

MINUTES OF A **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD ON **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2019** IN THE IN THE CAFETERIA AT THORNWOOD HIGH SCHOOL, 17101 SOUTH PARK AVENUE, SOUTH HOLLAND, ILLINOIS BEGINNING AT 6:30p.m

The meeting was called to order at 6:39p.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, Cruz, Graham, Lawrence, Moody and Whittington answered. Dr. Nathaniel Cunningham, Superintendent, Dr. Jerry Doss, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Mr. Toriano Horton, Assistant Superintendent of Business Operations; Mr. Brett Fickes, Director of Curriculum; Mr. John Arrington, Director of College and Career Partnerships; Mr. Rob Penman, Director of Research, Assessment & Quality Analysis; Dr. Tony Ratliff, Thornton Township Principal; Ms. Ebonie Williams Thornridge Principal; Mr. Don Holmes, Thornwood Principal, and Mr. James Petrungaro, legal counsel, were also present.

ROLL
CALL

Report from Curriculum Committee: Mr. Fickes reported the July meeting date will be shared once confirmed with Mrs. Whittington and Mrs. Cruz, at Thornwood High School. Discussion will be AP Capstone program, which is a two-year study for freshmen and sophomores, construction trade certification program through the American Builders and Contractors Association from Senator Napoleon Harris; IB workshops and training at Thornwood High School; possible cosmetology program in partnership with John Amico School of Beauty.

COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE

Report from Finance Committee: Mr. Horton reported that the last meeting was held on 06/04/19, four action items were presented and approved and will be recommended for approval at tonight's meeting. The next meeting will be held on 06/26//19 at 4:00p.m. at the District office.

Report from Policy Committee: No report

Report from Discipline Committee: No report

Report from Facilities Committee: Mr. Garrett reported that the next meeting will be held on 06/27/2019 at 4:00p.m. at the District office.

At 6:43p.m, Mrs. Whittington left the meeting

MRS. WHITTINGTON
LEFT THE MEETING

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting and Executive Session of March 13, 2019
- District 205 bills as presented for payment dated May 9, 2019 through June 12, 2019
- Personnel dated June 12, 2019 (Resignations, Leave of Absence, New Hires and Terminations)

MINUTES

BILLS

PERSONNEL

- Ratifications - Approval of Overnight and/or Out-of-State Fieldtrips:
 - Thornridge and Thornwood High School Girls State Track & Field Meet, Eastern IL University, Charleston, IL May 16-18, 2019
 - Thornton High School Boys Track & Field Meet, Eastern IL University, Charleston, IL, May 23-26, 2019
 - Thornridge, Thornton and Thornwood High Schools Special Olympics State Finals, Normal IL, June 7-9, 2019

RATIFICATIONS

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

At 6:45pm, Mrs. Whittington joined the meeting

MRS. WHITTINGTON
JOINED THE MEETING

The following individuals spoke during Public Participation:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Felita Crayton, Dolton, IL - inquired about the following:
 - What are the reasons drivers' education was cancelled for summer? President Graham recommended follow-up with Superintendent
 - Why are the Facilities reports not provided in detail as to the status updates on contractor work? The Superintendent addressed this issue during the break and going forward a full report will be given

Mrs. Cruz moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded, to **Adopt the Waiver of School Code for 4-Phase (traditional, simulator, behind the wheel experience, range) Driver's Education Program** for five (5) years from SY 2019-20 through SY 2023-24. On roll call, Members, Cruz, Lawrence, Banks, Butler, Graham, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING

Dr. Doss reported that since the last scheduled Board meeting, two (2) FOIA request was submitted and zero (0) is pending.

FOIA

Mr. Arrington presented the following information:

COMMUNICATIONS

- Thornridge High School
 - IHSA Boys State Track placed 1st (200 meter), 2nd (100 meter), 9th (long jump), 3rd (4x10 relay), 10th (800 meter) and 6th overall in State. Thanks Coaches A and Gomez
 - Thanks to The Gilder Lehrman Institute and TR social studies teacher, Mr. Bell, student had opportunity to see Hamilton Chicago
- Thornton Township High School
 - Three hundred thirty (330) seniors received diplomas in 2019 with \$20,402,316 in scholarships and financial aid
 - Chalimar McAllister, Paraprofessional and Union of Support Staff Region 27 received the Star Award.
- Thornwood High School
 - Susan Hudson received the 2019 South Holland Teacher Appreciation Red Tulip Award presented by Mayor DeGraff, Clerk and Trustees
 - IHSA Girls State Track placed 2nd overall, 5th (4x2 relay) and 2nd (300-meter hurdle)

Mr. Fickes introduced Thornwood High School Track Team Students, who placed 2nd in the State; students shared their experiences and gratitude. Coaches and students were presented with awards by the Board of Education.

THORNWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
TRACK TEAM

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mrs. Cruz seconded, to **Approve Thornwood High School Speech Team, National Speech & Debate (NSDA) Tournament Fieldtrip**, as presented by Mr. Holmes, Dallas, TX, June 15-22, 2019. On roll call, Members, Lawrence, Cruz, Banks, Butler, Graham, Moody, and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF NSDA
OVERNIGHT FIELDTRIP

Ms. Moody moved, Mrs. Whittington seconded, to **Approve Thornwood High School Marching Band Overnight Field Trip-Circle City Classic**, as presented by Mr. Holmes, Memphis, TN, December 27-January 1, 2020. On roll call, Members Moody, Whittington, Banks, Butler, Cruz, Graham and Lawrence voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF BAND
OVERNIGHT FIELDTRIP

Ms. Moody moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded, to **Approve Thornwood High School Varsity Girls Basketball Team Nike Tournament of Champions**, as presented by Mr. Holmes, Phoenix, AZ, December 17-22, 2019. On roll call, Members Moody, Lawrence, Banks, Butler, Cruz, Graham and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF GIRLS
VARSITY BASKETBALL
OVERNIGHT FIELDTRIP

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mrs. Whittington seconded, to **Approve Health Textbook**, as presented by Mr. Fickes, publisher Goodheart-Willcox. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Whittington, Banks, Butler, Cruz, Graham and Moody voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF HEALTH
TEXTBOOK

Ms. Moody moved, Mrs. Cruz seconded, to **Approve Football Equipment Purchase for Thornridge High School**, as presented by Mr. Horton, funded by Athletics Non-Cap Equipment, vendor is Trigon Sports Int'l and Lansing Sports Shop, Inc. On roll call, Members Moody, Cruz, Banks, Butler, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF FOOTBALL
EQUIPMENT PURCHASE FOR
THORNTRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

Ms. Moody moved, Mr. Banks seconded, to **Approval of 2019-2020 Student Fees** as presented by Mr. Horton. On roll call, Members Moody, Banks, Butler, Cruz, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF 2019-2020
STUDENT FEES

Ms. Moody moved, Mrs. Whittington seconded, to **Approve Lowest Responsible Qualified Bid for Workers Compensation Insurance**, as presented by Mr. Horton for July 1, 2019-July 1, 2020. On roll call, Members Moody, Whittington, Banks, Butler, Cruz, Graham and Lawrence voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF LOWEST
RESPONSIBLE QUALIFIED
BID FOR WORKERS
COMPENSATION INSURANCE

Dr. Cunningham stated the following:

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

We have accomplished as of June 2019-

- Building a cognitive leadership team, creating clarity, overcommunicating clarity and reinforcing clarity.
- Challenges are holding us all accountable and the Board of Education is holding me accountable
- Board of Education has completed its Superintendent evaluation and their expectations; and as an administrative team we want to make sure it is accomplished
- We will prepare, at the 2019 August Administrators' Retreat, the State of the District Report to forward to the Board of Education as we prepare to move into the SY 2019-20

At 7:28p.m., Mrs. Lawrence 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 Lawrence, Cruz, Banks, Butler, Graham, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

At 9:27p.m., Mrs. Cruz moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded to **Reconvene Regular Session**. On roll call, Members, Cruz, Lawrence, Banks, Butler, Graham and Moody voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION

Ms. Moody moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded, to **Approve Joint Stipulation for Clarification of the Bargaining Unit**. On roll call, Members Moody, Lawrence, Banks, Butler, Cruz and Graham voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF JOINT STIPULATION FOR CLARIFICATION OF THE BARGAINING UNIT

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Ms. Moody seconded, to **Approve Stipulated Settlement Authority for Ranquist/Sandridge Apartments PTAB Appeals**. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Moody, Banks, Butler, Cruz and Graham voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AUTHORITY FOR RANQUIST/SANDRIDGE APARTMENTS PTAB APPEALS

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Ms. Moody seconded, to **Approve Stipulated Settlement Authority for Calumet River Oaks PTAB Appeal**. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Moody, Banks, Butler, Cruz and Graham voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AUTHORITY FOR CALUMET RIVER OAKS PTAB APPEAL

Ms. Moody moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded, to **Approve Notice of Remediation to a Tenured Teacher**. On roll call, Members Moody, Lawrence, Banks, Butler, Cruz and Graham voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF NOTICE OF REMEDIATION TO A TENURED TEACHER

At 9:32p.m., Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Banks seconded to **Adjourn the Meeting**. On roll call, Members, Lawrence, Banks, Butler, Cruz, Graham and Moody voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT



President

Secretary