

MINUTES OF A **SPECIAL MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD ON **SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2017**, IN THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES, 465 EAST 170<sup>TH</sup> STREET, SOUTH HOLLAND, ILLINOIS, BEGINNING AT 8:30 A.M.

The meeting was called to order at 8:55 a.m. President Lawrence 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, Lawrence and Whittington answered. Members Gibbs and Williams were absent. Dr. Leotis D. Swopes, Superintendent; Dr. Jerry Doss, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, Mr. Toriano Horton, Director of Business Operations, Mr. John Arrington, Director of College & Career Partnerships and Mr. Adam Dauksas, legal counsel, were also present.

ROLL  
CALL

None.

PUBLIC  
PARTICIPATION

At 8:59 a.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 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;
- 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, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

At 9:59 a.m., Mr. Butler moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded, to **Return to Regular Session**. On roll call, Members Butler, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

RETURN TO  
REGULAR SESSION

Discussion ensued regarding overall student discipline and the need for routine special board meetings to address student discipline cases.

STUDENT  
DISCIPLINE

At 10:25 a.m., Mr. Butler left the meeting.

MR. BUTLER LEFT  
MEETING

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Ms. Graham seconded, to **Hold the Expulsion in Abeyance for Student Case No. 12-20-1617-41** for placement at RISE through December 31, 2017 including the written expulsion decision. On roll call, Members Banks, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

STUDENT  
DISCIPLINE CASE  
NO. 12-20-1617-41

Mrs. Whittington moved, Mr. Banks seconded, to **Hold the Expulsion in Abeyance for Student Case No. 12-18-1617-42** for placement at RISE through December 31, 2017. On roll call, Members Banks, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

STUDENT  
DISCIPLINE CASE  
NO. 12-18-1617-42

Ms. Graham moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded, to **Hold the Expulsion in Abeyance for Student Case No. 06-20-1617-28** for placement at RISE through December 31, 2017. On roll call, Members Banks, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

STUDENT  
DISCIPLINE CASE  
NO. 06-20-1617-28

At 10:35 a.m., Mr. Butler joined the meeting.

MR. BUTLER  
JOINED MEETING

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mrs. Whittington seconded, to **Uphold the Expulsion for Student Case No. 02-2018-1617-6** through December 31, 2017. On roll call, Members Banks, Butler, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

STUDENT  
DISCIPLINE CASE  
NO. 02-2018-1617-6

Mrs. Whittington moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded, to **Hold the Expulsion in Abeyance for Student Case No. 03-2020-1617-7** for placement at RISE through December 31, 2017. On roll call, Members Banks, Butler, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

STUDENT  
DISCIPLINE CASE  
NO. 03-2020-1617-7

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mrs. Whittington seconded, to **Hold the Expulsion in Abeyance for Student Case No. 04-2020-1617-9** for placement at RISE through December 31, 2017. On roll call, Members Banks, Butler, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

STUDENT  
DISCIPLINE CASE  
NO. 04-2020-1617-9

At 10:46 a.m., Ms. Graham moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded, to **Adjourn the Meeting**. On roll call, Members Banks, Butler, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

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President

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Secretary