

MINUTES OF A **SPSPECIAL MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD ON **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2010** IN THE AUDITORIUM AT THORNBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL, DOLTON, ILLINOIS, BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. On roll call, Members Banks, Bradley, King, Lawrence and Penman answered. Members Burton and Williams were absent. Dr. J. Kamala Buckner, Superintendent; Mr. Tim Truesdale, Associate Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and External Funding; Mr. Steven Gress, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations; Mrs. Carrie Ablin, Director of Pupil Personnel Services; Mr. Jerry Doss, Director of Public Relations; Mrs. Maria Brunson, Director of Information Technology, Mrs. Kim Waller-Echols, Principal of Thornridge High School; Mr. Tony Ratliff, Principal of Thornton High School; Mrs. Darcelle Williams, Principal of Thornwood High School; Mrs. Deborah Scaletta, Faculty Association Executive Director, and Mr. John Relias, District 205 Legal Counsel, were also present.

ROLL
CALL

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- The minutes of the Board Retreat of July 8, 2010. The minutes of the Executive Session of this meeting 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.
- The minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 4, 2010.
- The minutes of the Special Meeting of August 25, 2010.
- The District 205 bills as presented for payment.
- The ECHO bills as presented for payment.
- Payment, Release and Settlement Agreement: See Director of Human Resources
- Resignations: See Director of Human Resources
- Release: See Director of Human Resources
- Leave of Absence: See Director of Human Resources
- Employment: See Director of Human Resources

MINUTES:
JULY 8, 2010

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AUGUST 4, 2010

MINUTES:
AUGUST 25, 2010

BILLS

ECHO BILLS

PAYMENT, RELEASE
& SETTLEMENT
AGREEMENT

RESIGNATIONS

RELEASE

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

EMPLOYMENT

On roll call, Members Banks, Bradley, King, Lawrence, and Penman voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

Mr. Gress reported that since the last Board meeting, one Freedom of Information Act request was received and responded to as follows:

FOIA

1. Commercial request for transportation services documents.

Mr. Doss provided the following:

COMMUNICATIONS

- The following Student Board members were present at the Board meeting and introduced as follows: President, Habibat Oguntade, Thornwood; Vice President, Markist Booker, Thornridge, and Member Alex Mayfield, Thornwood.

- Upcoming Events:
 - Sept. 10 SAT Registration deadline for October 9th test
 - Sept. 11 ACT Test
 - Sept. 15 Late Start
 - Sept. 17 ACT Registration deadline for October 23rd test
 - Sept. 20 TALF Wildcat Open
 - Sept. 23 Early Dismissal
 - Sept. 23 Parent/Teacher Conference
 - Sept. 24 No School and Parent/Teacher Conference
 - Sept. 24 Progress 2 – Q2 Reporting period ends
 - Sept. 28 Progress 2 – Q1 grades due
 - Sept. 29 College and Career Expo at South Suburban College
- Oct. 1 ACT late registration deadline for October 23rd test
- Oct. 5 Board of Education Finance Committee Meeting
- Oct. 6 Late Start
- Oct. 8 SAT Registration Deadline for November 6th test
- Oct. 9 SAT test
- Oct. 11 No School – Columbus Day
- Oct. 12 Student Board of Education Meeting
- Oct. 13 Board of Education Meeting - Thornridge

COMMUNICATIONS,
Con't.

At 6:07 p.m., Mr. Williams joined the meeting.

MR. WILLIAMS
JOINED MEETING

- Felita Crayton (Dolton) asked: 1) What is the settlement agreement on the consent agenda; 2) there is a rumor about Thornridge becoming a freshman only building; and 3) what model did the District choose to go with. Legal counsel responded: 1) the identity of the individual can only be discussed in executive session. Dr. Buckner stated: 2) The District is in receipt of the grant. One of the three buildings will become a freshman center and Thornridge is under consideration. All facts will be brought to the community for input; Mr. Truesdale responded 3) The governance model was chosen and consists of a major restructuring of the schools. Dr. Buckner added that it is a transformational model.
- Debra Smith (Thornridge parent) asked if the transformation of the high schools is due to the District 205 not making AYP. Dr. Buckner responded yes and further stated that 19% of all high schools in the State of Illinois made AYP last year. This year the percentage is probably less. Only 10 schools in the State were awarded the grant. The State believes District 205 is poised to make the changes to improve the lives of the students.

