

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2020, IN THE AUDITORIUM AT THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL, 15001 BROADWAY AVENUE, HARVEY, ILLINOIS, BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35p.m. President Graham made the following announcement: Any person may record or broadcast an open Board meeting. Special requests to facilitate recordings or broadcast an open Board meeting should be directed to the Superintendent at least 24 hours before the meeting. Recording meetings shall not distract or disturb Board members or participants. Please know if you participate in public participation, you are part of the Board meeting and may be taped.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY
BOARD PRESIDENT

On roll call, Members Banks, Butler, Graham and Lawrence answered. Members Cruz, Moody and Whittington were absent. Dr. Nathaniel Cunningham, Superintendent, Mr. Toriano Horton, Assistant Superintendent of Business; Mr. Brett Fickes, Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Mr. Thomas Porter, Director of Special Services; Mr. John Arrington, Director of College and Careers; Mrs. Ebonie Williams, Thornridge Principal; and Mr. James Petrungaro, legal counsel, were also present.

ROLL
CALL

Report from Curriculum Committee: Mr. Fickes reported that the next meeting will be held on 02/26/20 at 4:30pm at Thornton Township High School, room T-107. Will be discussing mid-year reports, ALICE shooter drill, summer programs, district initiatives and report from Student Board of Education

COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE

Report from Finance Committee: Mr. Horton reported that the last meeting was held on 02/04/20 at 4:00pm at the district office. there were fifteen (15) action items approved and will be presented at tonight's meeting. The next meeting will be held on 03/03/20 at 4:00pm at the district office.

Report from Policy Committee: No report

Report from Discipline Committee: Mr. Porter reported that on 02/10/20 to discuss the processes and procedures and the board will be provided an updated report in the near future

Report from Facilities Committee: Mr. Garrett reported that the last meeting was held on 01/30/20. The next meeting will be held on 02/27/20 at the district office at 4:00pm

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Meeting of December 11, 2019
- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 8, 2020
- District 205 bills as presented for payment dated January 9, 2020 through February 12, 2020.
- Personnel dated February 12, 2020 (Resignations, Leave of Absence, New Hires and Terminations
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- Ratifications: Special Education Overnight Fieldtrip to Olympic Snowshoe Competition, Galena, IL, February 3, 2020 through February 6, 2020

MINUTES

BILLS

PERSONNEL

RATIFICATIONS

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

The following individuals spoke during Public Participation:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- LeTasha Golden spoke on student injury and will be contacted by school administrators to further discuss the process

No report

FOIA

Mr. Arrington presented the following information:

COMMUNICATIONS

- Thornridge High School:
 - Celebrated Black History - The Muntu Dance Company celebrated African culture through dance
 - Chess team finished conference and eight players qualified for IHSA Sections
 - Student of the Month - Sophomore AVID Student Jocelyn Buckner has been honored by her AVID teacher, Mrs. Edgerton. Jocelyn is being recognized for her progress and growth that she has shown so far this year. Jocelyn also has great leadership qualities and sets a great example for her peers
- Thornton Township High School
 - Announced graduates who made it to highly selective universities
 - Mr. Jackson was named Coach of the Year
 - Congratulations to the 2020 Speech Team regional champs
- Thornwood High School
 - Mathletes placed 2nd at the conference
 - Speech team success at the Thornton Fractional North invite
 - Successful clothing drive hosted by Parent Advisory
 - Student nominated for the Congress for Future Medical Leaders in Boston, MA
 - Student signs national letter of intent to play football at Missouri Southern
 - Throwers Team are accomplishing big things as national leaders at collegiate and professional level
- Outlook Academy
 - S2 graduates – total of 30 from all three high schools
 - Participated in community service at the township's food pantry

Mr. Fickes introduced the Navistar Program Representatives – students spoke about participating in the program and how it has enhanced their outlook on their future, post-graduation.

