

MINUTES OF A **SPECIAL MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD ON **THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 2017**, IN THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES, 465 EAST 170<sup>TH</sup> STREET, SOUTH HOLLAND, ILLINOIS, BEGINNING AT 4:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 4:47 p.m. President Graham made the following announcement: Any person may record or broadcast an open Board meeting. Recording meetings shall not distract or disturb Board members, other meeting participants, or members. 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, Graham and Whittington answered. Members Cruz, Lawrence and Moody were absent. Dr. Leotis D. Swopes, Superintendent, was also present.

ROLL  
CALL

The following individuals spoke during Public Participation:

PUBLIC  
PARTICIPATION

- Felita Crayton (Dolton) (1) asked for enrollment at all schools. Dr. Swopes responded that he anticipates Thornridge is 80%; Thornton is unchanged and Thornwood is at 80%.

At 4:50 p.m., Mrs. Moody joined the meeting.

MRS. MOODY  
JOINED MEETING

At 5:15 p.m., Mrs. Cruz joined the meeting.

MRS. CRUZ JOINED  
MEETING

At 6:00 p.m., Mrs. Lawrence joined the meeting.

MRS. LAWRENCE  
JOINED MEETING

Mr. Perry Hill, IASB Field Services Director, conducted open session including the development of a Superintendent Evaluation; the role of the School Board and effective school board governance and reviewed the code of conduct, the ethical standard for school boards. The objective of the meeting included: identify expectations; review sample evaluation instrument; produce an evaluation calendar and identify the next steps. Mr. Hill advised he would compile responses from the Board and follow up for comments, further editing and finalization.

DEVELOPING  
SUPERINTENDENT  
EVALUATION  
INSTRUMENT

At 7:27 p.m., Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Butler 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 of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity;
- Student discipline;
- Collective negotiating matters, and
- Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent.

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

At 8:00 p.m., Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Butler seconded, to **Adjourn the Meeting**. On roll call, Members Banks, Butler, Cruz, Graham, Lawrence, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

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President

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Secretary