December 12, 2018
- **Ratification(s):**
  - Overnight fieldtrip: Thornridge High School IHSA Chess Team Conference, Peoria, IL, February 7-9, 2019
  - Overnight fieldtrip: Thornton Township High School IDTA Competitive Dance State Finals, Springfield, IL, February 8-10, 2019
  - Overnight fieldtrip: Thornwood High School Boys’ Varsity Basketball – College Exposure Shootout, Central Michigan University, February 8-10, 2019
  - Overnight fieldtrip: Thornwood High School IHSA Wrestling Individual State Finals, University of Illinois Urbana, February 13-17, 2019
Public Hearing

• BINA Hearing for Proposed Working Cash Fund Bond Issuance-Intent of the Board of Education to sell $2,785,000 - Mr. Horton
We now open the Public Participation section of our agenda. At this time, members of the community are invited to address the Board. We ask that you state your name and town, limit your total time to two minutes, and talk only about items on the current Board Agenda.

In addition, if your comments are of a critical nature about specific people, the Board requests that you present your comments during the personnel portion of the “executive session.”

Your name will not be called if you do no sign in and list a topic or the topic is not on the current Board agenda or if public participation has begun.
Freedom Of Information Act

- Dr. Doss
Communications

- Mr. Arrington
THORN RIDGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Congratulations to our Thornridge Seniors! As of January 2019, our Graduating Class of 2019 has earned over $2.6 million in scholarships and grants! Seniors Angel Williams, Evelyn Espinoza, and Nimotalai Lawall (pictured) have earned full scholarships to multiple universities. Keep up the great work Falcon Scholars! We are TR!

Falcon Pride!
Our TR Special Olympics basketball team placed 1st in their division at last month’s tournament, and they are now headed to the state competition in March! Congratulations to our student athletes and Coach Miller and Coach Garcia!
Saturday, February 2nd, Rashaun Anderson represented the Thornridge Falcons by placing 4th in the state series Regional varsity wrestling tournament. Congratulations Rashaun and keep up the hard work!
THORN RIDGE SCIENCE CLUB

Congratulations to the Thornridge Science Club! The club competed at Andrew High School on 01/19/19 for the last SWSC Science Competition. Thornton Smith won a Silver Medal in the Paper Airplane Competition while Yescenia Diaz and Kristina Wilson took home another Silver medal in the Marble Maze contest! Congratulations on all their hard work!

Team members are as follows: Yescenia Diaz, Kristina Wilson, Kenneth Wilson, Thornton Smith, Salamot Balogun, Sarai Hurst, Aniah Hurst, Rayven Foreman, Rachel Adefedeji, Ryan Ifebueme, Stacy Ifebueme, Moses Osineye, Tiana Blake, Caitlyn Williams, Aaliyah Tolar, and Kiyah Oparah
This past Saturday, the speech team competed at IHSA Regional speech competition at Eisenhower High School. Winning 1st place regionally at both Individual and Performance In The Round (PIR) competitions. The following students placed top four and advanced to Sectional:

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The PIR cast took 1st place. The cast includes:

- Dairyon Bolden
- Aaliyah Evans
- Anaya Gonzalez
- JaSaun Fields
- Yalari Trice
- Michael Green
- Destiny Kelly
- Giselle Perez

Congrats to all and Break a leg at Sectionals this Saturday!
Last weekend, the wrestling team competed in the JV Conference Tournament. 1st place - Chris Barker. 3rd place - Desmond Kelly. 5th place - Jonathan Davis and 6th place - Keevon Osborne. Job well done wrestlers and thanks for a great season.

This past weekend the Varsity wrestlers competed in the IHSA Regionals. Jamal Osborne became a 2x Champion this weekend, currently ranked 8th in the State. 2nd place - Steve Collins and is a honorable mention ranked in State. 3rd place - Bernell Bennett. All three advanced to this weeks Sectionals at Bolingbrook HS, one step away from going to the State Championships. Also, special mention to 4th place winner Desmond Kelly and had a great season this year. Congrats to all the wrestlers that competed this year and GO WILDCATS!
On 01.07.19 TW Students had an opportunity to reset and start the second semester on a positive theme by attending the “Clash of the Classes” Assembly. By allowing students this day, it supported both the District Improvement Plan (DIP) and the School Improvement Plan (SIP). It promoted relationship building and helped to forge relationships between peers and staff thus aiding in a positive school culture.

