

MINUTES OF THE **OPEN SESSION OF A CONTINUATION OF A SPECIAL MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ON **THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2011**, TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD ON **THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2011** IN THE STUDENT CAFETERIA AT THORNWOOD HIGH SCHOOL, 17101 SOUTH PARK AVENUE, SOUTH HOLLAND, ILLINOIS, BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by the President for the purpose of discussing and/or acting on personnel issues. A copy of the meeting and certification by the Secretary are a part of the official minutes.

PURPOSE OF MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 6:47 p.m. On roll call, Members Banks, Crayton, Lawrence, Robinson, K. Williams and T. Williams answered. Member Burton was absent. Mr. Tim Truesdale, Associate Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and External Funding; Dr. Betheny Lyke, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Community Relations; Mr. Jerry Doss, Director of Public Relations; Mrs. Maria Brunson, Director of Information Technology; Mr. Brad Beilfuss and Mrs. Dorith Johnson, Co-Principals of Thornridge High School; Mr. Tony Ratliff, Principal and Ms. Wanda Russell, Assistant Principal of Thornton High School; Mrs. Darcelle Williams, Principal and Mr. Dennis Willis, Assistant Principal of Thornwood High School; Mr. Ken Wendorff, Faculty Association President; Mrs. Deborah Scaletta, Faculty Association Executive Director, and Ms. Kathie Elliott, District 205 Legal Counsel, were also present.

ROLL CALL

The following individuals spoke during Public Participation:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Jeanita Eaves (Harvey) asked for an update on video recording of Board meetings. Mr. Williams responded that according to Board policy, the public meetings may be recorded. Mrs. Eaves was surprised at the response due to children being in attendance.
- Evelyn Sorrell (Dolton) 1) asked if the report is ready from the May 24th Springfield meeting; 2) notification of this meeting was not provided to the community; 3) asked for the names of the people considered for the position of Interim Superintendent. Mr. Williams responded: 1) not yet, and 3) it is still under discussion.
- Felita Crayton (Dolton) 1) asked if each Board member has an equal vote and one member does not represent the whole Board; 2) is there a Board policy regarding assistants to Board members, i.e., at meetings; 3) requested information about the science fundamental camp and was it presented to the Board; 4) what is the status of hiring a business manager. 1) The Board responded that is correct; 2) Mr. Williams responded a Board member has the right to bring a guest into a building and, as an individual of the public, are welcome at public meetings; Mr. Banks responded there is no title as a 'board member assistant' and visitors are welcome; 3) Mr. Truesdale responded that to increase interest in science for the feeder school students, the District is offering summer school camps with activities such as physics phestival, biology bowl, chemistry carnival. He was not aware it needed Board approval to offer; it is supported by funds through Smaller Learning Communities; flyers went to the middle schools; 4) Mr. Williams responded that the Board is working with administration to put things in place.
- Peggy Taylor McDonald asked if public participation can be moved after new business and not require signing in. Mr. Williams responded that public participation was previously moved to accommodate public request. To ensure continuity and fairness, the sign in sheet process will continue.
- Kimberly Brown (Dolton) 1) believes public participation should follow the new business portion of the Board meeting; 2) what is the status of amending the grant. Mr. Williams responded: 2) it is still being worked on and when information is available, it will be shared with the public.
- Gloria Taylor asked that the public be included in the selection of the new Superintendent.

- Vivienne Williams (Dolton) 1) requested robocalls for all meetings and today's meeting was an inconvenience; 2) the public demands to be included in the hiring process of a Superintendent who is willing to work with the teachers, parents and community. Teachers need to have a voice because they are with the children in the classroom; 3) received non-deliverable return messages when emailing the Board members; 4) requested a copy machine in the parent room at Thornridge.
- Debra Smith (Dolton) As Band Parent President at Thornridge, invited everyone to the Thornridge Jazz Concert on Friday, May 27, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

At 7:13 p.m., Mr. Robinson moved, Mr. Banks seconded to go into **Executive Session** for the purpose of discussing the Interim Superintendent position and labor negotiations. On roll call, Members Banks, Crayton, Lawrence, Robinson, K. Williams and T. Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

At 8:25 p.m., Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Crayton seconded, to **Return to Regular Session**. On roll call, Members Banks, Crayton, Lawrence, Robinson, K. Williams and T. Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

RETURN TO
REGULAR
SESSION

The meeting reconvened at 8:27 p.m. On roll call, Members Banks, Crayton, Lawrence, Robinson, K. Williams and T. Williams answered.

Mrs. Williams moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded, to **Approve the Appointment of Dr. Stacey D. McJunkins as Interim Superintendent**. Mr. Banks stated this appointment was of urgent nature and that the hiring process of the permanent Superintendent will include all stakeholders, Faculty Association, Administration and community and will begin on June 8, 2011. On roll call, Members Banks, Crayton, Lawrence, Robinson, K. Williams and T. Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPOINTMENT OF
INTERIM
SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Crayton moved, Mr. Banks seconded, to **Defer Board Action** on Agenda Items B., C. and D. On roll call, Members Banks, Crayton, Lawrence, Robinson, K. Williams and T. Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

DEFER BOARD
ACTION

At 8:38 p.m., Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Burton seconded, to **Adjourn the Meeting**. On roll call, Members Banks, Crayton, Lawrence, Robinson, K. Williams and T. Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

President

Secretary

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REGULAR SESSION