

MINUTES OF A **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD ON **WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 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 6:00 p.m. On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, King, Lawrence and Penman answered. Members Williams 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. Rick Shields, Director of Human Resources; 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; Mr. Al Pearson, Thornridge Assistant Principal; Mrs. Darcelle Williams, Thornwood Principal; Mr. Ken Wendorff, Faculty Association President; Ms. Suzanne Garcia, Faculty Association Executive Director, and Mr. Brian Crowley, District 205 Legal Counsel, were also present.

ROLL
CALL

At 6:01 p.m., Mrs. Lawrence moved, Dr. Banks seconded, to go into **Executive Session**. On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, King, Lawrence and Penman voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNED
TO EXECUTIVE
SESSION

At 6:30 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

Dr. Penman moved, Mr. Williams 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 May 12, 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:
May 12, 2010

BILLS

RESIGNATIONS

RELEASE

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

EMPLOYMENT

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

At 7:02 p.m., Mrs. Lawrence joined the meeting.

MRS. LAWRENCE
JOINED MEETING

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

FOIA

1. Request for Proposal for food service and winning bid;
2. Newspaper and yearbook advisor positions information;
3. Bid and specs, reports and sums of monies from the April 6 and May 4, 2010 Finance Committee meetings.

Mr. Doss presented the following information:

COMMUNICATIONS

- Thornridge Half Cap Ceremony was held on May 7, 2010 to recognize sophomores on track to graduate in 2 years. The keynote speaker was Secretary of State, Jesse White.
- Thornton and Thornwood Digital media Teams competed in South Suburban College's Commercial Video Contest. Thornton students placed third for their entry and both Thornwood teams placed second.
- The Thornton Alumni Legacy Fund (TALF) Annual Alumni Day took place on May 14, 2010 with a luncheon at Thornton High School and a dinner at the Serbian Hall where the following alumni were inducted into the Thornton Hall of Fame: Navistar CEO, Dan Ustian, Attorney Lorna Propes and Dr. J. Kamala Buckner, Superintendent.
- Congratulations to Thornton Alum Shaina Rozell who will graduate from Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine on May 20, 2010.
- Thornwood senior Britney Terpstra received a \$64,000 scholarship to major in Nursing at Olivet Nazarene University.
- Thornwood's Health & Human Services House held at career fair which was organized by the Student Board. Fifteen individuals from various professions attended to speak to students.
- Second Annual District 205 Physics Phestival was held on May 6, 2010 at Thornwood on the football field. Students from the three high schools' science departments demonstrated concepts of physics and chemistry to the Thornton Township Teaching & Learning Partnership (TTTLP) feeder school students.
- The Parent Academy will meet on Thursday, May 27, 2010 in the Thornwood Library from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- Ingalls Memorial Foundation leadership awarded five scholarships to District 205 graduating seniors at the annual breakfast held on May 7, 2010.
- Parents and students were acknowledged for a successful first year at the year-end ceremony of the Thornton Township Academy of Truck & Diesel Technology Powered by Navistar held on May 11, 2010 which was attended by Navistar CEO, Dan Ustian. All students graduated from the program. Dinner was catered by the District 205 International Culinary Arts Program and paid for by Navistar.
- Upcoming Events:
 - May 14 Thornridge Prom
 - May 21 Thornton and Thornwood Prom
 - May 24 Senior Exams
 - May 25 Senior Exams
 - May 25 Curriculum Meeting, Thornwood, 6:00 p.m.
 - May 27 Parent Academy, Thornwood, 6:30 p.m.
 - May 29 Graduation
 - May 31 Memorial Day (No School)
 - June 1 2nd Semester End Grades Due
 - June 1 Finance Committee Meeting, District Office, 9:30 a.m.
 - June 2 Last day of school
 - June 7 College Exposure Camp
 - June 7 Summer School and BOOST Program begins
 - June 9 Board of Education Meeting, Thornwood, 7:00 p.m.
 - June 14 Arts and Communications Camp
 - June 14 Summer Athletic Camp begins
 - June 14 United Nations Summer Leadership Academy begins

- Dr. Buckner added that due to the construction taking place throughout the District, Thornton and Thornridge will be closed for the summer. Summer school and other activities will be held at Thornwood. The Thornton Field House will hold Summer Athletic Camps, everything else is unavailable.
- Dr. Buckner introduced Mr. Truesdale who requested Board representatives, Mrs. Lawrence and Dr. Penman, to schedule a curriculum meeting for community input. The meeting was set for May 25, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the Thornwood cafeteria.
- Mr. Burton stated that he has received robo calls after midnight. Dr. Buckner instructed Mrs. Brunson to be certain robo calls do not go out after 9:00 p.m.
- Felita Crayton (Dolton): 1) stated that the time of 6:00 p.m. for the curriculum meeting is not a good time for the entire community; 2) asked what is the notice of remedy; 3) what is the amount of the district bills; 4) had questions about the timeline of capital improvement projects and 5) asked if the chemistry textbook will sit for 30 days. In response: 1) Dr. King thanked her for the input; 2) Mr. Crowley stated that the notice of remedy concerns teachers' tenure status; 3) Mr. Gress will provide the information to her; 4) Dr. King instructed her to give her questions to Mr. Gress for response; 5) yes.
- Deborah Smith (Thornridge parent) thanked the Board and everyone for their support to enable her daughter to travel to Africa to study for 3 weeks.

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION

Mr. Burton moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded, to **Approve the Chemistry Textbook** as presented by Mr. Truesdale. The textbook has been on display for public viewing for thirty (30) days. On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, King, Lawrence, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
CHEMISTRY
TEXTBOOK

Student Board members Micha Davis, representing the Student Board President and Garrick Bradley, representing the Secretary, read a Resolution addressed to the Board, thanking Mrs. Lawrence, Board members and Dr. Buckner for, among other things, establishing the Student Board of Education to represent the needs and concerns of the student body of District 205 and for the First Annual Student Honors Celebration.

