

MINUTES OF A **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD ON **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2019** 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 6:35 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 Butler, Graham, Lawrence, Moody and Whittington answered. Members Banks and Moody were absent. Dr. Nathaniel Cunningham, Superintendent, 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; Mr. Rob Penman, Director of Research, Assessment & Quality Analysis; Mr. Don Holmes, Thornwood Principal, and Mr. James Petrungaro, legal counsel, were also present.

ROLL
CALL

Report from Curriculum Committee: Mr. Fickes reported the Plato renewal contract, which is the online credit recovery system, will be discussed at the next meeting on 04/29/19 at T-107.

COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE

Report from Finance Committee: Mr. Horton reported that the last meeting was held on 04/02/19 there were five (5) action items presented and approved and will be recommended for approval at tonight's meeting. The next meeting will be held on 04/30/19 at 4:00pm 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 last meeting was held on 03/07/29 and the next meeting will be held on 04/28/2019 at 4:00pm at the District office.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting and Executive Session of January 9, 2019
- Approval of Minutes: Special Meeting and Executive Session of January 23, 2019
- The District 205 bills as presented for payment dated March 14, 2019 through April 10, 2019
- Personnel dated April 10, 2019 (Resignations, Leave of Absence, New Hires and Terminations)
- Ratifications:
 - Thornton Township High School IHSA Drama State Tournament Finals, Peoria, IL, March 21-23, 2019

MINUTES

BILLS

PERSONNEL

RATIFICATIONS

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

The following individuals spoke during Public Participation:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Robert Lightfoot – shared districtwide concerns
- Felita Crayton – congratulated Board of Education members; voiced Student Board of Education concerns about the cafeteria
- Dwayne Bearden – discussed growing faculty association and Board of Education relationships and remaining focused on purpose which is the students.

Dr. Doss reported that since the last scheduled Board meeting, zero (0) FOIA requests were submitted and one (1) is pending.

FOIA

Mr. Arrington presented the following information:

- Districtwide
 - Mr. Banks mentioned the prom dress giveaway and AVID Team presented at 2019 Superintendents' Commission for the Study of Demographics and Diversity conference.
- Thornridge High School:
 - Class of 2019 celebrated College and Career Day April 1st! Special Olympics basketball team won State Championship at Illinois State University in March. Student of the Month - Junior AVID student Daejanay Collins and Ms. Martinez, for outstanding progress made in AVID and all classes.
- Thornton Township High School
 - Drama department competed at IHSA State Drama and Group Interp (GI) competition, Drama production became 2019 IHSA Drama State Champs, Mr. Lorenzo Powell, Local 134 Electricians Apprenticeship Program, presented about electrical trade opportunities in Cook County, Thirty-eight (38) students attended, and Restorative Justice Forum - Approximately seventy (70) students were invited to participate.
- Thornwood High School
 - Health Career Day - Twenty-five (25) facilitators with Biology and Health students in cell groups. Incoming Freshman Night – Over one hundred forty (140) families of 6th-8th grader attended, Women's Empowerment Conference – Professional alumni discussed issues and positionality related to becoming empowered young women, and SHBA 2019 Business Expo held at the Community Center - Programs represented Civil Air Patrol, student activities, AVID, IB, TPAC and athletics.
 - PEACE – Former student Sean Benton-Harris earned his diploma last fall and is stationed in Virginia, U.S. Naval Academy, Student of the Month – Thornridge High School's Alejandra Juarez, and Staff of the Month – Patrick O'Leary, Social Studies
- Special Olympics Athletes – Mr. Fickes
- At 7:02pm Mr. Banks joined the meeting

PRESENTATIONS

MR. BANKS JOINED THE MEETING

Ms. Moody moved, Mr. Banks seconded, to **Approve Thornton Township High School AVID Trip** as presented by Dr Ratliff. for approximately 35 students and 5 chaperones, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, IL, sponsored by AVID, April 17, 2019 and returning same day. On roll call, Members Moody, Banks, Butler, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF FIELDTRIP

At 7:20pm Ms. Moody left the meeting

MS. MOODY LEFT THE MEETING

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Banks seconded, to **Approve School Calendar for SY 2020-21** as presented by Mr. Fickes. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Banks, Butler, Graham and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR SY 2020-21

Mr. Butler moved, Mr. Banks seconded, to **Approve Double Head Embroidery Machine at Thornwood High School** as presented by Mr. Fickes, funded by Perkins Grant, vendor Cam Five. On roll call, Members Butler, Banks, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF DOUBLE HEAD EMBROIDERY MACHINE AT THORNWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

At 7:30pm Ms. Moody joined the meeting.

MS. MOODY JOINED THE MEETING

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Butler seconded, to **Approve Kitchen Aid Mixer with Stands at Thornton, Thornridge and Thornwood High Schools** as presented by Mr. Fickes, funded by Perkins Grant, vendor is Everything Kitchens. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Butler, Banks, Graham, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF KITCHEN AID MIXER AT THORNTON, THORNIDGE AND THORNWOOD HIGH SCHOOLS

Ms. Moody moved, Mr. Butler seconded, to **Approve Softball Batting Cages at Thornwood High School** as presented by Mr. Horton, funded by Athletic budget – Equipment, vendor is Do All Fence. On roll call, Members Moody, Butler, Banks, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL SOFTBALL
BATTING CAGES AT
THORNWOOD HIGH
SCHOOL

Ms. Moody moved, Mrs. Whittington seconded, to **Approve District Office Fire System Upgrade** as presented by Mr. Horton, funded by Fund 60 Capital Improvements, vendor is Johnson Controls. On roll call, Members Moody, Whittington, Banks, Butler, Graham and Lawrence voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF DISTRICT
OFFICE FIRE SYSTEM
UPGRADE

Mr. Butler moved, Mrs. Whittington seconded, to **Approve Chiller Maintenance at Thornridge and Thornton High Schools** presented by Mr. Horton, funded by Fund 20 Operations and Maintenance, vendor is Precision Control Systems, Inc. On roll call, Members Butler, Whittington, Banks, Graham, Lawrence and Moody voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF CHILLER
MAINTENANCE AT
THORNIDGE AND
THORNTON HIGH
SCHOOLS

No report

SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT

At 7:35p.m., Mr. Butler moved, Mr. Banks 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 Butler, Banks, Graham, Lawrence, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

At 9:50p.m., Mrs. Cruz moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded to **Reconvene Regular Session**. On roll call, Members, Cruz, Lawrence, Banks, Butler, Graham, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

RECONVENE REGULAR
SESSION

Student discipline tabled

POSSIBLE ACTION
CONCERNING STUDENT
DISCIPLINE

At 10:10 p.m., Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mrs. Cruz seconded to **Adjourn the Meeting**. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Cruz, Banks, Butler, Graham, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

President

Secretary