



Wednesday, February 8, 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 6:35 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, Graham, Lawrence, Moody, and Whittington answered. Members Brown and Butler 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

COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE

Report from Finance Committee: Mr. Horton reported that the last meeting was held on 02/01/23. Each action item approved will be presented at tonight's meeting for board approval. The next meeting will be held on 02/28/23 via WebEx.

Report from Policy Committee: None.

Report from Discipline Committee: None.

Report from Facilities Committee: None

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Regular and Executive Session Meeting Minutes dated January 11, 2023

MINUTES

The District 205 bills as presented for payment dated January 12, 2023 through February 8, 2023

BILLS

Personnel dated February 8, 2023 (Resignations, Leave of Absence, New Hires and Terminations)

PERSONNEL

Ratification:

RATIFICATION

- Approval of Special Olympics Snowshoeing Overnight Fieldtrip, Galena, IL, January 30-February 2, 2023
- Approval of Resolution Authorizing Two-Year Tax Abatement for 2023 Property Tax Relief Grant (Revised)

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

At 6:40 p.m., Mr. Brown joined the meeting

MR. BROWN JOINED
THE MEETING

The following individuals spoke during Public Participation:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Felita Crayton, Dolton resident, thanked the Board of Education members and distributed Black history pendants. Mrs. Crayton also suggested a family movie night for the district in the month of February at one of the schools
- Roseland Ceasefire stated that they are available to assist the district and community.

- Dr. Doss stated that there is one (1) FOIA complete with none pending

FOIA

Mr. Fickes presented the following information:

COMMUNICATIONS

- District:
 - Special Olympics - 2023 Snowshoe Winter Games. Despite frigid temperatures, our athletes did an amazing job and dug deep to do their best. District 205 is so proud of them!
- Thornridge High School:
 - Congratulations to the Girls Bowling team on their Conference Championship win!
 - Check and Connect - Students earned incentives for improving their attendance.
- Thornton Township High School
 - Congratulations to our 31 Illinois State Scholars (the largest number ever) for the 2023-2024 School Year
 - Mr. Jason Clark, proud TTHS alumni, teamed up with Mielle Organics to present a family holiday giveaway to the students of TTHS. The CEO of Mielle Organics awarded \$5,000 to eight (8) students
 - A representative from Construction Industry Service Corporation (CISCO) facilitated a panel discussion and a hands-on experience with over 25 Vendors and approximately 200 students, including eighth graders from Brooks Middle School to promote CTE/Career Paths
- Thornwood High School
 - Mr. Higgins invited his former student, now lawyer, Taylor Tyler, Esq. to speak with our AVID juniors about her experiences as an African American law student and lawyer. Her presentation was truly insightful!
 - Thornwood Mathletes placed 2nd overall in the SAC Conference
 - Chat and Chew session with Dr. Covington
 - South Suburban SBA Young Entrepreneur of the Year is Autumn Harmon, Express Yourself Studio at the 2022 Annual Summit Award Celebration

- District 148 “Blankets for Toddlers” - Mr. Fickes, Mrs. Silas-Armour and Mrs. Rucinski were presented to the District Daycare Center.

PRESENTATIONS

- Studio 205 Naming Contest Winners - Mr. Fickes
Mr. Fickes shared that eleven years ago this program became an idea of his and the late Mr. John Arrington. The program will have a positive impact on the district and communicate. Students will save themselves approximately \$40,000 in tuition. When students graduate, they will have their Illinois license. There were 250 names

in the contest. Two students chose the winning name, Studio 205. This name will forevermore be on our program.

