

MINUTES OF A **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD ON **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2019** IN THE STUDENT AUDITORIUM AT THORNRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL, 15000 COTTAGE GROVE AVENUE, DOLTON, ILLINOIS, BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 6:42p.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 Cruz, Graham, Moody and Whittington answered. Members Banks and Butler were absent. Dr. Nathaniel Cunningham, Superintendent, Dr. Jerry B. Doss, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources; 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; Rob Penman, Director of Research; Mrs. Ebonie Williams, Thornridge Principal; Mr. Tony Ratliff, Thornton Principal; Mr. Don Holmes, Thornton Township Principal and Mr. James Petrungaro, legal counsel, were also present.

ROLL
CALL

Report from Curriculum Committee: Mr. Fickes reported that the last meeting was held on 12/04/19. Discussed Thornridge High School's school improvement plan, College and Career Center and our advanced placement seminar for freshman and sophomore English class.

COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE

Report from Finance Committee: Mr. Horton reported that the last meeting was held on 12/03/19. The next meeting will be held on 01/07/2020. There were five action items approved and will be presented at tonight's meeting for board approval.

Report from Policy Committee: No report

Report from Discipline Committee: No report

Report from Facilities Committee: No report

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Meeting of November 13, 2019
- The District 205 bills as presented for payment dated November 14, 2019 through December 11, 2019.
- Personnel dated December 11, 2019 (Resignations, Leave of Absence, New Hires and Terminations)

MINUTES

BILLS

PERSONNEL

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

The following individual(s) spoke during Public Participation:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Felita Crayton wished everyone a safe holiday season and has been a resident of Dolton since 1980 and District 205 since 1983. Mrs. Crayton stated she would like to see cohesiveness within the District.

At 6:49pm Mrs. Lawrence joined the meeting

MRS. LAWRENCE JOINED
THE MEETING

Public Hearing Request Concerning the Intent of the Board of Education to sell \$2,785,000.00 of Working Cash Fund Bonds. There were no questions from the public nor Board Members.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mrs. Whittington moved, Ms. Moody seconded, to **Adjourn the Public Hearing Request.**

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

Dr. Doss reported that since the last scheduled Board meeting, one (1) FOIA requests were submitted and zero (0) are pending. All requests have been responded to within the allotted period.

FOIA

Mr. Arrington presented the following information:

COMMUNICATIONS

- Districtwide
 - MLK Day Celebration, January 20, 2020, 10:00a.m., South Suburban College
- Thornridge High School:
 - Illinois Track & Cross-Country Coaches' Association has voted and recognized Boys' Track & Field Coach Derek Augustynowicz as the recipient of the 2019 Illinois Class 2A
 - Hosted Family Fun Night the Winter Wonderland Edition with 150 attendees.
- Thornton Township High School
 - IB Seniors and Scholarships - Congratulations to our recipients
 - National Honor Society inductees
 - 2019 SAC Champs appreciation dinner
- Thornwood High School
 - Thornwood High School takes on NYC NFTE National Business Plan Competition
 - Susan Hudson wins an Emmy - The IEA won for Outstanding Achievement for Public/Current/Community Affairs Programming

Presentation: District 205 Student Board of Education presented SY 2019-20 Mid-Year Report which included and overview of their involvement in Restorative Justice training, Student Board leadership retreat, Taste of Thornton Township, Teacher Institute Day, Freshman Orientation, District 152 Back to School Parade, South Suburban Action Conference Banquet, Dolton Crime Summit, Homewood-Flossmoor World Café', Hands Across Harvey and Catholic Charities. Provided an update on the following committee: Cafeteria, Students in Action, Curriculum and Instruction, Buildings and Facilities, Public Relations, Southland Juvenile Justice Youth Advisory, Cultural Events, Superintendent's Special Committee and Election and Graduation,

PRESENTATION

Presentation: Report on District Social Media by Christopher Morgan who presented the importance of social media, history and benefits of social medial in District 205, and the next steps for 2020.

Presentation: Mr. Fickes introduced Associated Builders and Contractors-IL shared potential course opportunities for our students

Presentation: Mr. Arrington presented College and Career Pathways to Success' Post-Secondary Mission of Enrolled, Enlisted and Employed

Ms. Moody moved, Mrs. Whittington seconded, to **Approve Thornridge High School's School Improvement Plan** as presented by Mr. Fickes. On roll call, Members Moody, Whittington, Cruz, Graham and Lawrence voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
THORNIDGE HIGH
SCHOOL'S IMPROVEMENT
PLAN

Ms. Moody moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded, to **Approve the Thornton Township High School 2019 Boys Basketball Grand Blanc Out-of-State Fieldtrip Tournament** as presented by Dr. Ratliff, January 4-5, 2020, Grand Blanc, MI. On roll call, Members Moody, Lawrence, Cruz, Graham and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-
STATE FIELDTRIP

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mrs. Cruz seconded, to **Approve Second Reading of PRESS Recommended Updates (Issue 101)** as presented by Dr. Doss. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Cruz, Graham, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF SECOND
READING OF PRESS
RECOMMENDED
UPDATES (ISSUE 101)

Ms. Moody moved, Mrs. Cruz seconded, to **Approve Adoption of the 2019 Final Tax Levy** as presented by Mr. Horton, which equals \$73,387,000.00. On roll call, Members Moody, Cruz, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF ADOPTION
OF 2019 FINAL TAX LEVY

Ms. Moody moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded, to **Approve Resolution declaring the intention to issue \$2,785,000.00 Working Cash Fund Bonds** as presented by Mr. Horton. On roll call, Members Moody, Lawrence, Cruz, Graham and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
RESOLUTION TO ISSUE
WORKING CASH FUND
BONDS

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mrs. Cruz seconded, to **Approve Property Tax Relief** as presented by Mr. Horton. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Cruz, Graham, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mrs. Cruz seconded, to **Approve Memorandum of Understanding between District 205 and Cook County Sheriff's Department** to provide additional security during extracurricular activities, safety and well-being of students as presented by Mr. Horton. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Cruz, Graham, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN DISTRICT 205
AND COOK COUNTY
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mrs. Cruz seconded, to **Approve Access 411** as presented by Mr. Horton to enhance student safety through visitor management system, attendance tracking and maintaining student disciplines. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Cruz, Graham, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF ACCESS
411

Dr. Cunningham -

- Elaborated on the mission statement - Enrolled, Enlisted, Employed.
- He and Mr. Fickes will be meeting with HVAC, Aircraft, Food Service and other organizations to bring programs to our district.
- Making available as many programs and trades available as possible.

SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT

At 8:11p.m., Ms. Moody moved, Mrs. Cruz seconded, to go into **Executive Session** pursuant to Section 2C of the Illinois Open Meetings Act to consider:

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees;
- Student discipline;
- Collective negotiating matters, and
- Pending, probable or imminent litigation.

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

At 9:57p.m., Mrs. Cruz moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded to **Reconvene Regular Session**. On roll call, Members Cruz, Lawrence, Graham, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

RECONVENE REGULAR
SESSION

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mrs. Cruz seconded, to **Approve Indemnification of Employees**. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Cruz, Graham, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
INDEMNIFICATION OF
EMPLOYEES

At 9:59p.m., Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mrs. Cruz seconded, to **Adjourn the Meeting**. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Cruz, Graham, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed

ADJOURNMENT



President



Secretary