

MINUTES OF A **SPECIAL MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD ON **TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2013** IN THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER AT THORNWOOD HIGH SCHOOL, 17101 SOUTH PARK AVENUE, SOUTH HOLLAND, ILLINOIS, BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. President Williams 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 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 Board meeting and may be taped.

ANNOUNCEMENT  
BY BOARD  
PRESIDENT

On roll call, Members Crayton, Robinson, K. Williams and T. Williams answered. Members Banks, Burton and Gibbs were absent. Mr. John F. Thomas, Superintendent; Mr. Brett Fickes, Director of Curriculum; Mr. Tom Porter, Director of Pupil Personnel Services; Mr. Jerry Doss, Director of Public Relations; Mrs. Maria Brunson, Director of Information Technology; Mr. Tony Ratliff, Principal of Thornton Township High School; Mr. James M. Walton, Jr., Principal of Thornridge High School; Mr. Dennis Willis, Principal of Thornwood High School; Mr. Ken Wendorff, Faculty Association President; Mrs. Debbie Scaletta, Faculty Association Executive Director and Ms. Kathleen Elliott, District 205 Legal Counsel, were also present.

ROLL  
CALL

Report from Curriculum Committee: No report.

COMMITTEE OF  
THE WHOLE

Report from Finance Committee: No report.

Report from Policy Committee: No report.

Report from Discipline Committee: No report.

Mr. Robinson moved, Mr. Crayton seconded, to **Approve the Consent Agenda.**

CONSENT AGENDA

The minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of April 10, 2013.

MINUTES:  
APRIL 10, 2013

The District 205 bills as presented for payment.

BILLS

Resignations: See Director of Human Resources

RESIGNATION

Retirement: See Director of Human Resources

RETIREMENT

Leave of Absence: See Director of Human Resources

LEAVE OF  
ABSENCE

Employment: See Director of Human Resources

EMPLOYMENT

On roll call, Members Crayton and Robinson voted aye; Members K. Williams and T. Williams voted nay, motion failed.

Mr. Williams 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

- Calvin Stark (Thornton teacher) requested to address the Board in Executive Session. Mr. Williams referred him to the Superintendent.
- Troy O'Quinn (South Holland) spoke about the meaning of education in the community and that it is no longer a priority of the District 205 Board of Education. Too many family members serve on the Board of Education. He urged the community to voice their concerns to state officials for the students of the community. The priority of great education must be restored to District 205.

- Felita Crayton (Dolton) asked: 1) why were the bills not approved this evening; and 2) is the District paying for Mr. Williams' attorney's fees. The taxpayers have the right to know for whom attorneys' fees are being paid by the District. Mr. Williams responded: 1) the bills were not approved because all bills for attorney's fees require further clarification; and 2) there is no further discussion.
- Kenneth Williams (Board President) stated that as a Board member he will vote no for payment of attorney's fees until there is detailed clarification of the invoices.

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PARTICIPATION,  
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Mr. Doss reported that since the last Board meeting, four (4) Freedom of Information Act requests were received and responded to within the allotted time.

FOIA

Mr. Doss presented the following information:

COMMUNICATIONS

- The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Reading Night at Thornwood High School was attended by over 100 families.
- The Student Board Jefferson Award Committee placed first in the region in the Jefferson Award competition. They will compete in Washington, D.C. in June.
- At the recent Reaching for the Stars Gala, recipients of the Star Award for Excellence were as follows: Thornridge, Laura Willis-Moss; Thornton, Paula Walker, and Thornwood, Kathy Metro. Melvin and Olive Banks received the Star Award for Community Service.
- Thornridge Senior and Class Valedictorian John Anderson is the Gates Millennium Scholarship winner. Thanks went out to Denise Ingram-Knighten and Paul Fritz for helping him in the very competitive application process.

Upcoming events:

May 14	Student Board of Education Meeting
May 15	Late Start
May 17	Special Education Community Meeting
May 27	Holiday, No School
June 1	Graduation
June 1	SAT Test
June 4	Last Day of School
June 11	Student Board of Education Meeting
June 12	Board of Education Meeting

Mr. Crayton moved, Mr. Robinson seconded to **Approve the NeoPost Contract** as presented by Mr. Thomas for a 60-month contract in the amount of \$22,181.40 which was recommended by the Business Office. The Board requested more options than the two provided. On roll call, Member Crayton voted aye; Members Robinson, K. Williams and T. Williams voted nay; motion failed.

APPROVAL OF  
NEOPOST  
CONTRACT

Mr. Crayton moved, Mr. Robinson seconded to **Approve the 2013-2014 Summer Renovations** as presented by Mr. Thomas for all three schools for the total amount of \$10,735,377.00. On roll call, Member Crayton voted aye; Members Robinson, K. Williams and T. Williams voted nay; motion failed.

APPROVAL OF  
2013-2014 SUMMER  
RENOVATIONS

Mr. Thomas presented the **Reduced Project for the 2013-2014 Summer Renovations** broken down by three priorities. No motion was made.

APPROVAL OF  
REDUCED  
PROJECT FOR THE  
2013-2014 SUMMER  
RENOVATIONS

At the request of the Faculty Association, the scholarship will be presented at the June 12, 2013 Regular Board Meeting.