PRESENTATION(S)

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Banks seconded, to **Approve the Thornridge and Thornton Township High Schools Out-of-State Fieldtrip (Thornwood not participating), EF Tours - Experience the Inauguration: New York/Washington DC**, January 16, 2021 through January 21, 2021 as presented by Ms. Williams for approximately 50 student. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Banks, Butler and Graham voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-STATE FIELDTRIP

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Butler seconded, to **Approve the Special Olympics Soccer State Contest** as presented by Mr. Porter for approximately 10 students and 3 chaperones, Bloomington, IL, March 13, 2020-March 15, 2020. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Butler, Banks and Graham voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT FIELDTRIP

First reading of PRESS Plus Issue 102 Updates as presented by Mr. Arrington

FIRST READING OF PRESS PLUS ISSUE 102

Policies Sections: 2:20, Powers and Duties of the Board of Education; Indemnification, 2:70, Vacancies on the Board of Education - Filling Vacancies, 2:100, Board Member Conflict of Interest, 2:105, Ethics and Gift Ban, 2:200, Types of Board of Education Meetings, 2:220, Board of Education Meeting Procedure, 2:260, Uniform Grievance Procedure, 4:15, Identity Protection, 4:30, Revenue and Investments, 4:60, Purchases and Contracts, 4:80, Accounting and Audits, 4:150, Facility Management and Building Programs, 5:10, Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment, 5:20, Workplace Harassment Prohibited, 5:30, Hiring Process and Criteria, 5:50, Drug- and Alcohol-Free Workplace; E-Cigarette, Tobacco, and Cannabis Prohibition, 5:90, Abused and Neglected Child Reporting, 5:100, Staff Development Program, 5:120, Ethics and Conduct, 5:200, Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal, 5:250, Leaves of Absence, 5:290, Employment Termination and Suspensions, 5:330, Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves, 6:60, Curriculum Content, 6:150, Home and Hospital Instruction, 6:300, Graduation Requirements, 7:20, Harassment of Students Prohibited, 7:150, Agency and Police Interviews, 7:180 Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment, 7:270, Administering Medicines to Students, 8:30, Visitors to and Conduct on School Property

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Banks seconded, to Approve the Honorary name for the machine shop at Thornton Township High School after one of Thornton Alumni Legacy Foundation (TALF) founding members, Mr. LaMarr Thomas('66) as presented by Mr. Fickes. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Banks, Butler and Graham voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.	APPROVAL OF HONORARY NAME OF MACHINE SHOP
Mrs. Lawrence moved, Ms. Graham seconded, to Approve the 2020 Summer School Calendar , June 22-July 17, 2020 (8:00am to 2:30pm) as presented by Mr. Fickes. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Graham, Bank and Butler voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.	APPROVAL OF 2020 SUMMER SCHOOL CALENDAR
Mr. Butler moved, Mr. Banks seconded, to Approve the Automotive Scanner for Thornton Township High School as presented by Mr. Fickes for approximately \$15,026.75 funded by Perkins Grants. On roll call, Members Butler, Banks, Graham and Lawrence voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.	APPROVAL OF AUTOMOTIVE SCANNER
Mr. Butler moved, Mr. Banks seconded, to Approve the CNC Lathe for Thornton Township High School as presented by Mr. Fickes for approximately \$40,260.00 funded by Perkins Grants. On roll call, Members Butler, Banks, Graham and Lawrence voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.	APPROVAL OF CNC LATHE
Mr. Butler moved, Mr. Banks seconded, to Approve the Fertilizer, Broadleaf and Crabgrass Treatment as presented by Mr. Horton for approximately \$49,743.00 funded by Fund 20 Operations and Maintenance. On roll call, Members Butler, Banks, Graham and Lawrence voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.	APPROVAL OF FERTILIZER, BROADLEAF, CRABGRASS TREATMENT
Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Banks seconded, to Approve the Reunification Location License Agreements as presented by Mr. Horton. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Banks, Butler and Graham voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.	APPROVAL OF REUNIFICATION LOCATION LICENSE AGREEMENTS
Mr. Butler moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded, to Approve Staff Appreciation Gift as presented by Mr. Horton for approximately \$8,151.00 funded by Fund 20 Operations and Maintenance. On roll call, Members Butler, Lawrence, Banks and Graham voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.	APPROVAL OF STAFF APPRECIATION GIFT
Mr. Butler moved, Mr. Banks seconded, to Approve the Thornwood High School Gymnasium Balcony Railing Go-Out-to-Bid as presented by Mr. Horton. On roll call, Members Butler, Banks, Graham and Lawrence voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.	APPROVAL OF GYMNASIUM BALCONY RAILING
Ms. Graham moved, Mr. Banks seconded, to Approve the Thornton Township High School LG VRF Systems as presented by Mr. Horton to improve the systems in the teachers' lounge, 3 rd floor offices, Assistant Principal's and adjacent offices for approximately \$123,070.00 funded by Fund 60. On roll call, Members Graham, Banks, Butler and Lawrence voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.	APPROVAL OF LG VRF SYSTEMS
Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Banks seconded, to Approve the Tuckpointing Phase 3 Go-Out-to-Bid as presented by Mr. Horton. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Banks, Butler and Graham voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.	APPROVAL OF TUCKPOINT PHASE 3
Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Banks seconded, to Approve the Thornton Township High School Gym Bathroom Floor as presented by Mr. Horton for approximately \$25,600.00 funded by Fund 60 Capital Improvement. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Banks, Butler and Graham voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.	APPROVAL OF GYM BATHROOM FLOOR
Mr. Banks moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded, to Table to Approve the Thornton Township High School Gym Plumbing Renovation as presented by Mr. Horton. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Banks, Butler and Graham voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.	TABLE THE APPROVAL OF GYM PLUMBING RENOVATION

