

MINUTES OF A **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD ON **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2010** IN THE AUDITORIUM AT THORNTON HIGH SCHOOL, HARVEY, ILLINOIS, BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. On roll call, Members Burton, King, Lawrence and Penman answered. Members Banks, 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 Ms. Shelli Anderson, District 205 Legal Counsel, were also present.

ROLL  
CALL

In the absence of the Secretary, Mrs. Lawrence served as Secretary *Pro Tem*.

SECRETARY  
*PRO TEM*

At 6:03 p.m., Mr. Burton moved, Dr. Penman seconded, to go into **Executive Session**. On roll call, Members Burton, King, Lawrence and Penman voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNED  
TO EXECUTIVE  
SESSION

At 6:52 p.m., Mrs. Lawrence moved, Dr. King seconded, to **Return to Regular Session**. On roll call, Members Burton, King, Lawrence and Penman voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

RETURNED TO  
REGULAR SESSION

Mr. Burton moved, Mrs. Lawrence 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 March 10, 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 Open Session of March 18, 2010.
- The minutes of the Special Meeting Open Session of March 29, 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:  
March 10, 2010

March 18, 2010

March 29, 2010

BILLS

RESIGNATIONS

RELEASE

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

EMPLOYMENT

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

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

FOIA

1. List of architects included in the architect search process;
2. Administrative contracts;
3. Sign in sheets for 2009 asbestos removal project;
4. Information on employee absences; personal information exemption requested through Attorney General's Office to ensure no violation of HIPPA laws.

Mr. Doss presented the following information:

COMMUNICATIONS

- Per the instructions of the Board of Education, the Student Board and Administration will host a Student Honors Celebration on Tuesday, May 4, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. to honor students for PSAE and IHSA achievements throughout the year.
- The Thornridge Bagpipe Newspaper won the Best Layout & Design award at the Southwest Suburban Conference. Laquisha Patton won first place in editorial writing and Gabrielle Dillon won second place in sports writing.
- Thornridge drama team won awards at the State Speech Tournament in dramatic duet acting, contest play and group interpretation.
- Mr. Dave Konkol, Thornridge English teacher and National Honor Society sponsor, was named Educator of the Year by the Illinois Directors of Student Activities Association.
- Thornridge students participated in the Family Career Community Leaders of America Program State Competition, winning several medals. Gold medal winner Marquita Jackson was invited to the National Competition in July 2010.
- Thornton's Project Lead the Way Program competed in two rounds of the Destination Imagination State Competition and will compete at the global finals in Tennessee which includes students across the nation as well as China and Russia.
- Thornton students Meena Vhora and Curtis Thread won the Ingalls Hospital Foundation Scholarship.
- Thornton senior Kelis King is a semi-finalist in the 2010 \$20,000 National Junior Achievement Scholarship competition.
- Thornton Band participated in the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Talent Search Competition.
- Thornwood's Group Interpretation, *Cabin in the Sky*, placed fourth in the state competition. Thornwood is ranked #1 in all categories in Speech.
- Thornwood senior Temptope Adeyeni won the Ingalls Memorial Scholarship and is also a finalist for the Gates Millennium Scholarship; Chinyere Evulukwu is a finalist for the Comcast Achievers Scholarship.
- Dr. Buckner was interviewed by CNN for the District's new \$1 million partnership with Navistar. The Navistar Diesel Truck Program partnership is one of only three in the nation.
- The District 205 Academic Enrichment Foundation 2010 Star Award Winners were honored at the Star Gala as follows: Ron Kokesh from Thornridge, Veronica Peppers from Thornton and Deborah Ubriaco from Thornwood. The award for Community Service was renamed the Ed Van Kley Star Award in honor of the late Board of Directors member and was presented to Representative William Davis.
- Upcoming Events:
  - April 16 Progress 1 reporting period ends
  - April 28 Prairie State Achievement Exams
  - April 29 Prairie State Achievement Exams
  - SAT registration deadline for June 5 test
  - May 3 National Teachers Appreciation Week

May 4 Students Awards Ceremony  
 May 7 ACT registration deadline for June 12 test  
 Progress 2 reporting period ends  
 May 11 Progress 2 Grades Due  
 May 12 Late Start  
 Board of Education Meeting, Thornwood High School, 7:00 p.m. for the months of May, June, July and August

- Felita Crayton (Dolton) asked: 1) the amount of the district bills; 2) is the community invited to the May 4 honors celebration; 3) stated that the public is not allowed time to ask questions about the Superintendent's Report; 4) had questions about the timeline of capital improvement projects and 5) asked if the chemistry textbook will sit for 30 days. Dr. Buckner 1) responded a copy will be provided to her; 2) the community will be invited; 4) Dr. King instructed her to give her questions to Mr. Gress for response; 5) yes.
- Cleo Smith (South Holland) stated that good things are happening throughout the District and some things need improvement. His real estate taxes provide \$3900 for schools. He recited some academic statistics of District 205 students and stated teachers are given raises regardless of performance. He requested that the Board hold a meeting to address these issues.
- Ms. Sligh (Thornwood parent) had a safety concern about the student drop off path. Some individuals are not following the path and it is creating a hazard for possible accidents. She would like the District to revisit the way it is designed, possibly with more signs, cones, etc.