STUDENT BOARD
RESOLUTION

Mr. Banks moved, Mr. Burton seconded to **Approve the Out-of-Sate Field Trip** as presented by Mrs. Williams for four Thornwood students to travel to Kansas City, Missouri to participate in the 2010 National Forensic League Tournament from June 13–18, 2010. On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, King, Lawrence, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
OUT-OF-STATE
FIELD TRIP

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Williams seconded to **Approve the Race To The Top Phase II Memorandum of Understanding** as presented by Mr. Truesdale. Illinois was not funded in the first round, having placed fifth with 42% of districts submitting the Memorandum of Understanding. Changes for Phase II include additional funding for STEM programs and additional Professional Development. Illinois will submit the Phase II application in June 2010. On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, King, Lawrence, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
PHASE II RACE TO
THE TOP
MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING

Mr. Burton moved, Dr. Penman seconded to **Approve District 205 as the ECHO Joint Agreement Administrative Agent** from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013 as presented by Dr. Buckner. Due to the number of District 205 students enrolled in various ECHO programs, the District pays over 60% of the tuition for the ECHO Joint Agreement. On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, King, Lawrence, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
DISTRICT 205 AS
ECHO JOINT
AGREEMENT
ADMINISTRATIVE
AGENT

Mr. Burton moved, Mr. Williams seconded, to **Approve the 2010-2011 Student Fee Schedule.** The Finance Committee recommends approval of this schedule which is the same as last year. On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, King, Lawrence, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
2010-2011
STUDENT FEES

Mr. Burton moved, Mrs. Lawrence, seconded to **Approve the P.E. Uniform Bid** as presented by Mr. Gress to St. John Sports in the amount of \$30,193.12. The first bid opening was rejected for lack of competitive bids and the second bid opening resulted in an approximate \$3,000.00 savings. The Finance Committee has reviewed the bid and recommends approval. On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, King, Lawrence, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF P.E.
UNIFORM BID

Mr. Burton moved, Dr. Penman seconded to **Approve the Track Resurfacing Bid** for Thornridge and Thornwood as presented by Mr. Gress to Track Surfaces Company in the amount of \$179,000.00. The Finance Committee has reviewed the bid and recommends approval. On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, King, Lawrence, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
TRACK
RESURFACING BID

Mr. Williams moved, Mr. Burton seconded to **Approve the Activity Bus Bid** as presented by Mr. Gress to Southern Bus in the amount of \$124,824.00. Buses carry 14 passengers and are needed because students may not be transported in the school vans. The Finance Committee has reviewed the bid and recommends approval. On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, King, Lawrence, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
ACTIVITY BUS BID

Mr. Burton moved, Mr. Banks seconded to **Approve the Gymnasium Lighting Renovations Bid** as presented by Mr. Gress. The Finance Committee has reviewed all bids and recommends the bid be awarded to Metropolitan Corporation in the amount of \$439,100.00. On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, King, Lawrence, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
GYMNASIUM
LIGHTING
RENOVATIONS BID

Mr. Williams moved, Mr. Burton seconded to **Approve the Asbestos Removal Bid** as presented by Mr. Gress for asbestos removal during the summer of 2010 including, but not limited to, the Thornton bookstore, Thornwood and Thornton cafeterias, Thornridge hallways and gymnasium floors at all schools. Notice will be made to the public via building and website postings. The low bid from SBE Enterprises of \$389,744.00 was withdrawn due to calculation errors in their bid. The second low bid in the amount of \$460,840.00 was awarded to Safe Environment as recommended by the Finance Committee. On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, King, Lawrence, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
ASBESTOS
REMOVAL BID

Mr. Williams moved, Mr. Burton seconded to **Bid the Complete Renovation of the Thornton Auditorium.** On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, King, Lawrence, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
THORNTON
AUDITORIUM
REPAIRS

Dr. Buckner stated that a new feature on District website entitled "Under Construction" will soon be available, listing the current status of all Board approved construction projects.

MISCELLANEOUS

Dr. Penman moved, Mr. Burton seconded to approve the following disciplinary actions:

STUDENT
DISCIPLINE

Student Case #1A-0910-10: **Hold the Expulsion in Abeyance** through June 2011 and recommended placement in Academy For Learning.

Student Case #3F-0910-17: **Hold the Expulsion in Abeyance** through June 2012 and recommended placement in Second Chance.

Student Case #3B-0910-18: **Hold the Expulsion in Abeyance** through June 2012 and recommended placement in Academy For Learning.

Student Case #2H-0910-17: **Hold the Expulsion in Abeyance** through June 2010 to finish Final Exams at Thornridge.

Student Case #2F-0910-18: **Hold the Expulsion in Abeyance** through June 2011 and recommended placement in Academy For Learning.

Student Case #2B-0910-19: **Hold the Expulsion in Abeyance** through June 2011 and recommended placement in the Academy For Learning.

Student Case #2F-0910-20: **Hold the Expulsion in Abeyance** through June 2011 and recommended placement in Academy For Learning.

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

Dr. Penman moved, Mr. Burton seconded to **Hold the Expulsion in Abeyance** for Student Case #2H-0910-17 through June 2010 to finish Final Exams at Thornridge.

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

The Faculty Association representative could not be in attendance to present the Ray Price Memorial Scholarship. Dr. Buckner introduced Camren Brown, Thornridge senior, who expressed his gratitude for receiving the award and stated that he will attend Grambling State University to major in music education.

RAY PRICE
MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP

At 8:05 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

President

Secretary