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION

Mr. Banks moved, Dr. Penman seconded, to **Approve the 2010-2011 SCOPE Annual Dues** in the amount of \$1,908.00, which reflects a 10% discount from last year's dues. SCOPE (South Cooperative Organization for Public Education) provides guidance on various funding issues pending with the State and Professional Development opportunities. On roll call, Members Banks, Bradley, King, Lawrence, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
2010-2011 SCOPE
ANNUAL DUES

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Banks seconded to open the **Continuation of the 2010-2011 District 205 Budget Public Hearing.** On roll call, Members Banks, Bradley, King, Lawrence, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed. Changes were made to the tentative budget to reflect the District's receipt of the School Improvement Grant. The budget projects for deficit spending, resulting from the November 2008 capital improvement bond issue and revenue reductions from both the State of Illinois and local property tax collections. Budget assumptions included revenues of property tax collections conservatively estimated at 83% due to the weak economy and increase in foreclosures. State sources revenue, including transportation, special education and truancy funding, was projected to be lower than the 2009-2010 actual collections. Student enrollment is down over 800 from last year and will result in decreased general state aid in the future. Federal sources are projected to increase due to the stimulus dollars, Federal supplanting of State funding and the receipt of the School Improvement Grant.

CONTINUATION OF
2010-2011 DISTRICT
205 BUDGET
PUBLIC HEARING

Expenses of salaries have increased based on union contracted increases; employee benefits have increased over 13%; purchased services were based on increases/decreases based on the contracted amount with all major vendors; supplies and materials have been decreased; capital outlay was based on technology requests, building and grounds requests and expected capital expenditures. The State owed the District in excess of \$6 million. The revenue from state sources in the amount of \$32,727,839 is inflated because 2009-2010 money due will not be received until 2010-2011. Total revenue is approximately \$112 million with total expenses of approximately \$130 million.

CONTINUATION OF
2010-2011 DISTRICT
205 BUDGET
PUBLIC HEARING,
Con't.

The hearing was then opened for public participation.

- Mr. Williams (Board member) asked if any changes were made to the tentative budget. Mr. Gress stated that the State sent further details regarding revenues and the School Improvement Grant has been incorporated into the budget. Pending approval from the State, the funds have been incorporated into the budget as follows: \$3 million to salaries for regular programs; \$2 million to salaries for improvement of instructional services and \$1 million for purchased services for improvement of instructional services, which is for all 3 buildings.
- Debra Smith (Thornridge parent) asked: 1) for the pages Mr. Gress referred to in response to Mr. Williams' questions. Mr. Gress provided the page numbers and line items.
- Felita Crayton (Dolton) asked: 1) if there will be salary increases; and 2) are the salary increases related to the teachers' and maintenance contracts being up for renewal? Mr. Gress responded: 1) salary increases were budgeted for and \$5 million is related to the grant; these are preliminary number and revisions will need to be made; and 2) no.

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Banks seconded to close the **2010-2011 District 205 Public Hearing**. On roll call, Members Banks, Bradley, King, Lawrence, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

Mr. Banks moved, Mrs. Bradley seconded, to **Approve the 2010-2011 District 205 Budget** as presented by Mr. Gress. The tentative budget was available for public inspection for more than 30 days and a public hearing was held. Changes were made to the Tentative Budget regarding more detailed information on expenses and for grants that have come through within the last 30 days so that revenues and expenses related to the grants have been adjusted. On roll call, Members Banks, Bradley, King, Lawrence, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
2010-2011 DISTRICT
205 BUDGET

Dr. Penman moved, Mrs. Bradley seconded to **Approve the Capital Improvement Projects** as presented by Mr. Gress. Mr. Banks asked exactly what the Board was voting on. A discussion then took place. Mr. Gress stated the remaining capital improvement bond issue is \$14,960,800. The Thornton heating system was presented to the Finance Committee but no recommendation has been made. Mr. Gress stated that if delivery of the system is delayed, the opening of school may be postponed for the 2012-2013 school year. The cost for heat only is \$15,050,000; heat and air conditioning at one time is \$18 million; heat and air conditioning separately at the same time is \$21 million.

APPROVAL OF
CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT
PROJECTS

The Finance Committee had discussed the issue of heat only for. Mr. Williams requested a detailed breakdown for everything included for the additional \$3 million as well as the additional \$6 million.

Mr. Banks moved, Mr. Williams seconded to **Table the Capital Improvements Projects** and referred the matter back to the Finance Committee for further review. On roll call, Members Banks, Bradley, King, Lawrence, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

None.

MISCELLANEOUS /
SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

At 6:42 p.m., Mr. Banks moved, Dr. Penman seconded, to go into **Executive Session**. On roll call, Members Banks, Bradley, King, Lawrence, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNED
TO EXECUTIVE
SESSION

At 8:56 p.m., Mr. Burton moved, Dr. Penman seconded, to **Return to Regular Session**. On roll call, Members Banks, Bradley, Burton, King, Lawrence and Penman voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

RETURNED TO
REGULAR SESSION

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Burton seconded, to **Appoint Brad Beilfuss and Dorith Johnson as Co-Principals** to guide the District through the process of starting a Freshman Academy. On roll call, Members Banks, Bradley, Burton, King, Lawrence and Penman voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

PERSONNEL

At 9:07 p.m., Dr. Penman moved, Mr. Burton seconded, to **Adjourn the Meeting**. On roll call, Members Banks, Bradley, Burton, King, Lawrence and Penman voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

President

Secretary