

MINUTES OF A **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD ON **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 2010** IN THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER AT THORNWOOD HIGH SCHOOL, SOUTH HOLLAND, ILLINOIS, BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. On roll call, Members Banks, King, Lawrence and Williams answered. Members Burton, Penman and Ware were absent. Dr. J. Kamala Buckner, Superintendent; Mr. Tim Truesdale, Associate Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and External Funding; Mr. Steven Gress, Director of Business Operations; Mr. Jerry Doss, Director of Public Relations; Ms. Maria Brunson, Director of Information Technology; Mr. Tony Ratliff, Thornton Assistant Principal; Mr. Scott Savage, Thornton Assistant Principal; Kim Waller, Thornridge Principal; Mrs. Darcelle Williams, Thornwood Principal; Mr. Jim Beckwith, Thornwood Assistant Principal; Mr. Ken Wendorff, Faculty Association President; Ms. Deborah Ubriaco, Faculty Association Executive Director, and Mr. Brian Crowley, District 205 Legal Counsel, were also present.

ROLL  
CALL

At 6:06 p.m., Mr. Williams moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded, to go into **Executive Session**. On roll call, Members Banks, King, Lawrence and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNED  
TO EXECUTIVE  
SESSION

At 7:00 p.m., Mr. Banks moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded, to **Return to Regular Session**. On roll call, Members Banks, King, Lawrence, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

RETURNED TO  
REGULAR SESSION

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- The minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of the Regular Meeting of June 9, 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 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:  
JUNE 9, 2010

BILLS

RESIGNATIONS

RELEASE

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

EMPLOYMENT

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

Mr. Doss provided the following:

COMMUNICATIONS

- Summer School began June 7, 2010 and all Summer School programs are at Thornwood High School. United Nations Summer Leadership Academy and the Athletic Camps will begin June 14, 2010. All programs are enrolled to capacity with a total enrollment of 1761.
- Thornridge and Thornton High Schools are closed for renovations during the summer. Visit the District website for construction updates.
- The new Student Board was sworn in on May 18, 2010. Goals were set for the 2010-2011 school year. Graduating seniors received letters of commendation from President Obama and local government officials for their service on the Student Board.
- Both sections of the Memorandum of Understanding for the Race To The Top were signed by the Board of Education, Administration and Faculty Association, which makes District 205 a Super LEA.

- Upcoming Events:
  - June 12 ACT Test
  - June 14 UN Summer Leadership Academy begins  
Summer Athletic Camps begin  
College & Career Summer Experience - Arts and Communications Camp begin
  - June 21 Chinese Culture & Language Experience Camp begins  
College & Career Summer Experience – BENT Camp
  - June 28 College & Career Summer Experience – HHS Camp
  - July 5 Holiday - No summer school or summer camps
  - July 6 Board of Education Finance Committee Meeting
  - July 14 Board of Education Meeting
  - July 16 Summer School Graduation – Thornridge
  - July 21 UN Summer Leadership Academy End-of-year Celebration

In the absence of Mr. Banks, Dr. King appointed Mrs. Lawrence to act as Secretary Pro Tem. Upon voice vote, all voted aye.

SECRETARY PRO  
TEM

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

FOIA

1. Request for security guard payroll information;
2. Most recent RFP and contract for bus transportation.

- Shelly Taylor (Thornridge parent) asked for the status of the football team. Dr. Buckner stated that the coach resigned.
- Micha Thomas (Dolton) asked about the football camp scheduled for Thornridge. Dr. Buckner called upon Ms. Waller to address the issue. Ms. Waller left the meeting to call the Athletic Director for information.
- Felita Crayton (Dolton) asked: 1) is it board policy or contractual for coaches to be hired from within the building; and 2) what is the procedure for filling the Board vacancy. The response was: 1) Mr. Crowley advised that because it is a general personnel issue the question should be submitted in writing; and 2) Dr. Buckner directed her to submit the question in writing.
- Nate Johnson (parent) had concerns about the Athletic Department. He asked for the contingency plan for the football team because the coach resigned. Dr. Buckner responded that the coach had just resigned and the issue is being addressed with the Athletic Director immediately.
- Kimberly Cleveland (Lansing) represented Dr. Pamela Moss-Jones from the South Suburban HIV and AIDS Coalition to propose the District to become part of the AIDS walk on October 2, 2010. She brought information for the Board's consideration.

PUBLIC  
PARTICIPATION

Deborah Ubriaco, Faculty Association Executive Director, presented the Ray Price Memorial Scholarship to four graduates. They are: Camren Brown, Thornridge, will study music at Hampton University; Javon Smith, Thornton, will study English at DePaul University; Craig Jahnke, Thornwood, will study Special Education at Northern Illinois University; and Matthew Lahmon, who was awarded the first vocational scholarship, will attend Universal Technical Institute. The Board congratulated the recipients.

RAY PRICE  
MEMORIAL  
SCHOLARSHIP

Principal Waller and the Thornridge parents met outside the Board meeting room to discuss the football coach situation.

PRINCIPAL WALLER  
MET WITH  
PARENTS

Mr. Williams moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded, to **Approve the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) Annual Dues** for \$11,350.00, which is a \$225 increase over last year's dues. IASB membership includes workshops, conferences, tools to support the policymaking role of the school board, legislative reports, analysis of new laws, assistance with school board governance, self-evaluation, policymaking, and Board-Superintendent relations. On roll call, Members, King, Lawrence, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF IASB  
ANNUAL DUES

Dr. King presented the first reading of the **District 205 School Board Policy**. The Policy Committee met with an IASB representative to update the policy manual. The Policy will sit for thirty (30) days and be presented for approval at the July 14<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Any questions concerning the policy should be addressed to the Board Secretary, Rose Papaleo, at 465 E. 170<sup>th</sup> Street, South Holland, IL 60473. The policy will be available on the District 205 website on June 10, 2010 and a hard copy will be available for public viewing at the District Office.

