

MINUTES OF A **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD ON **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2009** IN THE AUDITORIUM AT THORNTRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL, DOLTON, ILLINOIS, BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, King, Lawrence, Penman and Williams answered. Member Ware was absent. Dr. J. Kamala Buckner, Superintendent; Mr. Steven Gress, Director of Business Operations; Mr. Rick Shields, Director of Human Resources; Mr. Jerry Doss, Director of Public Relations; Mr. Tony Ratliff, Thornton Assistant Principal; Mr. Scott Savage, Thornton Assistant Principal; Ms. Kim Waller, Thornridge Principal; Mrs. Darcelle Williams, Thornwood Principal; and Mr. Ken Wendorff, Faculty Association President were also present.

ROLL
CALL

Dr. King offered a moment of silence in memory of the late Julius Patterson, former Board Member, who passed away on November 25, 2009. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 12, 2009 at Thornton Township High School at 10:00 a.m.

MOMENT OF
SILENCE

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- The minutes of the regular meeting and the abbreviated minutes of the Executive Session(s) of the Regular meeting of November 18, 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:
November 18 , 2009

BILLS

RESIGNATIONS

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

EMPLOYMENT

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

Mr. Gress reported that the District received two FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) requests on December 3 for the 2008-2009 bills for portable toilet services and December 9, 2009 for bid information on gym floors resurfacing. A response to these requests will be completed by Friday, December 11, 2009.

FOIA

Mr. Doss provided the following information:

COMMUNICATIONS

- District 205 will focus on giving during the Holiday Season with the Academic Enrichment Foundation Star Appeal campaign; holiday gift cards for senior citizens at the Harvey YMCA through Restoration Ministries and the Faculty Association is sponsoring a coat drive. The Star Appeal will run from December 4, 2009 through June 2010.
- The Thornridge National Honor Society will sponsor the One Can One Dollar One Smile Food Drive; Mathletes and Scholastic Bowl will sponsor a Holiday Food Drive; the Student Council will collect gift items for veterans; the Scholastic Bowl will conduct a Christmas Candy Sale and the Band Winter Holiday Concert is December 13, 2009.
- At Thornton High School the Health & Human Services House sponsors a toy drive; a hats and mittens drive; and SAVE is conducting a teddy bear, hats and mittens drive; the Holiday Concert is December 11, 2009.
- Thornwood's Student Council is sponsoring the Adopt a Child Program; the Mesdemoiselles are sponsoring a clothes and food drive; SAVE is selecting items to send to the troops in Afghanistan and Iraq; the Athletic Department is sponsoring the Toys for District 205 Tots; the Winter Band Concert is December 9 and the Holiday Band and Choir Concert is at South Suburban College on December 17.

Calendar of Events:

- December 12 Julius Patterson Memorial Service
10:00 a.m, Thornton High School Gym
- December 15 SAT Registration deadline for January 23 test
- December 18 End of 2nd quarter and first semester
- December 19 - Jan. 3 Winter Break
- December 22 Report Cards mailed home
- January 4 Late Start
- January 5 ACT Registration Deadline for February 6 test
- January 13 Board of Education meeting at Thornton High School

COMMUNICATIONS,
Con't.

Dr. Buckner stated that there is now a parent resource page on the District 205 website, which provides all policies as it relates to federal and state Title I parent involvement; information on various policies; parent volunteer opportunities, the Board of Education committees and more. Parents can also access information regarding school closings.

PARENT
RESOURCE
WEBSITE PAGE

The following individuals spoke during Public Participation:

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION

- Felita Crayton (Dolton) asked if there was a committee assigned to put the parent resource page on the website. Dr. Buckner responded that based on the last Board meeting, it became clear that the community wanted more information. The Principals took information to their community groups. Dr. Buckner asked parents for guidance as to what information they wanted on the webpage. Each Building's parent advisory will continue to build on the webpage. Some of the information is provided by the federal website for Board policy.
- Gail Frazier (Dolton) stated that Power School is useful and asked if it was true that Mrs. Crayton is no longer the parent coordinator for Thornridge. Dr. Buckner stated she would speak to Mrs. Frazier personally after the Board meeting.

Mr. Gress stated that the 2009-2010 snow removal contract was awarded to Four Seasons and that pricing on snow removal equipment is being obtained for the 2010-2011 school year so that snow removal services can be done in-house. More detailed information will be forthcoming.

