

MINUTES OF A **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD ON **WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2012** IN THE AUDITORIUM AT THORNTON HIGH SCHOOL, HARVEY, ILLINOIS, BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 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 movements of individuals who are using 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 Banks, Burton, Crayton, Lawrence, Robinson, K. Williams and T. Williams answered. Dr. Betheny Lyke, Acting Superintendent; Mrs. Dorith Johnson, Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Mrs. Carrie Ablin, Director of Pupil Personnel Services; Mr. Jerry Doss, Director of Public Relations; Mrs. Maria Brunson, Director of Information Technology; Mr. Doug Ogarek, Director of Business Operations; Mr. James Walton, Principal of Thornridge High School; Mr. Tony Ratliff, Principal of Thornton High School; Mrs. Darcelle Williams, Principal of Thornwood High School; Mr. Ken Wendorff, Faculty Association President; Mrs. Deborah Scaletta, Faculty Association Executive Director, Mr. Anthony Bass, District 205 Legal Counsel, were also present.

ROLL
CALL

Mr. Williams offered a moment of silence in memory of the late Terrence J. Shirley, who served Thornridge High School in a number of capacities over his career.

MOMENT OF
SILENCE

At 6:38 p.m., Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Burton seconded to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations. On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, Crayton, Lawrence, Robinson, K. Williams and T. Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURN TO
EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Upon returning from Executive Session, Mr. Williams announced along with Mr. Wendorff that a Tentative Agreement has been reached between the Board of Education and the Faculty Association. Mr. Wendorff stated that he is eager for the District to move forward as a team.

ANNOUNCEMENT

At 6:38 p.m., Mr. Crayton moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded to Return to Regular Session. On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, Crayton, Lawrence, Robinson, K. Williams and T. Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

RETURN TO
REGULAR SESSION

Report from Curriculum Committee: Mrs. Lawrence announced that the Emergency Medical Technician program will begin in 2013. Upon completion students will earn 6 credit hours through South Suburban College.

COMMITTEE OF
THE WHOLE

Report from Finance Committee: Mr. Crayton stated a Finance Committee meeting was held on May 3, 2012 and three items will be recommended for approval this evening.

Report from Policy Committee: Mrs. Williams reported that the Policy Committee meeting held on May 3, 2012 resulted in a recommendation for changes to the eligibility requirement which will be presented this evening.

Report from Discipline Committee: No report.

Mr. Burton moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded, to **Approve the Consent Agenda** which includes the following:

CONSENT AGENDA

- The minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of April 18, 2012.

MINUTES:
APRIL 18, 2012

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| ▪ The District 205 bills as presented for payment dated April 20, April 26 and May 3, 2012. | BILLS |
| ▪ Resignations: See Director of Human Resources. | RESIGNATIONS |
| ▪ Leave of Absence: See Director of Human Resources. | LEAVE OF ABSENCE |
| ▪ Employment: See Director of Human Resources. | EMPLOYMENT |

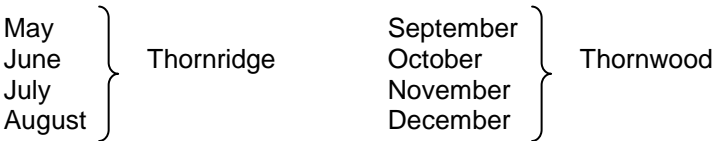
On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, Crayton, Lawrence, Robinson, K. Williams and T. Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

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
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- Linda Grant (Dolton) asked for the Board’s help in assisting her daughter who has special needs and is failing courses at Thornridge. The Board directed her to speak with Dr. Lyke.
- Shonda Akis (Calumet City) spoke about the benefits of a dance/drama program she would like to introduce to District 205 students. The Board directed her to speak with Dr. Lyke.
- David Miller (Musco Sports Lighting) stated he would be available to answer any questions the Board may have about the sports lighting at the three schools.
- Felita Crayton (Dolton) asked: 1) if the new Superintendent plans to meet with the community, and 2) about cutting programs in 2014. The Board responded: 1) he will be introduced after June 1, and 2) financial stability is planned for the future so programs will not be cut.
- Jeanita Eaves (Harvey) commended the Board for reaching a tentative agreement with the teachers and hopes for unity in the future.

