

MINUTES OF THE **OPEN SESSION OF A SPECIAL MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD ON **MARCH 29, 2010**, AT THE VOCATIONAL BUILDING AT THORNTON HIGH SCHOOL, ROOM T-107, HARVEY, ILLINOIS, BEGINNING AT 5:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by the President for the purpose of discussing and/or acting on contractual issues.

PURPOSE OF MEETING

A copy of the meeting and certification by the Secretary are a part of the official minutes.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. On roll call, Members Burton, King, Penman and Williams answered. Members Banks, Lawrence and Ware were absent. Dr. J. Kamala Buckner, Superintendent, Mr. Steven Gress, Director of Business Operations, Mr. Tom, Szurgot of Tria Architecture and Mr. Keith O'Higgins of Metro Designs were also present.

ROLL CALL

Dr. King commended the Star Award recipients at the Academic Enrichment Foundation Dinner held on March 27. Dr. Buckner added that over \$20,000 was raised.

BOARD PRESIDENT COMMENT

Mr. Gress provided the financial timeline which includes spending all capital improvement dollars by November 2012. In order to accomplish this, the projects must be completed during the summer of 2010, 2011 and 2012. Projects must be identified in order for bids to be received for the May 2010 Board meeting. By identifying the projects early, the best bid pricing will be received. He explained that four months of design time are needed and six weeks for bidding time. A project identified on March 29, 2010 would be completed for the start of school in August 2011.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS DISCUSSION

Many of the top five items selected by staff, students, community and the architects, are common among the groups. They are as follows:

Thornton: ADA (Americans With Disabilities Act) accessibility - \$500,000; auditorium renovations - \$3,920,000; cafeteria renovations - \$2,325,000; heating and A/C system - \$18,575,000; technology; toilet room renovations - \$3,440,000, and window replacement - \$5,510,000. Technology is typically funded from operations, not capital improvement. A discussion took place about the age of Thornton High School and whether it could withstand the installation of a new heating and A/C system. The architect described the infrastructure of the building and stated the integrity of the building would not be compromised. The question arose whether the money would be best spent for heating and air conditioning. The cost for certain structural issues, such as stairwells, are in the life safety category.

At 5:12 p.m., Mr. Banks joined the meeting.

MR. BANKS JOINED MEETING

Thornton Technical Building: ADA accessibility - \$50,000; green roof - \$500,000, and toilet room renovations - \$50,000.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS DISCUSSION, Con't.

Thornridge: ADA accessibility - \$1,800,000; cafeteria renovations - \$1,510,000; field house construction - \$8,600,000; science room renovations - \$600,000; technology, and toilet room renovations - \$2,150,000.

Thornwood: ADA accessibility - \$700,000; auditorium construction \$8,600,000; cafeteria renovations - \$2,315,000; technology, and toilet room renovations - \$1,935,000.

- The current heating systems at all three high schools are at or beyond their useful life. The boilers at Thornton were installed in 1964 and 1980; Thornridge in 1961 and Thornwood in 1970. A discussion ensued about the problems of the current systems and the logistics of replacing the heating and air conditioning systems.
- The Board suggested replacing the windows with an energy efficient model at Thornton and to determine if that would make a significant difference in fuel costs.

- Thornridge and Thornwood air conditioning will need attention in the next few years and will cost approximately \$10 million. The staff continually complains about the air quality of Thornridge during the summer.
- Thornton auditorium has possible asbestos issues under the tile.
- The structural problems of Thornridge were discussed. The building cannot support anything on the roof. A field house would be a stand-alone building and would be structurally sound.

The Board concluded that the following projects were identified: ADA accessibility for all four buildings; cafeteria renovation for the three high schools; window replacement at Thornton.

None.

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION

At 6:22 p.m., Mr. Burton moved, Mr. Banks seconded, to **Adjourn the Meeting**. On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, King, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

President

Secretary

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