

MINUTES OF A **SPECIAL MEETING FOR A BOARD RETREAT** OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD ON **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2017**, IN ROOM T107 AT THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL, 15001 BROADWAY AVENUE, HARVEY, ILLINOIS, BEGINNING AT 9:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order at 9:22 a.m. On roll call, Members Banks, Butler, Graham, Moody and Whittington answered. Members Cruz and Lawrence were absent. Dr. Leotis D. Swopes, Superintendent was also present.

ROLL
CALL

None.

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION

Dr. Swopes provided an introduction by stating that this meeting will provide a template for this Board and future Boards to come. The district is focusing what we do for children—the curriculum. We are trying to turn the district around and cannot do it without the leadership of the Board. We are changing the paradigm and making things more systematic, and setting the district's mission, vision and core values.

COMMENT BY DR.
SWOPES

At 9:28 a.m., Mrs. Whittington moved, Mr. Banks seconded, to go into **Executive Session** pursuant to Section 2C of the Illinois Open Meetings Act to consider self-evaluation, practices and procedures or professional ethics, when meeting with a representative of a statewide association of which the public body is a member. On roll call, Members Banks, Butler, Graham, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

At 12:50 p.m., Mr. Butler moved, Mrs. Moody seconded, to **Reconvene Regular Session**. On roll call, Members Butler, Graham, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

RECONVENE
REGULAR SESSION

Dr. Turpin guided the Board with a personality assessment tool. She reviewed the mission and vision statements and the importance of having a strong vision and mission statement which helps all stakeholders in schools reach a common understanding of learning. She stressed that the vision must be one that all staff members recognize as a common direction of growth that inspires them to be better. She reviewed the core values as a district.

DR. IDA TURPIN
PRESENTATION

Mr. Horton gave insight on the "Smarter School Spending Framework" which introduces a new plan of aligning resources (people, time and money) with the district's student achievement goals. The plan outline included developing goals that address the district's major needs; analyze the underlying issue of any deficiencies being addressed; develop priorities to accomplish the goals and select a limited number. The goal is to align the district finances with curriculum which is based on the district's goals, mission and values.

TORIANO HORTON
PRESENTATION

Dr. Frost, Director of ECHO Joint Agreement, explained the role of special education services. She gave the background of why ECHO exists and its structure, including how the district and ECHO work together.

DR. LEA ANNE
FROST
PRESENTATION

Dr. Turpin briefly highlighted the findings of the curriculum audit and where the administration is in addressing the deficiencies. She explained the purpose of the curriculum audit and outlined the standards that were used: 1) Governance and Control; 2) Direction and Expectation for Learning; 3) Connectivity and Systems Equity, and 4) Assessment and Feedback. She reviewed the curriculum audit findings and the expectations of the Division Leaders.

CURRICULUM
AUDIT FINDINGS

At 4:24 p.m., Mr. Butler moved, Mrs. Moody seconded, to **Adjourn the Meeting**. On roll call, Members, Butler, Graham, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

President

Secretary