SNOW REMOVAL
BID UPDATE

Mr. Williams moved, Mr. Burton seconded, to **Approve the 2009 Tax Levy** as presented by Mr. Gress in the amount of \$59,836,513. The tax levy was presented at the November Board meeting and there have been no changes and no inquiries on the levy presented. The Finance Committee recommends approval of the Tax Levy and the Resolution to Apportion the Tax Levy. The resolution instructs the County Clerk how to reduce the tax levy should the District receive less than a 4.99% increase. On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, King, Lawrence, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF 2009
TAX LEVY

Mr. Shields reported on the public interest results of the vaccination program offered through the Cook County Department of Public Health. Four confirmed cases of the H1N1 virus have been reported district-wide; there were less than five requests for the vaccination; absence rates are normal for this time of year, and a neighboring high school district held a clinic and only had 200-300 students sign up for the vaccination. The nurse's opinion is that the benefit does not justify disruptions in the classrooms and nurses are providing information for any interested parents. Mrs. Lawrence encouraged everyone to follow the Emergency Influenza-Like Illnesses (ILI) Intervention Plan implemented by District 205 which helps keep students and staff from getting sick. Mr. Burton suggested the District speak to health advocates in order to be pro-active and watch for a spike in the virus. Mr. Shields will investigate as to how many feeder schools were involved in the program. Dr. King asked Mr. Shields to make a recommendation to the Board.

H1N1 VACCINATION
PROGRAM

Mr. Ratliff presented on the Climate and Culture of the Freshmen Academy of all three schools. In order to support the Freshman Academy program to help students master the skills necessary for a regular high school curriculum, 1) a bridge must be built between the high school and the feeder schools by establishing strong relationships with feeder schools principals, speaking to 8th grade students and obtaining data to determine what District 205 needs to offer them as freshmen. The high school will have a strong freshman team of directors, counselors and deans to provide activities, athletics, career adventures and discipline expectations to the students. 2) Middle school students will be brought into the high school on field trips to observe career programs, including but not limited to culinary arts and Navistar, that will be available to them as high school students.

BOARD GOALS II,
CLIMATE AND
CULTURE
PRESENTATION

Discipline issues have decreased significantly at Thornton. Communications with parents, attendance at Parent Night and extra-curricular opportunities for students have increased.

Mr. Savage reported on the Discipline Committee and its mission. The Committee structure is based on the Illinois School Discipline Code and the District 205 Board of Education Policy.

December 14, 2009 Safe and Secure Committee Meeting for staff/administration
3:15 p.m. – Thornridge

Parent/Community Meeting
6:30 p.m. – Thornton, Room T107

Mr. Savage reviewed the agenda for the upcoming meeting and notes from previous meetings.

None.

MISCELLANEOUS

None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

On behalf of Restoration Ministries and the community, Mr. Banks thanked the Faculty Association for the Holiday coat drive and toy drive for the homeless and needy families.

FACULTY
ASSOCIATION
RECOGNITION

At 7:48 p.m., Mr. Burton moved, Mr. Williams seconded, to go into **Executive Session**. On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, King, Lawrence, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNED
TO EXECUTIVE
SESSION

At 9:00 p.m., Mr. Burton 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

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Dr. Penman seconded, to **Uphold the Expulsion** for Student Case #1H-0910-03 for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year and the 2010-2011 school year. On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, King, Lawrence, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

STUDENT
DISCIPLINE CASE
NO. 1H-0910-03

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Dr. Penman seconded, to **Uphold the Suspension** for Student Case #2B-0910-02S. On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, King, Lawrence, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

STUDENT
DISCIPLINE CASE
NO. 2B-0910-02S

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Dr. Penman seconded, to **Hold the Expulsion in Abeyance** for Student Case #2F-0910-03 for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year and the 2010-2011 school year and recommended placement in the RISE Program, pending availability. On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, King, Lawrence, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

STUDENT
DISCIPLINE CASE
NO. 2F-0910-03

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Dr. Penman seconded, to **Hold the Expulsion in Abeyance** for Student Case #2B-0910-04 for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year and the 2010-2011 school year and recommended placement in the Second Chance Program, pending availability. On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, King, Lawrence, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

STUDENT
DISCIPLINE CASE
NO. 2B-0910-04

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Dr. Penman seconded, to **Deny Grievance No. 102109**. On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, King, Lawrence, Penman and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

DENIAL OF
GRIEVANCE NO.
102109

At 9:15 p.m., Dr. Penman 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

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REGULAR SESSION