The activities were fun, thoughtful, and inspirational. Everyone left feeling refreshed, revived, and excited about things to come during their 2nd semester, Even TW’s very own Principal got in on the action.
TW Mathletes

The Thornwood Mathletes competed at the SWSC conference tournament on January 23rd. Our Thunderbird Mathletes took home awards in 10 of the 15 events.

1st Place competition and students who received awards last night include:

Systems of Equations (Sophomores):  Teresa Funes-Martinez
                                             Filiberto Lopez
                                             Zakiyah Muhammad
                                             Christine Nosike
                                             Daria Tindall
                                             Joshlyn Zambrano
In honor of one of Thornwood’s very own, Coach Slavich along with the Athletic Department, decided to host a shootout in memory of Chelby Frazier. The inaugural Chelby Frazier shootout was a success offering stiff competition from Thornridge, Harlan, Thornton Township, Chicago Agricultural Science, Rich Central, Hyde Park, Southland Prep, & Thornwood. Ms. Kawania Caesar (Chelby’s Mother) was present at the game and received a poster of Chelby in remembrance of his Thornwood basketball games. Ms. Caesar was able to promote the Chelbo The Legend Foundation in his memory. We look forward to continuing Chelby’s legacy and working alongside his mother to achieve this goal!
Congratulations to our TW Football Scholar-Athletes and their families for signing letters of intent on February 6, 2019, which is National Signing Day. Congratulations to the following students:

- Jaylen Richardson - St. Ambrose University
- Jaylin Ford - Robert Morris University
- Josue Fernandez - Valparaiso University
- Dillon Watson - Robert Morris University
TW Athletics

TW Co-Ed Varsity Cheer Team Qualified in the 2019 IHSA Sectional Competition and Competed Downstate (Bloomington, IL) this past weekend. Under the direction of Head Coach Billie Griggs, this is the cheer team’s 23rd state appearance in the last 27 years. After such a successful season including 1st place in the ICCA State Cheerleading Competition, Mrs. Griggs will be retiring this school year. Mrs. Griggs has definitely left a lasting legacy and she will be missed. Congratulations to Mrs. Griggs, Assistant Coaches and our hardworking student-scholar athletes.

Thunderbird Nation
On February 7th, Thornwood High School and Fuze Catering celebrate BURGER WARS through a student chef cooking competition. Many of the youth have never made their own burger. Making your own burger in America is a rite of passage! Participating students are asked to prepare a burger in their culinary arts class with their kitchen lab groups, the catch is they have to add at least one fruit or vegetable to their burger. The burgers will be judged by a panel.

Guest judges included: Chef James Sanders, Fuze Catering & Owner, Dirty Bird restaurant, Shagg Nice on-air radio personality, Power 92.3, TW teacher-Chef Henderson and Thornwood’s own principal - Don Holmes.
Unfinished Business
New Business

- Presentation: Kristin Moran (TR Teacher and Author) – Mr. Fickes
Eamonn the Mighty
WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY KRISTEN MORAN
TEACHER AT THORNRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL
About the Author/Illustrator

Teacher at Thornridge High School
- Art for 10 years (2006-2016)
- English for 3 years (2016-current)

Background:
- BA – Dominican University
- MA – St. Xavier University
- Co-wrote and revised curriculum
  - Including the Digital Arts curriculum
- Redesigned alternative logo
Son’s Medical Diagnosis

Normal Heart

Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome

- Small ascending portion of the aorta
- Small aortic valve
- Small mitral valve
- Small left ventricle
Son’s Journey

- First heart surgery: Day of birth
- Second heart surgery (Norwood): 3 weeks old
- Third heart surgery (heart transplant): 8 months old
- Fourth heart surgery (transplant repair): 10 months old
- Fifth surgery (sternal repair): 1 year old
- Sixth surgery (G-tube): 14 months old
Inspiration

- Son’s diagnosis
- Limited resources available
- Content of existing children’s books
Story’s concept began during his 10 month hospitalization.

Full story completed at son’s bedside during his recovery from his transplant and transplant repair.

Fine tuning and publishing pursuit followed after transplant repair.

Knew once he was discharged, completing book would be a challenge.
• Student Presentation: Danny Gray (TW Teacher) and the Black Male Panel Discussion Students - Mr. Fickes
Black Male Panel Discussion
Motivate, Educate, and Empower
• Presentation: Bench dedication to the 13 NFL players who graduated and played at Thornton Township High School – Mr. Bibbie
THE IMPORTANCE OF HISTORY

A people without the knowledge of their past, origin & culture is like a tree with no roots.