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Butler seconded, to **Approve the Thornton Township High School Tile Installation** as presented by Mr. Horton for approximately \$35,060.45 funded by Fund 60. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Butler, Banks and Graham voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF TILE
INSTALLATION

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Butler seconded, to **Table to Approve the Thornton Township High School Gym Partitions** as presented by Mr. Horton for approximately \$22,237.00 funded by Fund 60 Capital Improvement. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Butler, Banks and Graham voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF GYM
PARTITIONS

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Butler seconded, to **Approve the Thornton Township High School Gym Electrical** as presented by Mr. Horton for approximately \$11,360.00 funded by Fund 60 Capital Improvement. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Butler, Banks and Graham voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF GYM
ELECTRICAL

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Banks seconded, to **Approve the Property Tax Relief Abatement for one year** as presented by Mr. Horton. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Banks, Butler and Graham voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
PROPERTY TAX RELIEF
ABATEMENT

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Butler seconded, to **Approve the Resolution providing for the issue of approximately \$2,545,000.00 Taxable General Obligation Limited Tax School Bonds, Series 2020, of the District for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on the bonds, and authorizing the sale of the bonds to the purchaser thereof** as presented by Mr. Horton. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Butler, Banks and Graham voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
RESOLUTION FOR THE
ISSUES OF TAXABLE
GENERAL OBLIGATION
LIMITED TAX SCHOOL
BONDS

Mrs. Graham moved, Mr. Banks seconded to **Election of Bernadette Lawrence as Secretary Pro-Tem in Absence of Board Secretary, Almetta Vasser-Moody**. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Banks, Butler and Graham voted aye, nay, none, motion passed.

SECRETARY PRO TEM

Dr. Cunningham stated the following:

SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT

The Vision of our district includes developing productive citizens that build our community. The Mission of our district is to graduate prepared productive citizens that will become contributing members of a global society through lifelong learning. How do we do that? – we work to develop student voice. We empower our students to be involved early. We teach them about 1965, a landmark piece of legislation was passed in the United states that guaranteed voice to Black Voters.

We remind them of current issues in our country like participation in the practice of voting. We give them examples like explaining that in 2016, Fifty-five percent of the Voting aged population participated. That is a little higher than in 2012 when only fifty-four percent of the population voted. In 2012 Two-thirds or 66% of the African American voters participated in the election. As opposed to 59% participation in 2016. We remind them of the importance of voice and challenge them not to let anyone ever take their voice away. Not their friends, not television and certainly not social media. We as a district do not just teach this in February – we teach it year-round because our history cannot be held to a month – we teach our students to be heard – and accept what those that came before us worked to get – We teach them to vote.

None.

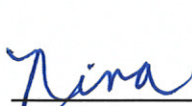
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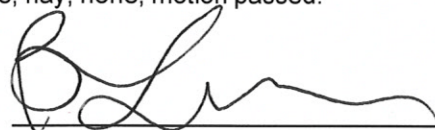
RECONVENE REGULAR
SESSION

At 7:34p.m., Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Banks seconded to **Adjourn the Meeting**. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Banks, Butler and Graham voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT



President



Secretary