

MINUTES OF A **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD ON **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2019** IN THE STUDENT CAFETERIA AT IN THE STUDENT AUDITORIUM AT THORNRIIDGE HIGH SCHOOL, 15000 COTTAGE GROVE AVENUE, DOLTON, ILLINOIS, BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 6:43 p.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, Lawrence and Moody answered. Members Banks, Butler and Whittington were absent. Dr. Nathaniel Cunningham, Superintendent, Dr. Jerry B. Doss, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Mr. Toriano Horton, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Mr. Brett Fickes, Director of Curriculum; Mr. Thomas Porter, Director of Pupil Personnel Services; Mr. John Arrington, Director of College and Career Partnerships; Mrs. Ebonie Williams, Thornridge Principal, Mr. Tony Ratliff, Thornton Principal; Mr. Don Holmes, Thornwood Principal were also present.

ROLL
CALL

Report from Curriculum Committee: Mr. Fickes reported that the last meeting was held in October 2019 to discuss and our growth data and updates from out Director of Education. The next meeting will be held on 12/04/19 in T-107 at 4:30pm to review Thornridge High School new improvement plan so that it can be presented to the State prior to the December Board of Education meeting.

COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE

Report from Finance Committee: Mr. Horton reported that the last meeting was on November 5, 2019 at 4:00pm. There were two (2) action items that will be presented at tonight's Board of Education meeting. The next meeting will be held on December 3, 2019

Report from Policy Committee: Dr. Doss reported that there was a public meeting held on October 3, 2019 to review the updates for PRESS Issue 101. There is also a Resolution to Policy 2,125 to submit for approval for Board Expense Reimbursements.

Report from Discipline Committee: None.

Report from Facilities Committee: Mr. Garrett reported the last meeting was held on October 24, 2019. Two items were approved and presented to the Finance Committee. The next meeting will be held on December 5, 2019 at 4:00pm at the District office.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Meeting of September 11, 2019
- Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Meeting of October 9, 2019
- The District 205 bills as presented for payment dated October 10, 2019 through November 13, 2019
- Personnel dated November 13, 2019 (Resignations, Leave of Absence, New Hires and Terminations
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- Ratifications: Approval of Overnight and/or Out-of-State Fieldtrips
 - Thornwood High School Varsity Boys Cross County IHSA Regionals for Sections Overnight Fieldtrip, Bloomington-Normal, IL, November 1-2, 2019
 - Special Olympics Unified Soccer State Finals Overnight Fieldtrip, Schaumburg, IL, November 1-3, 2019

MINUTES

BILLS

PERSONNEL

RATIFICATIONS

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

The following individuals spoke during Public Participation:

- Felita Crayton wished Board members and District personnel Happy Thanksgiving
- Lawanda Hurst represented by her children mentioned concerns with IEP issues, varsity coaching and other student concerns. The President stated that Mr. Porter would follow-up with the family to address and resolve the issues.

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION

Dr. Doss reported that since the last scheduled Board meeting, four (4) FOIA requests were submitted and one (1) is pending. All requests have been responded to within the allotted period.

FOIA

Mr. Arrington presented the following information:

COMMUNICATIONS

- Special Olympics:
 - October 20, 2019, four (4) students offered an opportunity to compete in Regional bowling tournament, Addison, IL – all four won gold and going to State Competition.
 - October 9, 2019, first floor hockey game; starting with three (3) new student athletes. First game was a success and won 4-0 over SRS Chicago team
- Thornton Township High School:
 - Novice Speech team competed at Eisenhower and team placed 4th overall and 1st-3rd place
 - Varsity team completed at York High School and won 1st and 2nd place
 - Varsity Football team advanced to the 2nd round of the IHSA playoffs
- Thornwood High School
 - IB Chemistry visited McKinley
 - On October 19, 2019, Boys' Cross-Country team competed at Southland Athletic Conference defeating new conference rival, Bloom Township by tiebreaker
 - October 14, 2019, participated in Columbus Day Marching Band
 - October 19, 2019 participated in Rich Central Marching Band Competition winning in several categories
 - October 20, 2019, Alumnus, Ryan Henry hosted celebrity Charity Basketball Game

Mr. Fickes introduced Peace Center students who discussed team building, calming methods, building community and social/emotional learning. Board of Education members presented students with a medal.

PRESENTATIONS:
PEACE CENTER
STUDENTS

Mr. Fickes introduced Social Studies Division who provided an overview of the curriculum and courses

SOCIAL STUDIES
DIVISION UPDATE

Presentation for College and Career Center and Pathways to Success was tabled by the Board President and will be presented at the next scheduled Board of Education meeting.

COLLEGE/CAREER
CENTER AND
PATHWAYS TO
SUCCESS

Mr. Fickes introduced Parent Academy, who presented an overview of the parent and student Saturday Academy which has a holistic approach in providing innovative and challenging instructional delivery.

