

MINUTES OF A **SPECIAL MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD ON **MONDAY, MAY 4, 2015** IN THE THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, 15001 BROADWAY AVENUE, HARVEY, ILLINOIS, BEGINNING AT 5:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Vice President Robinson 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. The Board President may designate a location for recording equipment, may restrict the movement of individuals using recording equipment or may take such other steps as are deemed necessary to preserve decorum and facilitate the meeting. Please know, if you participate in public participation, you are part of the meeting and may be taped.

ANNOUNCEMENT
BY BOARD VICE
PRESIDENT

If you wish to participate in the Public Participation section of this meeting, please sign the public participation sheet in the back. You will not be able to participate if you do not first sign in.

On roll call, Members Crayton, Banks, Lawrence, Robinson and Williams answered. Member Gibbs was 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, Principal of Thornton Township High School; Mr. Ken Wendorff, Faculty Association President; Mrs. Debbie Scaletta, Faculty Association Executive Director and Ms. Rachel Lutner, District 205 Legal Counsel, were also present.

ROLL
CALL

The minutes of the Regular and Executive Session of April 8, 2015 were Tabled until the next Board meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA
MINUTES:
APRIL 8, 2015

Mr. Crayton congratulated the new Board members. He apologized that after being elected four years ago although he did his best, he did not achieve what could have been achieved. He is thankful for the opportunity to serve and is confident the new Board will do what is best for the District.

STATEMENTS BY
OUTGOING BOARD
MEMBERS

Mr. Robinson thanked Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Gibbs, Mrs. Williams, Mr. Crayton and Mr. Banks and appreciated the working relationship with the Interim Superintendent and administrators. He encouraged the new Board to come together as one to support and advocate for the students.

Mrs. Williams showed a slide presentation of the Board accomplishments such as: stadium lights, new concession stands, air conditioning at Thornton Township High School, and the return of Bowling. Also shown were highlights of the AVID and IB programs.

Mrs. Lawrence recognized the outgoing Board members, Mr. Robinson, Vice President; Mrs. Williams, Secretary and Mr. Crayton and presented them with a plaque for their dedicated service to the youth of Thornton Township High School District 205.

ACKNOWLEDGE
OUTGOING BOARD
MEMBERS

Due to the absence of Mr. Grossi and Mr. Charnot, this item was stricken from the agenda.

SPECIAL
PRESENTATION

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Robinson seconded to **Adjourn the Meeting Sine Die**. On roll call, Members Banks, Crayton, Lawrence, Robinson and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT
SINE DIE

Mrs. Lawrence read the results of the April 7, 2015 election as follows: Unexpired 2-year term winners are Kierra Williams and Ray Banks. The winners for the 4-year term are Albert Butler, Nina Graham and Annette Whittington. Judge Alan Walker, Cook County Circuit Court Associate Judge and District 205 resident, administered the *Oath of Office* to the elected/re-elected Board members.

NEW BOARD
SEATED:
OATH OF OFFICE

On roll call, Members Banks, Butler, Graham, Lawrence, Whittington and Williams answered.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Williams nominated Mr. Banks as President. Mr. Banks declined the nomination. Ms. Graham moved, Mr. Butler seconded to **Appoint Bernadette Lawrence as President.** On roll call, members Banks, Butler, Graham, Lawrence and Whittington voted aye; Member Williams voted nay; motion passed.

ELECTION OF
PRESIDENT

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mrs. Whittington seconded to **Appoint Ray Banks as Vice President.** On roll call, Members Banks, Butler, Graham, Lawrence, Whittington and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ELECTION OF
VICE PRESIDENT

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

ELECTION OF
SECRETARY

Mrs. Lawrence stated your name will not be called if you do not list a topic; the topic is not on the current Board agenda or if Public Participation has begun. The following individuals spoke during Public Participation:

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION

- Michael Smith (Dixmoor) congratulated the new Board and looks forward to working forward with them.
- Fitzgerald Roberts (Dixmoor) congratulated the new Board and prays that they will continue to do the right thing.
- Felita Crayton (Dolton) congratulated the new Board and prays that the new members will understand the importance of community and parental involvement. She was disturbed by information given at a Finance Committee meeting. She will continue to advocate for community involvement.
- Kenneth Williams (South Holland) congratulated the new Board and is honored to have been on the Board for the past six years. During that time, he saw capital improvements and curriculum improvements. The IB program is only implemented in 2 school districts in the south suburbs. The lights were installed to generate revenue and enhance the community. Thornton High School now has air-conditioning. He asked the new Board to make certain the job is completed. He will strive for younger school Board members at District 205.
- Lynette Mayberry (Dolton) congratulated the new Board and as Parent Coordinator invited the Board to a parent meeting on Saturday.
- Stafford Owens (Harvey) an alumni of Thornton, congratulated the new Board.
- Eric Kellogg (Mayor of Harvey) congratulated the new Board and as a community member is willing to collaborate with the school District.

Mrs. Lawrence announced the **Establishment of Regular Board Meetings.** The 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 in the Thornton Township High School Auditorium, Harvey, Illinois; May, June, July and August will be held in the Thornwood High School Performing Arts Center, South Holland, Illinois; September, October, November and December will be held in the Thornridge Auditorium, Dolton, Illinois.

ESTABLISHMENT
OF REGULAR
BOARD MEETING
DATES &
LOCATIONS

Mr. Banks thanked the community for attending today's meeting and for voting in this election. He also commended all the candidates who ran for office.

BOARD MEMBER
REMARKS

At 5:35 p.m., Ms. Graham moved, Mrs. Whittington 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