

MINUTES OF A **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD ON **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2009** IN THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER AT THORNWOOD HIGH SCHOOL, SOUTH HOLLAND, ILLINOIS, BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M.

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CALL

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

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE

EMPLOYMENT

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Mr. Doss provided the following schedule:

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MISCELLANEOUS

None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

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ADJOURNED
TO EXECUTIVE
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At 8:31 p.m., Mr. Burton moved, Dr. King seconded, to **Return to Regular Session**. On roll call, Members Burton, King, Lawrence and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

RETURNED TO
REGULAR SESSION

Dr. King moved, Mr. Burton seconded, to **Deny Grievance Nos. 0601009 Dean Removal, 051809 Teacher Tenure Act and 061709 Librarian Reassignment**. On roll call, Members Burton, King, Lawrence and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

PERSONNEL:
GRIEVANCES

At 8:40 p.m., Dr. King moved, Mr. Burton seconded, to **Adjourn the Meeting**. On roll call, Members Burton, King, Lawrence and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

President

Secretary *Pro Tem*

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REGULAR SESSION

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Dr. King thanked the public for attending the community meeting held prior to this Board meeting.

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RESIGNATIONS

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

EMPLOYMENT

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TENNIS COURTS
STATUS REPORT

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APPROVAL OF
BOARD GOALS

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SEPTEMBER
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TENNIS COURTS
STATUS REPORT

Mr. Williams moved, Mr. Burton seconded, to **Approve the Board Goals.** On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, King and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
BOARD GOALS

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APPROVAL OF
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TENNIS COURTS
STATUS REPORT

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TENNIS COURTS
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Mr. Williams moved, Mr. Burton seconded, to **Approve the Board Goals**. On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, King and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
BOARD GOALS

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APPROVAL OF
2009-2010 DISTRICT
205 TENTATIVE
BUDGET

At 6:58 p.m., Mrs. Lawrence joined the meeting.

MRS. LAWRENCE
JOINED MEETING

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CHANGE IN
SEPTEMBER
BOARD MEETING
DATE

Mr. Burton moved, Mr. Banks seconded, to **Change the November Board Meeting Date** to November 18, 2009 due to the observance of Veterans Day (November 11) falling on the regular Board meeting date. On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, King, Lawrence and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

CHANGE IN
NOVEMBER BOARD
MEETING DATE

Mr. Burton moved, Mr. Banks seconded, to **Approve the SCOPE Annual Dues** for the 2009-2010 school year in the amount of \$2,120.00. SCOPE (South Cooperative Organization for Public Education) provides guidance on various funding issues pending with the State and Professional Development opportunities. On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, King, Lawrence and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
2009-2010 SCOPE
ANNUAL DUES

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MISCELLANEOUS

None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

At 7:03 p.m., Mr. Burton moved, Mr. Banks seconded, to go into **Executive Session**. On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, King, Lawrence, and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNED
TO EXECUTIVE
SESSION

At 8:31 p.m., Mr. Burton moved, Dr. King seconded, to **Return to Regular Session**. On roll call, Members Burton, King, Lawrence and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

RETURNED TO
REGULAR SESSION

Dr. King moved, Mr. Burton seconded, to **Deny Grievance Nos. 0601009 Dean Removal, 051809 Teacher Tenure Act and 061709 Librarian Reassignment**. On roll call, Members Burton, King, Lawrence and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

PERSONNEL:
GRIEVANCES

At 8:40 p.m., Dr. King moved, Mr. Burton seconded, to **Adjourn the Meeting**. On roll call, Members Burton, King, Lawrence and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

President

Secretary *Pro Tem*

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REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES OF A **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD ON **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2009** IN THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER AT THORNWOOD HIGH SCHOOL, SOUTH HOLLAND, ILLINOIS, BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, King and Williams answered. Members Lawrence, Penman and Ware were absent. Dr. J. Kamala Buckner, Superintendent; Mr. Tim Truesdale, Associate Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and External Funding; Mr. Jerry Doss, Director of Public Relations; Dr. Betheny Lyke, Thornton Principal; Ms. Kim Waller, Thornridge Principal; Mrs. Darcelle Williams, Thornwood Principal; Mr. Rick Shields, Director of Human Resources; Mr. Tony Ratliff, Thornton Assistant Principal; Mr. Ken Wendorff, Faculty Association President and Suzanne Garcia, Faculty Association Executive Director, were also present.

ROLL
CALL

Dr. King thanked the public for attending the community meeting held prior to this Board meeting.

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 minutes of the Executive Session(s) of the Regular meeting of July 8, 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 minutes of the Public Hearing for the Modification of the 2009-2014 School Calendar held on July 8, 2009.
- 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:
JULY 8, 2009

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BILLS

RESIGNATIONS

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

EMPLOYMENT

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

Mr. Doss provided the following schedule:

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The following individuals spoke during Public Participation:

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION

- Ronald Warush (Hazel Crest) had concerns about the increase in real estate taxes and the vacant properties in the community. He also stated that a way to cut down real estate taxes should be on the agenda.
- Felita Crayton (Dolton) 1) thanked the Board for the community meeting and asked for more interaction and feedback; 2) stated that Public Participation is not fairly placed on the agenda; 3) asked if the Board Goals were going to be approved this evening, and 4) if the Board Goals need to sit for any length of time before approval. Dr. Buckner responded 3) the Board Goals would be approved this evening and 4) and the Board Goals do not need to sit for any length of time, that they are a format for the administrative evaluation and will be available on the District website in 14 days.

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Mr. Burton suggested that the Board review the issue of Public Participation and Dr. King agreed.

Mr. Gress provided an update on the Thornwood and Thornton tennis courts project. The original completion date for Thornwood was extended by one week due to unforeseen foundation work and is now scheduled for completion on August 21, 2009. The Thornton tennis courts work will begin within the next two weeks and is expected to take 8-10 weeks to complete.

TENNIS COURTS
STATUS REPORT

Mr. Williams moved, Mr. Burton seconded, to **Approve the Board Goals.** On roll call, Members Banks, Burton, King and Williams voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
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