

MINUTES OF A **SPECIAL MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD ON **MONDAY, MAY 1, 2017** IN THE THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, 15001 BROADWAY AVENUE, HARVEY, ILLINOIS, BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. President Lawrence made the following announcement: Please note: Any person may record or broadcast an open Board meeting. Recording meetings shall not distract or disturb Board members, other meeting participants, or members of the public. Please know, if you participate in public participation, you are part of the meeting and may be taped.

ANNOUNCEMENT
BY BOARD VICE
PRESIDENT

On roll call, Members Banks, Butler, Graham and Lawrence answered. Members Gibbs, Whittington and Williams were absent. Mr. Brett Fickes, Director of Curriculum; Mr. Thomas Porter, Director of Pupil Personnel Services; Mr. John Arrington, Director of College & Career Partnerships; Mr. Jerry Doss, Director of Public Relations; Mr. Tony Ratliff, Thornton Principal and Mr. James Petrungaro, District 205 Legal Counsel, were also present.

ROLL
CALL

Ms. Graham moved, Mr. Butler seconded, to **Approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting and Executive Session of April 6, 2017**. On roll call, Members Banks, Butler, Graham and Lawrence voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

Mrs. Lawrence recognized the outgoing Board members, Judith Gibbs who served for four years and Kierra Williams who served for two years.

ACKNOWLEDGE
OUTGOING BOARD
MEMBERS

Mrs. Lawrence announced that Ray Banks, Leticia Cruz, Bernadette Lawrence and Almetta Moody-Vasser were victorious in the election.

ABSTRACT OF
VOTES

At 6:38 p.m., Mrs. Whittington joined the meeting.

MRS. WHITTINGTON
JOINED MEETING

Judge Alan Walker, Cook County Circuit Court Associate Judge, administered the *Oath of Office* to the elected/re-elected Board members Ray Banks, Leticia Cruz, Bernadette Lawrence and Almetta Moody-Vasser.

NEW BOARD
SEATED:
OATH OF OFFICE

Mr. Petrungaro read the Cook County certified election results as follows: Ray Banks, 7,418 votes; Almetta Moody-Vasser, 5,465 votes; Bernadette Lawrence, 6,914 votes and Leticia Cruz, 5,051 votes.

ABSTRACT OF
VOTES

Mr. Butler moved, Ms. Graham seconded, to **Adjourn the Meeting Sine Die**. On roll call, Members Banks, Butler, Graham, Lawrence, and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT
SINE DIE

Mrs. Graham moved, Mr. Butler seconded, to **Appoint Bernadette Lawrence as President Pro Tem**. On roll call, Members Banks, Butler, Cruz, Graham, Lawrence, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPOINTMENT OF
PRESIDENT PRO
TEM

Ms. Graham moved, Mr. Butler seconded, to **Appoint Annette Whittington as Secretary Pro Tem**. On roll call, Members Banks, Butler, Cruz, Graham, Lawrence, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPOINTMENT OF
SECRETARY PRO
TEM

Mrs. Whittington moved, Mr. Butler seconded, to **Open the Floor for Election of President**. On roll call, Members Banks, Butler, Cruz, Graham, Lawrence, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ELECTION OF
PRESIDENT

Mr. Butler moved, Mrs. Moody seconded, to **Appoint Nina Graham as President**. On roll call, Members Butler, Cruz, Graham, Lawrence and Moody voted aye; Members Banks and Whittington voted nay, motion passed.

ELECTION OF
VICE PRESIDENT

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Ms. Cruz seconded, to **Appoint Annette Whittington as Secretary.** On roll call, Members Banks, Butler, Cruz, Graham, Lawrence, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ELECTION OF
SECRETARY

Ms. Graham announced the Establishment of Secretary's Salary will be tabled.

