

MINUTES OF A **SPECIAL MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD ON **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2016**, IN THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES, 465 EAST 170TH STREET, SOUTH HOLLAND, ILLINOIS, BEGINNING AT 5:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 5:13 p.m. President Lawrence made the following announcement: Any person may record or broadcast an open Board meeting. Special requests to facilitate recording or broadcasting an open board meeting such as seating, writing surfaces, lighting and access to electrical power shall be directed to the Superintendent at least 24 hours before the 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT
BY BOARD
PRESIDENT

On roll call, Members Banks, Butler, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington and Williams answered. Members Gibbs and Williams were absent. Dr. Leotis D. Swopes, Interim Superintendent; Mr. Thomas Porter, Director of Pupil Personnel Services; Dr. Jerry Doss, Director of Human Resources; Mr. Toriano Horton, Director of Business Operations; Mr. Tom Porter, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, Mr. Dennis Willis, Principal of Thornwood High School and Mr. Adam Dauksas, legal counsel, were also present.

ROLL
CALL

Ms. Graham moved, Mrs. Whittington seconded, to **Open the Public Hearing on Board Policies**. On roll call, Members Banks, Butler, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING
ON BOARD
POLICIES
SECTIONS 1, 2, 3
AND 4

Dr. Doss addressed Board Policy Section No. 1, *School District Organization*; Board Policy Section No. 2, *Board of Education*; Board Policy Section No. 3, *General School Administration*, and Board Policy Section No. 4, *Operational Services*, stating that the Public Hearing is to gain input from the community and stakeholders before the Board Policy Manual is adopted. The Illinois Association of School Boards has guided the district through this process. Most of the policies are pre-formatted based on the Illinois School Code and best practices for school districts.

The public hearing was then opened for questions. Dr. Doss responded to the following questions:

Question: Felita Crayton (Dolton resident)
Will the final review be at the next Board meeting?

Response: *It is hoped the Board Policy will be ready for the October Board meeting.*

Question: Felita Crayton (Dolton resident)
It is still under review?

Response: *Yes. Based on State deadlines, the Student Athlete Concussion and Head Injuries policy amendment will be passed at today's meeting.*

At 5:20 p.m., Mrs. Whittington moved, Mr. Butler seconded to **Close the Public Hearing on Board Policies**. On roll call, Members Banks, Butler, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

The following individuals spoke during Public Participation:

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION

- Kaleah Criss (Calumet City) stated her three children are in the district and this is her first time attending a Board meeting. Mrs. Lawrence welcomed her.
- Bambade Abdullah (South Holland) stated that Leadership Development Institute has been providing youth and family programs in South Holland for over 20 years. She has worked in violence prevention for over 30 years. She made herself available to the district for any services in these areas.
- Rashawn Bonds (South Holland) asked for an understanding of the education policy because his child at Thornwood is not getting the proper help. Dr. Swopes will meet with him to address the issue.

At 5:26 p.m., Mr. Butler moved, Ms. Graham seconded, to go into **Executive Session** pursuant to Section 2C of the Illinois Open Meetings Act to consider: The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body; 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, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington and voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

At 6:26 p.m., **Regular Session Reconvened.** On roll call, Members Banks, Butler, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington answered.

RECONVENE
REGULAR SESSION

Mr. Butler moved, Mrs. Whittington seconded, to **Adopt the Second Reading of Amendments to Policy Sections 7:190; 7:190e3; 7:200; 7:210; 7:220 and 7:240.** On roll call, Members Banks, Butler, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington and voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADOPTION OF
AMENDMENTS TO
POLICY SECTIONS
7:190; 7:190E3;
7:200; 7:210; 7:220
AND 7:240

Mr. Butler moved, Ms. Graham seconded, to **Adopt the Second Reading of Amendments to Policy Section 7:305, Student Athlete Concussion and Head Injuries.** On roll call, Members Banks, Butler, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington and voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADOPTION OF
AMENDMENT TO
POLICY SECTION
7:305

Mrs. Lawrence stated that Agenda Items C and D were voted on at the last Board meeting. No further action was taken.

AGENDA ITEMS
C & D

Ms. Graham moved, Mrs. Whittington seconded, to **Approve the Resolution Rescinding Reduction-in-Force for Certain Teachers.** On roll call, Members Banks, Butler, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
RESOLUTION
RESCINDING
REDUCTION-IN-
FORCE FOR
CERTAIN
TEACHERS

At 6:30 p.m., Mrs. Whittington moved, Mr. Butler seconded, to **Adjourn the Meeting.** On roll call, Members Banks, Butler, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

President

Secretary