RAY PRICE  
MEMORIAL  
SCHOLARSHIP

Mr. Robinson moved, Mrs. Williams seconded, to <b>Approve the Corrective Action Plan</b> as presented by Mr. Porter. The plan addresses the placement of special education students in the least restrictive environment as required by the Illinois State Board of Education. On roll call, Members Crayton, Robinson, K. Williams and T. Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.	APPROVAL OF CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN
Mr. Robinson moved, Mr. Crayton seconded to <b>Approve the ISBE Capital Improvement Matching Grant</b> as presented by Mr. Doss wherein the District would receive \$50,000.00 in matching dollars to fund capital improvement projects under the Maintenance Grant Program. The Board requested complete information from the architect before work on the Thornridge bleacher project begins. On roll call, Members Crayton, Robinson, K. Williams and T. Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.	APPROVAL OF ISBE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT MATCHING GRANT
Mr. Crayton moved, Mr. Robinson seconded to <b>Approve the Out-of-State Field Trip</b> as presented by Mr. Doss for five students of the Student Board of Education and two chaperones to travel to Washington D.C. to compete in the Jefferson Awards National finals from June 17-19, 2013. On roll call, Members Crayton, Robinson, K. Williams and T. Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.	APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIP
At 7:07 p.m., Mr. Crayton moved, Mr. Robinson seconded to go into <b>Executive Session</b> for the purpose of discussing student discipline. On roll call, Members Crayton, Robinson, K. Williams and T. Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.	EXECUTIVE SESSION
At 8:15 p.m., Mr. Robinson moved, Mr. Crayton seconded to <b>Return to Regular Session.</b> On roll call, Members Crayton, Robinson, K. Williams and T. Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.	RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION
Mr. Crayton moved, Mr. Burton seconded to <b>Approve the Student Discipline Cases</b> as follows: Student Case No. 1F-1213-02: Expel through June 14 and hold in abeyance to attend RISE; Student Case No. 2B-1213-07: Expel through June 2015 and hold in abeyance to attend Academy for Learning; and Student Case No. 2B-1213-08: Expel through June 2015 and hold in abeyance to attend Academy for Learning. On roll call, Members Crayton, Robinson, K. Williams and T. Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.	STUDENT DISCIPLINE CASE NOS. 1F-1213-02 2B-1213-07 and 2B-1213-08
Mr. Robinson moved, Mrs. Williams seconded, to <b>Adjourn the Meeting Sine Die.</b> On roll call, Members Crayton, Robinson, K. Williams and T. Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.	ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE
Mr. Crayton administered the <i>Oath of Office</i> to members elected/re-elected to the District 205 Board of Education on April 9, 2013: Judith Gibbs, Lauren Green, Bernadette Lawrence and Kenneth Williams.	OATH OF OFFICE
On roll call, Members Crayton, Gibbs, Green, Lawrence, Robinson, K. Williams and T. Williams answered	ROLL CALL
Mrs. Williams moved, Mr. Robinson seconded, to Appoint Darren Robinson as President Pro Tem. On roll call, Members Crayton, Gibbs, Green, Lawrence, Robinson, K. Williams and T. Williams answered.	PRESIDENT PRO TEM
Mr. Robinson moved, Mrs. Gibbs seconded, to Appoint Toni Williams as Secretary Pro Tem. On roll call, Members Crayton, Gibbs, Green, Lawrence, Robinson, K. Williams and T. Williams answered.	SECRETARY PRO TEM
Mr. Robinson moved, Mrs. Williams seconded to <b>Appoint Kenneth Williams as President.</b> Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mrs. Green seconded to Appoint Edward Crayton as President. On roll call to appoint Kenneth Williams as President, Members Robinson, T. Williams, Gibbs and K. Williams voted aye; Members Crayton, Green and Lawrence voted nay; motion passed.	ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Mrs. Williams moved, Mrs. Gibbs seconded to Appoint **Darren Robinson as Vice President.** Mr. Crayton moved, Mrs. Green seconded to Appoint Bernadette Lawrence as Vice President. On roll call to appoint Darren Robinson as Vice President, Members Robinson, T. Williams, Gibbs and K. Williams voted aye; Members Crayton, Green and Lawrence voted nay; motion passed.

ELECTION OF VICE  
PRESIDENT

Mr. Crayton moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded to Appoint Lauren Green as Secretary. Mrs. Green declined. Mr. Robinson moved, Mr. Williams seconded to **Appoint Toni Williams as Secretary.** On roll call, Members Gibbs, Green, Robinson, K. Williams and T. Williams voted aye; Member Crayton voted nay; Member Lawrence passed; motion passed.

ELECTION OF  
SECRETARY

Mr. Crayton moved, Mr. Robinson seconded to Establish the Salary for the Secretary at One (\$1.00) Dollar. On roll call, Members Crayton, Gibbs, Green, Lawrence, Robinson, K. Williams and T. Williams answered.

ESTABLISHMENT  
OF SECRETARY'S  
SALARY

Mr. Robinson moved, Mrs. Gibbs seconded to **Establish 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 for the following months as follows: January, February, March and April will be held in the Thornton 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. On roll call, Members Crayton, Gibbs, Green, Lawrence, Robinson, K. Williams and T. Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ESTABLISHMENT  
OF REGULAR  
BOARD MEETING  
DATES &  
LOCATIONS

At 8:34 p.m., Mr. Crayton moved, Mrs. Green seconded to **Adjourn the Meeting.** On roll call, Members Crayton, Gibbs, Green, Lawrence, Robinson, K. Williams and T. Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

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President

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Secretary