

MINUTES OF A **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD ON **WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2009** IN THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER AT THORNWOOD HIGH SCHOOL, SOUTH HOLLAND, ILLINOIS, BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. On roll call, Members Banks, King, Lawrence and Penman answered. Members Burton and Ware were absent. Dr. J. Kamala Buckner, Superintendent; Mr. Jerry Doss, Director of Public Relations; Dr. Betheny Lyke, Thornton Principal; Ms. Kim Waller, Thornridge Principal; Mrs. Darcelle Williams, Thornwood Principal; Mr. Rick Shields, Thornridge Assistant Principal; Mr. Tony Ratliff, Thornton Assistant Principal; Mrs. Dorith Johnson, Thornwood Assistant Principal; and Mr. Ken Wendorff, Faculty Association President, were also present.

ROLL  
CALL

In the absence of Mr. Banks, Mr. Williams assumed the role of Secretary *Pro Tem*.

SECRETARY *PRO*  
*TEM*

At 7:01 p.m., Mr. Banks joined the meeting and assumed his responsibilities as Secretary.

MR. BANKS JOINED  
MEETING

Mr. Williams moved, Dr. Penman seconded, to **Approve the Consent Agenda**, which includes the following:

CONSENT AGENDA

The minutes of the regular meeting and the minutes of the Executive Session(s) of the Regular meeting of June 10, 2009. The minutes of the Executive Session(s) of this meeting(s) shall be confidential and closed to the public until such time that the Board of Education determines that it is no longer necessary to protect the public interest or privacy of an individual by keeping them confidential.

MINUTES

The District 205 bills as presented for payment.

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, King, Lawrence, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following individuals spoke during Public Participation:

PUBLIC  
PARTICIPATION

- Edward Crayton (Dolton) asked 1) if a error was made on the agenda item "2009-2014 School Calendar"; 2) if the bid for the Thornridge basketball court project included standards, backboards, and rims; and 3) for a copy of the Illinois Youth Survey results submitted by Thornridge. Dr. Buckner responded: 1) no error was made as the determination for Presidents' Day must be for 5 years; 2) the bid was separate; and 3) the data will come back from ISBE in October.
- Kelly Taylor (Burnham) questioned graduation requirements in the student handbook concerning recognition at the graduation ceremony for honors students. Mr. Truesdale met with the parent at the meeting.
- Felita Crayton (Dolton) 1) asked if the prevailing wage resolution on last month's agenda pertained to RJB, and 2) had a question pertaining to Arbor. Dr. Buckner stated 1) the information would be sent to her next week; 2) Dr. King invited her to present her questions at the Finance Committee meetings as they do not pertain to this month's agenda and stated that minutes of the sub-committee meetings will now be posted on the District website.

- Cynthia Tyson-Hooper (Thornwood guardian) asked that robocall be used to inform parents of Board meetings. Dr. King added that public participation is highly encouraged.

Dr. Buckner announced that at the request of the Student Board, their presentation will be given at the August 2009 Board meeting.

STUDENT BOARD  
PRESENTATION

At 7:21 p.m., Mr. Burton joined the meeting.

MR. BURTON  
JOINED MEETING

Mr. Truesdale introduced those who participated in the 3-week summer pharmacy program: students from all three high schools; UIC staff Dr. Clara Awe, Charese Jackson and a UIC Pharmacy student; District 205 staff members, Melissa Grant, Sue Kocinski, Andy Chidester, Joyce Scaletta, Calvin Stark and Brenda Wilson. Dr. Buckner credited State Representative Will Davis with being instrumental in the implementation of this program and stated that a thank you letter will be sent to him on behalf of the Board of Education and District Administration for his dedication to students.

UIC PATHWAYS TO  
PHARMACY  
PROGRAM  
PRESENTATION

The students introduced themselves with their career choices ranging from OBGYN to retail and clinical pharmacist, talked about the positive influences of the program and how it gave them a better understanding of diseases. It also helped improve their public speaking. They thanked the preceptors for their influence and encouragement and explained how the program has changed their outlook on pharmacy, especially through shadowing individuals in the profession and being able to interact with patients.

The students presented informative case studies on asthma, diabetes and hypertension. Featured was information on medications to control the diseases, causes and preventative measures, and the different types of risk factors.

Ms. Scaletta congratulated all the pre-pharmacy students and made special mention of exemplary students Temmi Adeyeni, Edgar Alcala, Kelis King, Eduardo Lopez, Habibat Oguntade and Andrea Rogers. Special thanks were given to Curtis Theard and Arthur Williams as student helpers. The program has grown from ten to 20 participants this year and hopefully its growth will continue. She thanked the Board of Education, District Administration, Principals and the UIC staff for their assistance. Dr. Buckner and Dr. King also thanked the UIC staff, teachers, and parents and commended the students.

