

MINUTES OF A **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD ON **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2010** 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 7:06 p.m. On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, King, Lawrence and Penman answered. Member Williams was 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; Mr. Jerry Doss, Director of Public Relations; Ms. Maria Brunson, Director of Information Technology, Ms. Kim Waller, Principal of Thornridge High School; Mr. Tony Ratliff, Principal of Thornton High School; Mrs. Darcelle Williams, Principal of Thornwood High School; Mrs. Deborah Ubriaco, Faculty Association Executive Director, and Ms. Shelli Anderson, District 205 Legal Counsel, were also present.

ROLL
CALL

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- The minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 14, 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 Special Meeting of July 21, 2010.
- The District 205 bills as presented for payment.
- 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 14, 2010

MINUTES:
JULY 21, 2010

BILLS

RESIGNATIONS

RELEASE

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

EMPLOYMENT

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

Mr. Gress reported that since the last Board meeting, two Freedom of Information Act requests were received and responded to as follows:

FOIA

1. Copy of the 2010-2011 tentative budget.
2. Copies of transportation invoices, winning bid and current contract.

Mr. Doss provided the following:

COMMUNICATIONS

- The Student Board of Education has completed their goals and action plans for the 2010-2011 school year. They received the 2010 Community Action Team Award from the Illinois Teen Institute for successfully implementing their 2009-10 community action plans.
- The *NWI Times* has published several stories regarding District 205 summer programs and projects during July 2010. Programs were also featured in *The Shopper* and *South Holland Today*.
- Dr. Buckner was interviewed on CNN regarding Navistar. Dr. King added that it would be an added feature to view this and other school-related video footage on the website. Mr. Doss will investigate the situation.
- Dr. Buckner thanked the Northwest Indiana Times for the articles on the UN Summer Leadership Academy.
- The State of Illinois will exempt sales tax on back-to-school items from August 6-15, 2010.
- Registration dates have been made uniform for all three schools, beginning Friday, August 6, 2010. The schedule is posted on the District website.

- Upcoming Events:

August 6	School Registration begins
August 18	First day of school for all students
Sept. 8	Board of Education Meeting – Thornridge
Sept. 16	TALF Wildcat Open 2010

COMMUNICATIONS,
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- Felita Crayton (Dolton) asked 1) for the status of vacant board seat; 2) when was the public notified that the seat was vacant; 3) regarding the grant, will there be a freshman only building in District 205; 4) for the website address for videos of board meetings; 5) when were the names presented for the vacancy. Dr. King responded 1) the Board is in the process of filling the vacant board seat; 2) legal counsel will provide a response at a later date; 3) as of July 15, there has been no response about the grant; 4) the board meetings are under Board of Education on the District website; 5) it will be addressed in the response.

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION

Mr. Gress reported that the 2010-2011 Tentative Budget has been on display since July 19, 2010 and no changes have been made. A public hearing on the budget will take place during the regular Board meeting on September 8, 2010 at which time public will have an opportunity to make comments.

REPORT ON 2010-
2011 BUDGET

Mr. Gress presented the draft capital improvement plan developed by District administration, architect and engineer. Sources for funding for capital improvement include the tax levy of approximately \$4.5 million. Almost \$5 million can be levied annually to support capital improvements. Another source is issuing bonds. Bonds can be issued for a maximum of a 20-year repayment schedule.

PRELIMINARY
10-YEAR CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT
PLAN

Future capital improvement projects for Summer 2011 include:

Thornridge:	Install elevator; renovate science lab and cafeteria; masonry and structural repair	\$ 2,575,700
Thornton:	Install elevator; renovate cafeteria; masonry repair; replace windows; ADA accessibility; renovate auditorium	\$11,959,913
Tech Building:	Install elevator and renovate science lab	204,250
Thornwood:	renovate elevator and cafeteria	<u>\$ 2,421,438</u>
Total		\$17,161,301

Future capital improvement projects for Summer 2012 include:

Thornridge:	Life safety items; toilet room renovations	\$ 4,085,000
Thornton:	Life safety items; toilet room renovations	
	Renovate pool and heating renovations	\$21,688,125
Tech Building:	Life safety items; toilet room renovations	\$ 86,000
District:	Asbestos Abatement	\$ 1,612,500
Thornwood:	Life safety items; toilet room renovations	
	Plumbing renovations	<u>\$ 5,436,275</u>
Total		\$29,893,063

Total costs for future years are in the \$5 million range in anticipation of the tax levy.