Mr. Ogarek reported that since the last Board meeting, three Freedom of Information Act requests were received and responded to within the allotted time.	FOIA
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| Mr. Doss presented the following information: | COMMUNICATIONS |
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- For the first time, the entire Thornridge FCCLA team attended the State Leadership Conference from April 29-21, 2012 in Springfield. Two students qualified to compete at the national finals to be held in Orlando, Florida in July.
 - Thornton student Cheron Mims was awarded a David United World College scholarship.
 - The Special Olympics were held at Thornwood High School. Five students will compete at the finals.
 - PSAE College Tours—182 PSAE junior students traveled to six colleges including EIU, ISU, Indiana State University, Purdue-Calumet, University of St. Francis and Western Michigan University.
 - On May 3rd Thornwood hosted the Physics Phestival where over 300 middle school students participate in activities designed and ran by District 205 physics students.
 - Congratulations to Dr. Lyke and Mrs. Johnson who were selected by the Illinois State Board of Education to be reviewers for future school improvement grants.
 - Judge William O’Neal of the Circuit Court of Cook County inducted the new members of the 2012-2013 Student Board of Education.
 - Due to summer construction, regular Board meetings will be relocated as follows:



Upcoming Events:

COMMUNICATIONS,
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May 12	Summer School Registration, Thornridge
May 16	Late Start
	Summer Athletic Camps Registration, Thornridge
May 19	Summer School Registration, Thornridge
May 23	Summer Athletic Camps Registration, Thornridge
May 26	Graduation
May 29	Coffee Chat with Dr. Lyke, District office
May 30	End of Semester 2
May 30	Summer Athletic Camps Registration, Thornridge
June 2	SAT Test Date
June 4	Summer School Begins, Thornridge
	Summer Band Camp, Thornridge
June 9	ACT Test Date
June 11	Pre-Engineering & Technology: Robotics Camp Begins, Thornridge
	Science FUNdamental Academy Begins, Thornridge
	Summer Athletic Camp Begins, Thornridge
	Summer Upper House Academies Begins, Thornridge
	UN Summer Leadership Academy Begins, Thornridge
June 13	Board of Education Meeting, Thornridge

Mr. Crayton moved, Mr. Burton seconded to **Approve the PE Uniform Bid** as presented by Mr. Ogarek to be awarded to Marathon Sportswear in the amount of \$35,914.74. The Finance Committee has recommended approval of the bid. On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, Crayton, Lawrence, Robinson, K. Williams and T. Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF PE
UNIFORM BID

Jennifer Lavigne, Faculty Association Representative, presented the **Ray Price Memorial Scholarship** to four graduates. The three recipients who will attend Illinois State University to become high school teachers are: Courtney Chavers, Thornridge, who will study math; Jasmin Smith, Thornton, who will study science, and Victoria Weston, Thornwood, who will study Early Childhood Education. The Vocational Scholarship recipient is John Kilpatrick from Thornton who has been accepted to the Automotive Technology program at Moraine Valley Community College. The Board congratulated the recipients.

RAY PRICE
MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP

Principal Walton introduced the **25-year Employees** from Thornridge as Monica Dawson, Paraprofessional and David Eanes, Band Director. Principal Williams introduced Kevin Hayhurst, Special Programs and Mary Jane Scanlon, Secretary, as the 25-year employees from Thornwood. A short biographical statement was made by the principals for each of the employees.

RECOGNITION OF
25-YEAR
EMPLOYEES

Mr. Williams called on the building Principals for the **Recognition of Retirees**. Mr. Walton introduced the three retirees from Thornridge: Susan Hayes-Kelly, Jill Sudberry and Elizabeth Surdyk. Mrs. Williams introduced the four retirees from Thornwood: Cynthia Irvin, Elaine Rasheed-Lowe, Kathleen Towns and Kathleen Voboril. The retirees were congratulated by the Board.

