

MINUTES OF A **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD ON **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2010** IN THE AUDITORIUM AT THORNTON HIGH SCHOOL, HARVEY, ILLINOIS, BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. On roll call, Members Banks, King, Penman and Williams answered. Members Burton, Lawrence and Ware were absent. Dr. J. Kamala Buckner, Superintendent; Mr. Tim Truesdale, Associate Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and External Funding; Dr. Paige A. Dague, Assistant Superintendent for Accountability, Research, Freshman Academy & TTTLP; 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. Brian Crowley, District 205 Legal Counsel; Mr. Tony Ratliff, Thornton Assistant Principal; Mr. Scott Savage, Thornton Assistant Principal; Ms. Kim Waller, Thornridge Principal; Mrs. Darcelle Williams, Thornwood Principal; Mr. Ken Wendorff, Faculty Association President and Ms. Suzanne Garcia, Faculty Association Executive Director were also present.

ROLL  
CALL

Dr. King offered a moment of silence for the victims of the devastating natural disaster that struck the Island of Haiti on Tuesday, January 12, 2010. In response to this tragedy, Dr. Buckner has directed each building's administrative team to organize student projects to contribute to the global humanitarian relief effort.

MOMENT OF  
SILENCE

Mr. Williams moved, Mr. Banks seconded, to **Approve the Consent Agenda**, which includes the following:

CONSENT AGENDA

- The minutes of the regular meeting and Executive Session(s) of the Regular meeting of December 9, 2009. The minutes of the Executive Session(s) of this meeting(s) 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
- Leave of Absence: See Director of Human Resources
- Employment: See Director of Human Resources

MINUTES:  
December 9 , 2009

BILLS

RESIGNATIONS

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

EMPLOYMENT

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

None.

FOIA

Mr. Doss provided the following information:

COMMUNICATIONS

- On January 16 at 10:00 a.m., the First Reformed Church in South Holland will hold a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration.
- On January 19 at 10:00 a.m., Thornton Township and Thornton Township High School Dist. 205 will host a King Day Celebration at South Suburban College.
- On January 19 at 10:00 a.m., Bethlehem Temple Missionary Baptist Church will host a King Day Celebration and honor Superintendent Buckner for her work in education and mentoring students with college applications and scholarship opportunities.

District 205 students will participate in the International Trends and Services' LIFE Program sponsored by The South Suburban Chicago Chapter of the Links, Incorporated. There will be an introductory event at UIC on January 19, 2010.

Superintendent J. Kamala Buckner will be honored at the Top Ladies of Distinction-Lincoln Park Chicago Chapter Luncheon, *Celebrating Women in School Administration, Those Who Excel*, on January 30, 2010.

COMMUNICATIONS,  
Con't.

Thirty-five District 205 students have applied for the Gates Millennium Scholarship, which is a national scholarship competition that pays 100% of college tuition for selected students for both undergraduate and graduate level degrees.

Ayodeji Ogunniyi, a first-year teacher at Thornwood, was featured on the front page of the Chicago Tribune for his work with students and his unique calling for teaching.

Calendar of Events:

January 18	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (No School)
January 22	Progress 1 Reporting Period Ends
January 25	Full-day Institutes, students not in session
January 26	Progress 1 Grades Due
February 3	District Curriculum Committee Meeting
February 4	SAT Registration deadline for March 13 test
February 10	Board of Education Meeting, Thornton Auditorium

The following individuals spoke during Public Participation:

PUBLIC  
PARTICIPATION

- Kim Waller (Thornridge Principal) celebrated Dr. Buckner for the distinctive honor she received as well as the participation and performances of District 205 students at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration at South Suburban College.
- Walter Johnson (Thornridge parent) had concerns about credits for his daughter's classes in relation to graduation. Ms. Waller and Mr. Truesdale spoke with the parent privately at the meeting.
- Ms. Cole (Thornwood parent) stated that graduation and prom dates conflict with down-state track and field competition and asked for a resolution. Dr. Buckner explained that a separate graduation ceremony is held for athletes if a sport competition is on graduation day. Prom must be scheduled a year in advance so nothing can be done about that. Mrs. Williams spoke privately with the parent at the meeting.
- Shelly Taylor Johnson (Burnham) had comments of a nature that Dr. King invited her to share during Executive Session.
- Felita Crayton (Dolton) asked 1) if volunteer community service hours are accepted from outside entities with no prejudice; 2) what is Race to the Top; 3) will the community be informed; 4) for clarification that outside volunteer hours should not be denied by any sponsor. Dr. Buckner stated: 1) there is no Board policy specifically addressing the subject; 2) Race to the Top is a \$4.3 billion grant from the U.S. Department of Education, the State of Illinois must submit an application to the U.S. Dept. of Education to show support and Mr. Truesdale will further explain it later this evening; 3) each school's parent advisory will have a discussion on the subject; 4) Dr. Buckner asked to speak with Mrs. Crayton further on the issue.
- Ryan Black (Thornton student) asked that the Prom and/or graduation date be changed because annually they always conflict with the track and field competition. Dr. King commended the student for addressing the Board and Dr. Buckner stated that a separate graduation ceremony is held for athletes if a sport competition is on graduation day but nothing can be done about prom for this year. Dr. Buckner stated that possibly by looking at IHSA schedules, something could be figured out for both events in the future.