PUBLIC  
PARTICIPATION

Mr. Burton moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded, to **Approve the Phone System Installation Bid** as presented by Mr. Gress. The initial pricing range with the vendors was reduced and the low bid of \$308,596.15 was awarded to Altura Communications, the current phone support vendor. It includes a 5-year maintenance program. The Finance Committee has recommended approval of the bid. On roll call, Members Burton, King, Lawrence and Penman voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF  
PHONE SYSTEM  
INSTALLATION

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Dr. Penman seconded to **Approve the Out-of-Sate Field Trip** as presented by Dr. Lyke for seven Thornton students to travel to Knoxville, Tennessee from May 25 to May 30, 2010 to participate in the Destination Imagination Global Competition at the University of Tennessee. On roll call, Members Burton, King, Lawrence and Penman voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF  
OUT-OF-STATE  
FIELD TRIP

Mr. Burton moved, Dr. King seconded to **Approve the Submission of the School Improvement Plan Grant** for each of the three schools as presented by Mr. Truesdale. The grant allows schools to apply for \$50,000 to \$2 million per year for up to three years for school improvement initiatives. In response to the Board, Mr. Truesdale stated no further Board action is required. Dr. King emphasized that collaboration and Faculty Association support is highly desired in this endeavor. On roll call, Members Burton, King, Lawrence and Penman voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL TO  
SUBMIT SCHOOL  
IMPROVEMENT  
PLAN GRANT

Mr. Truesdale presented the *Active Chemistry* textbook to the Board for 30-day review. This textbook will be available for review at the District Office. Mr. Truesdale will ask for approval for this textbook at the May 12, 2010 Board meeting.

APPROVAL OF  
CHEMISTRY  
TEXTBOOK

Mr. Burton moved, Mrs. Lawrence, seconded to **Approve the 2010-2011 IHSA Membership** as presented by Dr. Buckner. No payment for membership is required. The IHSA governs the equitable participation in interscholastic athletics and activities. On roll call, Members Burton, King, Lawrence and Penman voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF  
2010-2011 IHSA  
MEMBERSHIP

Mr. Burton moved, Dr. Penman seconded to **Approve the Copy Paper Bid** as presented by Mr. Gress. The Finance Committee has reviewed the bids received and recommends the bid be awarded to Midland Paper for four deliveries during the year in the amount of \$83,731.20. The terms are a 2% discount within 10 days; and net payment on the invoice within 30 days. On roll call, Members Burton, King, Lawrence and Penman voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF  
COPY PAPER BID

Mr. Burton moved, Dr. Penman seconded to **Approve the Navistar Renovation Bid** for the final Navistar classroom as presented by Mr. Gress to Jenkins Construction with the base bid of \$581,739, plus alternate #2 which is to move the substantial completion date from August 6 to July 15, 2010. The Finance Committee has reviewed the bid and recommends its approval. On roll call, Members Burton, King, Lawrence and Penman voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF  
NAVISTAR  
RENOVATION BID

Dr. Buckner reminded the audience that the May, June, July and August Board meetings will be held at Thornwood. Work has moved forward with the Thornton tennis courts.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Dr. Penman seconded to approve the following disciplinary actions:

STUDENT  
DISCIPLINE

Student Case #1F-0910-08: **Hold the Expulsion in Abeyance** through June 2011 and recommended placement in Second Chance.

Student Case #2A-0910-15: **Hold the Expulsion in Abeyance** through June 2011 and recommended placement in Second Chance.

Student Case #2B-0910-16: **Hold the Expulsion in Abeyance** through June 2011 and recommended placement in Second Chance.

Student Case #3F-0910-09: **Hold the Expulsion in Abeyance** through June 2011 and recommended placement in RISE.

Student Case #3B-0910-11: **Hold the Expulsion in Abeyance** through June 2011 and recommended placement in RISE.

Student Case #3B-0910-14: **Hold the Expulsion in Abeyance** through June 2011 and recommended placement in the Academy for Learning.

Student Case #BF-0910-15: **Hold the Expulsion in Abeyance** through June 2011 and recommended placement in Second Chance.

Student Case #3RISE-0910-16: **Hold the Expulsion in Abeyance** through June 2011 and recommended placement in Second Chance.

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

At 7:35 p.m., Mrs. Lawrence moved, Dr. Penman seconded, to **Adjourn the Meeting**. On roll call, Members Burton, King, Lawrence and Penman voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

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President

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Secretary Pro Tem