RECOGNITION OF
RETIRES

Mr. Banks moved, Mr. Robinson seconded, to **Approve the Out-of-State Field Trip** as presented by Mr. Ratliff who was assisted by Ms. Mynda Tracy, Culinary Arts Instructor. The trip allows 30 culinary arts students and six chaperones to travel to Italy next summer from June 13-18, 2013 to study the history of culinary in Rome, Florence and Venice. The cost of the trip is \$3,300 per student; each student is responsible for \$600. Several fundraisers will help fund the trip. On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, Crayton, Lawrence, Robinson, K. Williams and T. Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
OUT-OF-STATE
FIELD TRIP

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Banks seconded, to **Approve the Out-of-State Field Trip** as presented by Mr. Doss for six students of the Student Board of Education to travel to Washington, D.C. from June 18-20, 2012 to compete in the Jefferson Awards National Competition. On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, Crayton, Lawrence, Robinson, K. Williams and T. Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
OUT-OF-STATE
FIELD TRIP

Mr. Burton moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded, to **Approve the Resolution in Support for Legislation on Funding State-Authorized Charter Schools** as presented by Dr. Lyke. The resolution provides that local school districts support a change in the charter school law regarding the formula that insures the State, as the LEA, contributes their fair share while leaving the host district with its fair share of General State Aid. The change would not require any additional monies from the District. On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, Crayton, Lawrence, Robinson, K. Williams and T. Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
CHARTER SCHOOL
RESOLUTION

Mrs. Darcelle Williams and Ms. Diane Terry presented the current policy and the proposed changes to the **Athletic Eligibility Requirements** policy. Currently, the policy requires a 1.5 cumulative grade point average for the semester. The proposed policy would require that students have a 2.0 cumulative grade point average on an unweighted basis quarterly. The proposed changes will be posted online for thirty (30) days for review. No action was taken.

APPROVAL OF
CHANGES TO
ATHLETIC
ELIGIBILITY
REQUIREMENTS

Mr. Crayton moved, Mr. Burton seconded, to **Approve the Summer 2012 Asbestos Abatement Bid** as presented by Mr. Ogarek. Six vendors submitted bids. The Finance Committee recommended the bid be awarded to the low bidder of the base bid and two alternates to Safe Environmental in the amount of \$354,834.00. On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, Crayton, Lawrence, Robinson, K. Williams and T. Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
SUMMER 2012
ASBESTOS
ABATEMENT BID

Mr. Crayton moved, Mr. Burton seconded to **Approve the Single Student and Small Group Transportation Bid** as presented by Mr. Ogarek for the school year 2012-13 in the amount of \$272,019.60, school year 2013-14 in the amount of \$278,812.08 and school year 2014-15 in the amount of \$285,796.80 to Sunrise Southwest. The Finance Committee has recommended approval of the bid to Sunrise Southwest for the three-year period. On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, Crayton, Lawrence, Robinson, K. Williams and T. Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
SINGLE STUDENT
AND SMALL GROUP
TRANSPORTATION
BID

Mr. Grossi will give a presentation at a later date.

STATE OF THE DIS-
TRICT: MR. GROSSI

No statement was made.

FACULTY
ASSOCIATION

Dr. Lyke thanked the Board of Education for the opportunity to serve as Acting Superintendent over the past year which has been one of hard work for administrators, teachers and support staff. Through the new programming, District 205 will continue to be a better place. She shared an unsolicited letter received from a Common Core services consultant, who wrote about the excellence of the District 205 administrative team. The consultant complimented them for taking the work of improvement seriously and stated that in her 37 years of experience in public education, she has never met a more professional, collaborative or informed high school team. The Board individually thanked Dr. Lyke for accepting the challenging task of Acting Superintendent, her hard work, love for the students and dedication to the District.

SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT

At 8:30 p.m., Mr. Burton moved, Mr. Robinson seconded, to go into **Executive Session** for the purpose of discussing student discipline, Board policy, property tax appeals and contractual services. On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, Crayton, Lawrence, Robinson, K. Williams and T. Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURN TO
EXECUTIVE
SESSION

At 10:18 p.m., Mr. Crayton moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded, to **Return to Regular Session.** On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, Crayton, Lawrence, Robinson, K. Williams and T. Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

RETURN TO
REGULAR SESSION

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Robinson seconded to **Hold the Expulsion in Abeyance** for Student Case #1A-1112-13 for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year through June 2013 and recommended placement in the Academy for Learning. On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, Crayton, Lawrence, Robinson, K. Williams and T. Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

STUDENT
DISCIPLINE
CASE # 1A-1112-13

At 10:21 p.m., Mr. Crayton moved, Mr. Burton seconded, to **Adjourn the Meeting.** On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, Crayton, Lawrence, Robinson, K. Williams and T. Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

President/Presiding Member

Secretary/Recording Secretary