“WE ARE NOT MAKERS OF HISTORY.
WE ARE MADE BY HISTORY.”
-MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

TO ME, THIS IS ABOUT PRESERVING HISTORY AND MAKING IT AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE.
-Sergey Brin
“In Celebration of Black History Month, Success through Sports & Academics”

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“Honoring the Eleven African American men Professional Football Players who made it to the National Football League from Thornton Township High School”

All of these former TTHS Alumni, NFL athletes are college graduates also...

Jan. 15, 2019 Bucs hire Antwaan Randle El and Cody Grimm as assistant coaches on Bruce Arians’ staff

THE PURPOSE OF THE BENCH DEDICATION IS TO MOTIVATE FUTURE THORNTON STUDENT/ATHLETES THAT THEY CAN MAKE TO THE TOP OF THEIR ATHLETIC ENDEAVORS THROUGH FAITH, HARD WORK, ACADEMICS AND GOOD CHARACTER.

“GIVING BACK TO WILDCAT COUNTRY”
A vast majority of the students that I have talked to at Thornton didn’t know that Eleven NFL players came out of Wildcat Country. This is the reason that the bench was made to show some of the history of football at Wildcat Country.
Richard Grimmett-dixmoor, Illinois University of Illinois
(Dallas cowboys)
The first thornton grad to go to the nfl...
RICHARD JOHNSON 2\textsuperscript{nd} TO GO PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL
DIXMOOR, ILLINOIS-WISCONSIN BADGERS
HOUSTON OILERS
JACK GOLDEN - TAMPA BAY BUCCANEER (SUPERBOWL CHAMPION)
JERMAINE HAMPTON- NORTHERN ILLINOIS INDIANAPOLIS COLTS
SENATOR NAPOLEON HARRIS III
DIXMOOR, ILLINOIS
NORTHWESTERN WILDCATS
(OAKLAND RAIDERS & MINNESOTA VIKINGS)
TIM JAMISON-MICHIGAN WOLVERINES.. HOUSTON TEXANS
ANTWAAN RANDLE EL-INDIANA U. (SUPERBOWL CHAMPION)
PITTSBURGH STEELERS & WASHINGTON REDSKINS
ASST. COACH TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS 2019
TAI STREETS (MEAN STREETS-AAU)
MICHIGAN WOLVERINE
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS & DETROIT LIONS
SAMMY WILLIAMS (BIG SAM)- MAGNOLIA, MISSISSIPPI- OKLAHOMA SOONERS-BALTIMORE RAVENS SUPERBOWL CHAMPION…
New Business

- Second Reading of PRESS Recommended Updates (Issues 97, 98, 99) – Dr. Doss (60-Day Review) (Approval needed)
• Recommended Approval of Overnight Special Olympics Thornridge High School Basketball Tournament to Illinois State in Normal IL, March 15-16, 2019 – Ms. Williams
New Business

- Recommended Approval of Thornwood High School Girls Track & Field Grand Valley College Tour in Michigan, February 15-16, 2019 – Mr. Holmes (Approval Needed)
• Recommended Approval of Thornwood High School Girls Track & Field Jackie Joyner-Kersee/Al Joyner East St. Louis Classic, April 5-6, 2019 – Mr. Holmes (Approval Needed)
• Recommended Approval of T-108 Renovation for Machine Shop Program – Mr. Fickes (Approval Needed)
New Business

- Recommended Approval of Illinois Empower Workplans for School Improvement for Thornridge and Thornwood High Schools – Mr. Fickes (Approval Needed)
New Business

• Recommended Approval of Platform CNC Routers and Plasma Cutter Purchase—Mr. Fickes (Approval Needed)
• Recommended Approval of Teach Smartboard Purchase – Mr. Fickes (Approval Needed)
New Business

- Recommended Approval of Resolution Notifying the Collective Liability Insurance Cooperative (CLIC) – Workers Compensation – Mr. Horton (Approval Needed)
Closed session pursuant to Section 2(c) of the Open Meetings Act to consider:

- The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees;
- Student discipline;
- Collective negotiating matters, and
- Pending, probable or imminent litigation.
Reconvene Open Session
Action Items Following Executive Session

A. Approval of Administrator and Non-Union Employee Contracts
B. Approval of Teacher Employment Termination
C. Approval of Settlement Agreement with Faculty Association
Adjournment

NEXT MEETING
Wednesday, March 13, 2019
6:30pm
Thornton Township High School