ESTABLISHMENT
OF SECRETARY'S
SALARY

Mr. Banks moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded, that the **Regular Board Meetings** will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the locations as follows: January, February, March and April will be held at Thornton Township High School, Harvey, Illinois; May, June, July and August will be held at Thornwood High School, South Holland, Illinois; September, October, November and December will be held at Thornridge High School, Dolton, Illinois. On roll call, Members Banks, Butler, Cruz, Graham, Lawrence, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ESTABLISHMENT
OF REGULAR
BOARD MEETING
DATES AND
LOCATIONS

Ms. Graham announced the following Committee Appointments:

COMMITTEE
APPOINTMENTS

- Albert Butler, Finance Committee Chairperson
- Bernadette Lawrence, Finance Committee Co-chairperson
- Bernadette Lawrence, Curriculum Committee Chairperson
- Annette Whittington, Curriculum Committee Co-chairperson
- Ray Banks, Facilities Committee Chairperson
- Albert Butler, Facilities Committee Co-chairperson
- Annette Whittington, Policy Committee Chairperson
- Leticia Cruz, Policy Committee Co-chairperson
- Ray Banks, Discipline Committee Chairperson
- Almetta Moody-Vasser, Discipline Committee Co-chairperson
- Albert Butler, SCOPE Representative
- Almetta Moody-Vasser, SCOPE Representative
- Annette Whittington, IASB Representative

The following individuals spoke during Public Participation:

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION

- Felita Crayton (Dolton) congratulated the new Board members. The community will hold each Board member accountable to the oath they took for the betterment of the district.
- Lamarr Miller (Phoenix) congratulated the new Board, with a reminder that we are all here for our students.

At 6:54 p.m., Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Banks seconded, to go into **Executive Session** pursuant to Section 2(c) of the 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 8:10 p.m., Mrs. Cruz moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded, to **Return to Regular Session.** On roll call, Members Banks, Butler, Cruz, Graham, Lawrence, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

RETURN TO
REGULAR SESSION

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mrs. Cruz seconded, to **Hold the Expulsion in Abeyance for Student Case No 07-2018-1617-36** for placement at RISE through June 2017. On roll call, Members Banks, Butler, Cruz, Graham, Lawrence, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

STUDENT CASE
NO. 07-2018-1617-
36

Mrs. Cruz moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded, to **Hold the Expulsion in Abeyance for Student Case No 12-2020-1617-37** for placement at RISE through June 2018. On roll call, Members Banks, Butler, Cruz, Graham, Lawrence, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

STUDENT CASE
NO. 12-2020-1617-
37

Mrs. Moody moved, Mrs. Cruz seconded, to **Hold the Expulsion in Abeyance for Student Case No. 01-20-1617-28** for placement at RISE through June 2018 as set forth in the Board's written decision. On roll call, Members Banks, Butler, Cruz, Graham, Lawrence, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

STUDENT CASE
NO. 01-20-1617-28

Mrs. Moody moved, Mrs. Whittington seconded, to **Hold the Expulsion in Abeyance for Student Case No. 02-19-1617-31** for placement at RISE through June 2017 as set forth in the Board's written decision. On roll call, Members Banks, Butler, Cruz, Graham, Lawrence, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

STUDENT CASE
NO. 02-19-1617-31

Mr. Butler moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded, to **Hold the Expulsion in Abeyance for Student Case No. 02-17-1617-32** for placement at RISE through June 2018 as set forth in the Board's written decision. On roll call, Members Banks, Butler, Cruz, Graham, Lawrence, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

STUDENT CASE
NO. 02-17-1617-32

Mr. Butler moved, Mr. Banks seconded, to **Hold the Expulsion in Abeyance for Student Case No. 02-19-1617-33** for placement at RISE through June 2018 as set forth in the Board's written decision. On roll call, Members Banks, Butler, Cruz, Graham, Lawrence, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

STUDENT CASE
NO. 02-19-1617-33

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mrs. Cruz seconded, to **Hold the Expulsion in Abeyance for Student Case No. 01-20-1618-34** for placement at RISE through June 2018 as set forth in the Board's written decision. On roll call, Members Banks, Butler, Cruz, Graham, Lawrence, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

STUDENT CASE
NO. 01-20-1618-34

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mrs. Cruz seconded, to **Hold the Expulsion in Abeyance for Student Case No. 01-20-1617-35** for placement at RISE through June 2018 as set forth in the Board's written decision. On roll call, Members Banks, Butler, Cruz, Graham, Lawrence, Moody and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

STUDENT CASE
NO. 01-20-1617-35

At 8:29 p.m., Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mrs. Moody seconded, to **Adjourn the Meeting.** On roll call, Members Banks, Butler, Graham, Lawrence, Whittington and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

President

Secretary