

MINUTES OF THE **OPEN SESSION OF A SPECIAL MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD ON **TUESDAY, JULY 24, 2012**, AT THE AUDITORIUM AT THORNRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL, 15000 SOUTH COTTAGE GROVE AVENUE, DOLTON, ILLINOIS, BEGINNING AT 5:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by the President pursuant to notice.

PURPOSE OF  
MEETING

A copy of the meeting and certification by the Secretary are a part of the official minutes.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 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.

ROLL  
CALL

On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, Crayton, Robinson, K. Williams and T. Williams answered. Mr. John F. Thomas, Superintendent and Mr. Anthony Bass, Legal Counsel, were also present.

ROLL CALL

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

- Jacqueline Franklin (South Holland) asked if the hearing was held regarding the dismissal of employees and if so, how will new principals be hired. The Board responded a hearing is scheduled for this evening and another later this week. Mr. Thomas added the standard procedure for hiring principals would be followed and currently the assistant principals are covering at the high schools.
- Tom O'Sullivan (Munster, Indiana) represents Cook-Illinois and stated that if they are the transportation bid, they can save the district \$200,000 over the three-year period. They have been involved in Navistar and are a supporter of the Academic Enrichment Foundation. Many of their employees are from this school district. They have provided reliable service for the last 11 years and asked for the Board's vote.
- Fred Smith (Naperville) represents First Student and stated they are the lowest responsible bidder of the transportation bid. With a history of safe transportation, they are ready to go for this school year. Their bid is \$500,000 lower than Cook- Illinois. In response to the Board, Mr. Smith stated the company's headquarters are in Cincinnati, Ohio.
- Felita Crayton (Dolton) thanked the Board and the Superintendent for holding community meetings.
- Jeanita Eaves (Harvey) also commended the Board and the Superintendent for the community meetings and stated that hopefully, the Board will vote with their hearts with regard to things that affect the District during these trying times.
- Tim Stieber (South Holland) stated that First Student has 119 employees working who live in the District 205 community. He explained their procedure for running buses out of one facility. He is here to establish a partnership with the District. He added that given the decline in enrollment the number of buses will be reduced.

Mr. Burton moved, Mr. Robinson seconded, to **Table the Approval of the 2012-2013 Transportation Bid** until after it is discussed during Executive Session this evening. On roll call, Banks, Burton, Crayton, Robinson, K. Williams and T. Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF  
2012-2013  
TRANSPORTATION  
BID

Mr. Crayton moved, Mr. Robinson seconded, to **Approve the 2012 Football Stadium Electrical Upgrades Bid** as presented by Mr. Thomas which is for the installation of the wiring. The Board President stated the Mayors of South Holland, Dolton and Harvey supported bringing night games back to the high schools and will assist with additional security if necessary. The Finance Committee is recommending approval of the lowest qualified bidder, Garden Electrical, in the amount of \$452,875.00. On roll call, Banks, Burton, Crayton, Robinson, K. Williams and T. Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF 2012  
FOOTBALL  
STADIUM  
ELECTRICAL  
UPGRADES BID

Mr. Burton moved, Mr. Robinson seconded, to **Defer Agenda Item C: Approval of HVAC Phase 3 Installation Bid and Agenda Item D: Approval of HVAC Phase 3 Control Bid**, to the Finance Committee for review and recommendation followed by a Board meeting to be held July 31, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. at the District Office. On roll call, Banks, Burton, Crayton, Robinson, K. Williams and T. Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF  
HVAC PHASE 3  
INSTALLATION and  
HVAC PHASE 3  
CONTROL BID

At 5:53 p.m., Mr. Banks moved, Mr. Robinson seconded, to go into **Executive Session** to discuss personnel and other matters. On roll call, Banks, Burton, Crayton, Robinson, K. Williams and T. Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

EXECUTIVE  
SESSION

At 8:51 p.m., Mr. Burton moved, Mr. Robinson seconded, to **Return to Regular Session.** On roll call, Banks, Burton, Crayton, Robinson, K. Williams and T. Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

RETURNED TO  
REGULAR SESSION

Mr. Robinson moved, Mr. Crayton seconded, to **Approve the 2012-2013 Transportation Bid** to First Student in the amount of \$12,018,423.49. On roll call, Banks, Burton, Crayton, Robinson, K. Williams and T. Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF  
2012-2013  
TRANSPORTATION  
BID

At 8:55 p.m., Mr. Burton moved, Mr. Crayton seconded, to **Adjourn the Meeting.** On roll call, Banks, Burton, Crayton, Robinson, K. Williams and T. Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

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President

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Secretary