- Meet Studio 205 Barber and Cosmetology Students-Inaugural Cohort – Mr. Fickes
Two students presented and thanked the district and board of education for this wonderful opportunity

Mr. Brown moved, Mrs. Whittington seconded the **Approval of Thornton Township High School Overnight Fieldtrip to Davison High School Cardinal Classic Shootout, Davison, MI, February 11-12, 2023** presented by Mr. Whitaker. On roll call, Members Brown, Whittington, Banks, Graham, Lawrence, and Moody voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVE THE
THORNTON TOWNSHIP
HIGH SCHOOL
OVERNIGHT FIELDTRIP

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mrs. Whittington seconded the **Approval of Thornwood High School Baseball College Tour Overnight Fieldtrip to Grand Canyon University, University of Arizona and Chicago White Sox Spring Training Facility, March 29-April 2, 2023** as presented by Mr. Holmes. On roll call, Members, Lawrence, Whittington, Banks, Brown, Graham, and Moody voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVE THE
THORNWOOD HIGH
SCHOOL OVERNIGHT
FIELDTRIP

Mrs. Whittington moved, Mr. Brown seconded the **Approval of Special Olympics Gymnastics Overnight Fieldtrip to Palatine, IL, February 24-25, 2023 – Mr. Porter** presented by Mr. Horton. On roll call, Members Whittington, Brown, Banks, Graham, Lawrence, and Moody voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVE THE SPECIAL
OLYMPICS GYMNASTICS
OVERNIGHT FIELDTRIP

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Banks seconded the **Approval of the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 School Calendars** as presented by Mrs. Duran. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Banks, Brown, Graham, Moody, and Whittington voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVE THE 2023-
2024 AND 2024-2025
SCHOOL CALENDARS

The calendars were developed in framework of a joint committee

Dr. Doss presented the First Reading of PRESSPlus Policy Update 110 – Dr. Doss
Draft Update: 2:100 Board Member Conflict of Interest; **2:210** Organizational Board of Education Meeting; **2:265** Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure; **4:10** Fiscal and Business Management; **4:140** Waiver of Student Fees; **4:165** Awareness and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Grooming Behaviors; **5:20** Workplace Harassment Prohibited; **5:220** Substitute Teachers; **5:250** Leaves of Absence; **5:280** Duties and Qualification; **5:320** Evaluation; **5:330** Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves; **6:15** School Accountability; **6:220**, Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) Program; Responsible; Use and Conduct; **6:250** Community Resource Persons and Volunteers; **6:255** Assemblies and Ceremonies; **6:260** Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs; **6:310** High School Credit for Non-District Experiences; Course Substitutions; Re-Entering Students; **7:190** Student Behavior; **7:250** Student Support Services; **7:285** Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program; **7:290** Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention; **7:340** Student Records; **7:50** School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools; and **7:70** Attendance and Truancy; **Draft Update-Rewritten: 5:120** Employee Ethics; Code of Professional Conduct; and Conflict of Interest; **Review of Proposed District Edits: 7:345** Use of Educational Technologies; Student Data Privacy and Security; **7:345-AP, E2 Exhibit** – Student Data Privacy; Notice to Parents About Educational Technology Vendors

FIRST READING OF
PRESSPLUS POLICY
UPDATE 110

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Banks seconded the **Approval to Adopt the Resolution Providing for the Issue and Sale of not to exceed \$2,800,000 of Working Cash Fund Bonds of the District** presented by Mr. Horton. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Banks, Brown, Graham, Moody, and Whittington voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVE THE
ADOPTION OF THE
RESOLUTION OF
WORKING CASH FUND
BONDS OF THE DISTRICT

Mr. Brown moved, Mrs. Whittington seconded the **Approval of Thornwood High School Band Equipment Budget** presented by Mr. Horton. On roll call, Members Brown, Whittington, Banks, Graham, Lawrence, and Moody voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVE THE
THORNWOOD HIGH
SCHOOL BAND
EQUIPMENT BUDGET

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Banks seconded the **Approval of the Studio 205 Contractor Bid Results** presented by Mr. Horton. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Banks, Brown, Graham, Moody, and Whittington voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVE THE STUDIO
205 CONTRACTOR BID
RESULTS

Dr. Cunningham thanked the board of education for the opportunity to come together to take of our children.

SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT

At 7:45p.m., Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mrs. Whittington seconded to **Adjourn the Meeting**. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Whittington, Banks, Brown, Graham, and Moody voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

President

Secretary