2013		
Thornridge:	Window replacement; roofing repairs	\$ 5,826,500
2014		
Thornridge:	Heating/air conditioning renovations	\$ 5,912,500

2015			PRELIMINARY
Thornridge:	Roofing repairs; new football bleachers	\$ 3,762,500	10-YEAR CAPITAL
Thornton:	New vestibules; renovate press box and concessions	\$ 698,750	IMPROVEMENT
Tech Building:	Roofing repairs	\$ 475,150	PLAN
Total		\$ 4,936,400	

2016		
Thornridge:	Athletic Field Lighting	\$ 268,750
Thornton:	Roofing repairs; new football bleachers	\$3,762,500
Tech Building:	Roofing repairs; separate utilities & controls	\$ 973,950
Total		\$5,005,200

2017-2018		
Thornridge:	New Field House	\$8,600,000

2019		
Thornwood:	Heating/Air-Conditioning renovations; masonry repair	\$4,676,250

2020		
Thornridge:	Renovate pools	\$1,612,500
Thornton:	Athletic Field lighting	\$ 752,500
Thornwood:	Roofing repairs	\$1,101,875
Total		\$3,466,875

2021-2022		
Thornwood:	New auditorium	\$8,600,000

2023		
District:	Asbestos removal	\$ 806,250

The Board President thanked Mr. Gress for the projections report and stated that adjustments may be made along the way but that it is a good starting point.

Mr. Burton moved, Dr. King seconded to **Approve the Science Labs Renovations Bid** as presented by Mr. Gress to the second lowest bidder, Loung's Corporation, in the amount of \$1,907,000 which includes a second year of contractor warranty in the amount of \$25,000. The lowest bidder did not meet the documentation and bond rating requirements. The Finance Committee has recommended that the bid be awarded to Loung's Corporation. Mr. Gress explained the bid requirement of a one-year warranty versus a two-year warranty. It was determined to retain future bids to require a two-year warranty as an alternate. On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, King, Lawrence and Penman voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
SCIENCE LABS
RENOVATIONS BID

Mr. Gress stated that all bids for this project at the Technical Building were higher than expected. After discussion, Tria Architecture and District administration have recommended to reject all bids. A portion of the project will be completed by District; the remaining portion will be rebid and contain specifications revised in an effort to reduce the cost. No action was taken.

APPROVAL OF
MECHANICAL UNIT
BID

Mr. Burton moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded to **Approve the Thornton Generator Bid** as presented by Mr. Gress to the second lowest bidder, Buckeye Construction Corporation, in the amount of \$126,000 which includes a second year of contractor warranty in the amount of \$1,500. The lowest bidder did not submit all material required in the bid specifications. The Finance Committee has recommended the bid be awarded to Buckeye Construction Corporation. On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, King, Lawrence and Penman voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
THORNTON
GENERATOR BID

A discussion took place whether when bidding large construction projects, language can be included to stipulate minority/local contractors and sub-contractors be used. Mr. Gress is seeking the advice of the Illinois State's Attorney's Office and State Superintendent of Schools and will report back to the Board.

MINORITY
CONTRACTORS
DISCUSSION

None.

MISCELLANEOUS /
SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

At 7:38 p.m., Mr. Burton moved, Dr. Penman seconded, to **Adjourn the Meeting**. On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, King, Lawrence and Penman voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

President

Secretary

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REGULAR SESSION