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Banks seconded, to **Approve the Modification of the 2009-2014 School Calendar** to designate Presidents' Day as a school holiday instead of Lincoln's Birthday. On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, King, Lawrence, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF  
2009-2014 SCHOOL  
CALENDAR  
MODIFICATION

Mr. Williams moved, Mr. Burton seconded, to **Approve the 2009-2010 Operating Budget** as presented by Mr. Gress. The Operating Budget is based on the Board approved budget of 2008-2009. The Tentative Budget will be presented at the August Board meeting and be on display for public review for thirty (30) days and presented in September for approval. The Finance Committee has reviewed and recommends approval of the Operating Budget. Dr. Buckner added that some programs will not be funded by the State. On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, King, Lawrence, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF  
2009-2010  
OPERATING  
BUDGET

Mr. Burton moved, Mr. Banks seconded, to **Approve the Navistar Bids** as presented by Mr. Gress. The low bid was awarded to Krause Construction in the amount of \$625,275 and has been recommended for approval by the Finance Committee. On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, King, Lawrence, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF  
NAVISTAR BIDS

Mr. Burton moved, Mr. Williams seconded, to **Approve the Collective Liability Insurance Cooperative (CLIC) Resolution** as presented by Mr. Gress. By joining the cooperative, the District has increased insurance coverage and reduced deductibles, at a savings in excess of \$180,000 annually. The Finance Committee has reviewed the resolution and recommends approval. On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, King, Lawrence, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF CLIC  
RESOLUTION

- Dr. Buckner informed the community that Summer School graduation is July 15, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at Thornridge and invited the Board to attend. Over 250 students are graduating.
- The UN Summer Leadership Academy Celebration will take place on July 16 at 10:00 a.m. in the Thornton Auditorium. One hundred students participated in this TTTLP project, which is a six-week program designed to provide middle school students with a global-based academic leadership experience. For a \$25 fee, students were invited to participate in activities to improve their skills in languages, English and math and develop critical thinking skills, discuss past and current global issues and learn leadership skills. It also was designed to encourage young people to become engaged in District 205.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Superintendent was selected to be a member of the National Superintendents' Roundtable and along with 40 other Superintendents from around the country, traveled to China for 8 days to visit primary and secondary schools. The trip was underwritten by the Gates Foundation and sponsored by the College Board and Hanban Confucius Institute. The purpose of this trip was to increase awareness of Chinese culture and encourage schools to teach Chinese as part of a global economy.

SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT

She talked about her experiences, which included:

- A visit to the Forbidden City;
- Exhibition on Chinese Teaching Resources
- Welcome banquet in the Great Hall of the People, which is the equivalent to the White House
- Lecture on Chinese Language and Culture in Peking University
- Visit to local primary and secondary schools
- Visited the Great Wall of China
- She visited the Zhang Jia Kou Vocational and Technical Education Center

In the vocational school the programs of study include animation, culinary arts, airport security, airline reservations, airline flight attendant, diesel engine repair, the arts and nursing.

Dr. Buckner suggested that District 205 partner with Chicago Public Schools as Chicago has the largest Confucius Institute in the country.

At 8:15 p.m., Mr. Burton moved, Dr. Penman seconded, to go into **Executive Session**. On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, King, Lawrence, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNED  
TO EXECUTIVE  
SESSION

At 9:25 p.m., Mr. Burton moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded, to **Return to Regular Session**. On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, King, Lawrence, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

RETURNED TO  
REGULAR SESSION

Mr. Burton moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded, to **Hold the Expulsion in Abeyance** for Student Case #2H-0809-32 for the 2009-2010 school year and recommended placement in the Academy for Learning, pending availability. On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, King, Lawrence, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

STUDENT  
DISCIPLINE CASE  
NO. 2H-0809-32

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STUDENT  
DISCIPLINE CASE  
NO. 2H-0809-33

Mr. Williams moved, Dr. Penman seconded, to promote Mr. Tim Truesdale to Associate Superintendent and promote Dr. Paige Dague to Assistant Superintendent. On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, King, Lawrence, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE  
REORGANIZATION

At 9:50 p.m., Mr. Burton moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded, to **Adjourn the Meeting.** On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, King, Lawrence, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

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President

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Secretary

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**REGULAR SESSION**

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At 8:15 p.m., Mr. Burton moved, Dr. Penman seconded, to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and/or student discipline issues. A copy of the meeting and certification by the Secretary are a part of the official minutes.

EXECUTIVE  
SESSION

The meeting convened at 8:15 p.m. On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, King, Lawrence, Penman and Williams answered. Member Ware was absent. Dr. J. Kamala Buckner, Superintendent, Mr. Tim Truesdale, Mr. Rick Shields and Mr. Al Pearson, Thornridge Assistant Principal, were also present.

ROLL  
CALL

Building Leadership reviewed two (2) expulsion hearings for Student Case Nos. 2H-0809-32 and 2H-0809-33 and responded to questions from the Board.

STUDENT  
DISCIPLINE

At 8:36 p.m., Mr. Pearson left the meeting.

ADMINISTRATION  
LEFT MEETING

Dr. Buckner discussed upcoming grievances Nos. 0601009, 061709, 051809, 101408 and 101508 for information purposes only.

PERSONNEL

Dr. Buckner inquired about administrative raises and administrative reorganization. She would like to promote Mr. Tim Truesdale to Associate Superintendent and promote Dr. Paige Dague to Assistant Superintendent. She stated that raises will be performance based. No raises will be given immediately.

ADMINISTRATIVE  
REORGANIZATION

At 9:25 p.m., Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Williams seconded, to **Return to Regular Session**. On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, King, Lawrence, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

RETURNED TO  
REGULAR  
SESSION

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President

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Secretary

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**