PARENT ACADEMY

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mrs. Cruz seconded, to **Approve ~~Thornwood High School~~ (correction) Thornton Township High School 2019 Decatur Boys Basketball Tournament Overnight Fieldtrip**, Decatur, IL, November 27-30, 2019 as presented by Dr. Ratliff for approximately 11 students and 3 coaches/chaperones. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Cruz, Graham and Moody voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
THORNTON
TOWNSHIP HIGH
SCHOOL OVERNIGHT
FIELDTRIP

Ms. Moody moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded, to **Approve ~~Thornwood High School~~ (correction) Thornton Township High School 2019 Lincoln Varsity Invitational Wrestling Tournament Overnight Fieldtrip**, Lincoln, IL, December 26-28, 2019 as presented by Dr. Ratliff for approximately 16 students and 3 coaches/chaperones. On roll call, Members Moody, Lawrence, Cruz and Graham voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
THORNTON
TOWNSHIP HIGH
SCHOOL OVERNIGHT
FIELDTRIP

Ms. Moody moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded, to **Approve Thornwood High School Varsity Boys Basketball State Farm Holiday Classic Overnight Fieldtrip, Bloomington, IL, December 26-30, 2019** as presented by Mr. Holmes for approximately 16 students and 4 coaches/chaperones. On roll call, Members Moody, Lawrence, Cruz and Graham voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
THORNWOOD HIGH
SCHOOL FIELDTRIP

Ms. Moody moved, Mrs. Cruz seconded, to **Approve to Take from Table the Revised Board Resolution Concerning Expense Reimbursement**. On roll call, Members Moody, Cruz, Graham and Lawrence voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL TO TAKE
FROM TABLE THE
REVISED BOARD
RESOLUTION
CONCERNING
EXPENSE
REIMBURSEMENTS

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Ms. Moody seconded, to **Approve Revised Board Resolution Concerning Expense Reimbursement of \$5,000 per Fiscal Year** as presented by Dr. Doss. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Moody, Cruz and Graham voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
REVISED BOARD
RESOLUTION
CONCERNING
EXPENSE
REIMBURSEMENTS

First Reading of PRESS Recommended Updates (Issue 101) as presented by Dr. Doss for 30-day Review for Policies Sections: 2:110, Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers, 2:140, Communications To and From the Board, 2:140-E, Guidance for Board Member Communications, Including Email Use, 2:230, Public Participation at School Board Meetings and Petitions to the Board, 2:240, Board Policy Development, 3:60, Administrative Responsibility of the Building Principal, 4:20, Fund Balances, 4:90, Activity Funds, 5:35, Compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act, 5:40, Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease, 5:130, Responsibilities Concerning Internal Information, 5:180, Temporary Illness or Temporary Incapacity, 5:310, Compensatory Time-Off, 6:40, Curriculum Development, 6:110, Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program, 6:340, Student Testing and Assessment Program, 7:170, Vandalism. There were no questions from the public regarding the first reading.

PRESS
RECOMMENDED
UPDATES

Ms. Moody moved, Mrs. Cruz seconded, to **Approve Curtain Flame Retardant and Cleaning** at Thornton and Thornridge High Schools as presented by Mr. Horton in the amount of \$45,000.00, vendor is Four Point O, funding source is Fund 60 Capital Improvement. On roll call, Members Moody, Cruz, Graham and Lawrence voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
CURTAIN FLAME
RETARDANT AND
CLEANING

Ms. Moody moved, Mrs. Cruz seconded, to **Approve Thornridge High School Boiler Burner Retrofits** as presented by Mr. Horton in the amount of \$63,420.00, vendor is Precision Control Systems, Inc. funding source is Fund 20 Buildings and Grounds. On roll call, Members Moody, Cruz, Graham and Lawrence voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
BOILER BURNER
RETROFITS

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

2019 TENTATIVE TAX
LEVY

Dr. Cunningham stated this week is Board appreciation and presented the members with certificates of appreciation and awards. He gave an overview of Every Student Succeeds Act, which is a US law passed in December 2015 that governs the United States K-12 public education policy. This law replaced the No Child Left Behind Act. He announced that all three high schools now have a commendable rating. Provided the College and Career Center and Pathways to Success brochure to the Board of Education members, which will be released publicly on December 4, 2019.

SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT

None

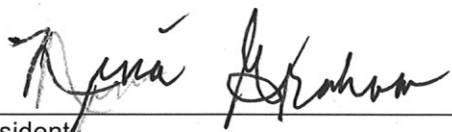
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Not applicable

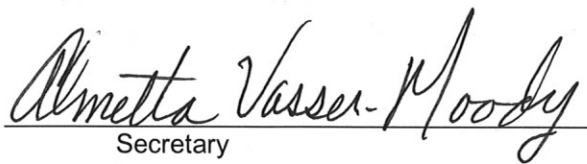
RECONVENE
REGULAR SESSION

At 7:40p.m., Ms. Moody moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded, to **Adjourn the Meeting**. On roll call, Members Moody, Lawrence, Cruz and Graham voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

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President

Handwritten signature of Almetta Vasser-Moody in cursive script, written over a horizontal line.

Secretary