Dr. Penman moved, Mr. Williams seconded, to **Approve the H1N1 Vaccination Program** as presented by Mr. Shields. The Memorandum of Understanding allows the District to work with the Cook County Department of Public Health to host a clinic if the situation warrants. On roll call, Members Banks, King, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF  
H1N1 VACCINA-  
TION PROGRAM

Mr. Truesdale presented information on Race to the Top, a \$4.3 billion grant from the Department of Education set aside through federal legislation. All states can apply for the funding. He described the four areas of reform related to the grant: adopting standards and assessments for students; building data systems to improve instruction; recruiting, developing, rewarding and retaining effective teachers and principals, and turning around our lowest-achieving schools. Also included is the development of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM)-related programs of study specifically for high school and the implementation of a statewide longitudinal data system used to improve instruction.

RACE TO THE TOP  
UPDATE

The Board, Superintendent and Faculty Association have signed the Memorandum of Understanding, the purpose of which is to establish a framework of collaboration as well as articulate specific roles and responsibilities in support of the State of Illinois in its implementation of an approved Race to the Top grant project. The State will be informed in April 2010 of the application status and if funded, participating schools will have 90 days to submit plans.

Mr. Shields presented the **Use of Video Surveillance Policy** regarding video cameras in the buildings and buses. The policy states that video surveillance will be used for the health and safety of our students, staff and visitors and as a deterrent to inappropriate behavior. The policy will be reviewed for 30 days and presented to the Board for approval at the February 10, 2010 Board meeting. The policy is posted on the district website ([www.district205.net](http://www.district205.net)).

PRESENTATION OF  
USE OF  
SURVEILLANCE  
VIDEO POLICY

None.

MISCELLANEOUS

None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT

At 7:37 p.m., Dr. Penman moved, Mr. Banks seconded, to go into **Executive Session**. On roll call, Members Banks, King, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNED  
TO EXECUTIVE  
SESSION

At 8:30 p.m., Mr. Williams moved, Dr. Penman seconded, to **Return to Regular Session**. On roll call, Members Banks, King, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

RETURNED TO  
REGULAR SESSION

Mr. Williams moved, Dr. Penman seconded, to **Terminate a Clerical Employee** effective December 23, 2009. On roll call, Members Banks, King, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

PERSONNEL

Mr. Williams moved, Dr. Penman seconded, to **Hold the Expulsion in Abeyance** for Student Case #3A-0910-07 for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year and the 2010-2011 school year and recommended placement in the Academy for Learning, pending availability. On roll call, Members Banks, King, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

STUDENT  
DISCIPLINE CASE  
NO. 3A-0910-07

Mr. Williams moved, Dr. Penman seconded, to **Hold the Expulsion in Abeyance** for Student Case #2F-0910-02 for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year and the 2010-2011 school year and recommended placement in the Academy for Learning, pending availability. On roll call, Members Banks, King, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

STUDENT  
DISCIPLINE CASE  
NO. 2F-0910-02

Mr. Williams moved, Dr. Penman seconded, to **Hold the Expulsion in Abeyance** for Student Case #2A-0910-05 for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year and the 2010-2011 school year and recommended placement in the Academy for Learning, pending availability. On roll call, Members Banks, King, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

STUDENT  
DISCIPLINE CASE  
NO. 2A-0910-05

Mr. Williams moved, Dr. Penman seconded, to **Hold the Expulsion in Abeyance** for Student Case #2B-0910-06 for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year and recommended placement in the Academy For Learning, pending availability. On roll call, Members Banks, King, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

STUDENT  
DISCIPLINE CASE  
NO. 2B-0910-06

Mr. Williams moved, Dr. Penman seconded, to **Hold the Expulsion in Abeyance** for Student Case #2H-0910-07 for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year and recommended placement in the Academy For Learning, pending availability. On roll call, Members Banks, King, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

STUDENT  
DISCIPLINE CASE  
NO. 2H-0910-07

Mr. Williams moved, Mr. Banks seconded, to **Reinstate the Student** for Student Case #2H-0910-08 with the stipulation of citizenship probation for one calendar year and daily searches by security/dean. Any future discipline infractions will result in the student being expelled. On roll call, Members Banks, King, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

STUDENT  
DISCIPLINE CASE  
NO. 2H-0910-08

At 8:36 p.m., Dr. King moved, Mr. Lawrence seconded, to **Adjourn the Meeting.** On roll call, Members Banks, King, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

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President

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Secretary

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**REGULAR SESSION**