APPROVAL OF  
DISTRICT 205  
SCHOOL BOARD  
POLICY

Dr. Penman moved, Mr. Williams seconded to **Approve the School Board Policies Online Subscription** as presented by Dr. Buckner. The subscription provides online service to monitor and update the District 205 School Board Policy. The annual subscription fee is \$2500.00 with a one-time publishing fee of \$950.00. On roll call, Members, King, Lawrence, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF  
SCHOOL BOARD  
POLICIES ONLINE  
SUBSCRIPTION

Mr. Gress presented the Thornridge Structural Report completed by Tria Architecture and Metro Engineering who reviewed the roofing, building envelope, building structure and mechanical (HVAC system). The immediate needs at Thornridge were identified as follows:

THORNRIDGE  
STRUCTURAL  
REPORT

- heating and AC renovations;
- masonry repair—the entire masonry and structure of the 40+ year-old building was inspected thoroughly. The structural report was better than anticipated, which will result in less dollars spent.
- window replacement—the original windows are in disrepair and need complete replacement, which would result in increased energy efficiency.
- life safety items—elevator to various doors to be recessed or replaced; everything to make it code compliance to today's standards. Codes have changed a lot over the past 40 years.
- toilet room renovations—toilet rooms do not meet current State codes (district-wide). They must be made ADA complaint and meet State codes which includes tearing down walls (the stalls are too small) and related plumbing renovations.
- roofing repairs—the building is in desperate need of a new roof.

The 5-10 year needs were identified as: renovate pools; additional roofing repairs; renovate the football field, concession stands, bleachers and press box; and renovate weight training facilities.

Tria Architecture has updated the capital improvement priority listing. Some of these projects have been approved and are already underway. Priority 1 items identified are: Thornton: building masonry repairs; life safety items; new vestibules; pool renovations and toilet room renovations. Technical Building: life safety items; roofing repairs; toilet room renovations; science lab renovations and heating and air conditioning renovations. Thornwood: life safety items; toilet room renovations and plumbing renovations. Thornridge's immediate needs were identified in the structural report.

APPROVAL OF  
CAPITAL  
IMPROVEMENT  
RECOMMENDATIONS

Projects previously approved by the Board of Education total approximately \$16,611,975. The cost of the Thornridge structural and district-wide capital improvement immediate needs is \$33,244,675 for a total of \$49,856,650. All funds for projects completed must be disbursed by November 2012.

Dr. King stated that a special meeting would be held in late June to make decisions on the capital improvements. No action taken.

Mr. Williams moved, Dr. Penman seconded, to **Approve the Prevailing Wage Act Resolution.** The resolution is an annual activity required of all public bodies in Illinois. The Finance Committee recommends approval of this Resolution. On roll call, Members, King, Lawrence, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF  
2010-2011  
PREVAILING WAGE  
ACT RESOLUTION

Mr. Williams moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded to **Approve the Thornwood Seating Bid** as presented by Mr. Gress to Shiffler Equipment in the amount of \$32,920.81. The low bid from Larson Equipment did not meet bid specifications and was disqualified. The Finance Committee has reviewed the bid and sample seats and recommends awarding the bid to Shiffler Equipment. On roll call, Members, King, Lawrence, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF  
THORNWOOD  
SEATING BID

Mr. Williams moved, Dr. Penman seconded to **Approve the Security Bid** as presented by Mr. Gress to Diamond Detective in the amount of \$1,679,222.30, who has provided security services to the District for the past 40 years. This amount is lower than the current pricing and will provide increased guard training specific to each building. The Finance Committee has reviewed the bid and recommends approval of a one-year contract with the option to renew at CPI prices for the next four years. On roll call, Members, King, Lawrence, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF  
SECURITY BID

Mr. Williams moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded to **Approve the Thornridge Gymnasium Floor Bid** as presented by Mr. Gress. Due to previous construction issues with the low bidder, the Finance Committee recommended the bid be awarded to the second lowest bidder, Krause Construction, in the amount of \$219,650.00. On roll call, Members, King, Lawrence, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF  
THORNRIDGE  
GYMNASIUM  
FLOOR BID

Mr. Williams moved, Dr. Penman seconded to **Approve the Science Lab Pre-purchase Bid** as presented by Mr. Gress. The bid was awarded to Harry J. Kloeppel & Associates in the amount of \$460,356.00 for furniture for the science lab project. On roll call, Members, King, Lawrence, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF  
SCIENCE LAB PRE-  
PURCHASE BID

None.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Williams seconded to approve the following disciplinary actions:

STUDENT  
DISCIPLINE

Student Case #2F-0910-21: **Hold the Expulsion in Abeyance** through June 2011 and recommended placement in Academy For Learning.

Student Case #2B-0910-22: **Hold the Expulsion in Abeyance** through June 2011 and recommended placement in Academy For Learning.

Student Case #2B-0910-23: **Hold the Expulsion in Abeyance** through June 2011 and recommended placement in Academy For Learning.

Student Case #2H-0910-24: **Hold the Expulsion in Abeyance** through June 2011 and recommended placement in Academy For Learning.

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

At 7:52 p.m., Mr. Williams moved, Dr. Penman seconded, to **Adjourn the Meeting** On roll call, On roll call, Members, King, Lawrence, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

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President

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Secretary Pro Tem