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 **MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2009**, IN THE AUDITORIUM AT THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL, HARVEY, ILLINOIS, BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by the President for the purpose of presenting exemplary academic programs.

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 6:32 p.m. On roll call, Members Banks, Coriano, King, Lawrence and Penman answered. Members Burton and Ware were absent. Dr. J. Kamala Buckner, Superintendent; Dr. Betheny Lyke, Thornton Principal; Mrs. Darcelle Williams, Thornwood Principal, and Ms. Kim Waller, Thornridge Principal, were also present.

ROLL CALL

The Superintendent gave the parameters for the evening's discussions.

PROGRAM FORMAT

- 1. All presentations were limited to 10 minutes or less.
- 2. The program was followed as presented; the only change was the Thornridge Lexus Eco Challenge was combined with the Thornridge Biodiesel Project.

The programs were presented by the students as follows:

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

A. Thornridge: Illinois Talent Program

Chicago Chamber of Commerce Food Additive Project

Teacher: Gary Fryrear, Michael Whitman

Student: Brian Hannah

B. Thornton: Reader's Theatre

Acting out a written work so that the story comes alive.

Teacher: Patrice Payne

Students: Derwin Burns, Marcus Griffis, Lamar Hawkins, Lamarr Miller, Tamikka

Robins, Khalid Robinson, Lorez Sellers

C. Thornwood: Financial Literacy Program

A four-year program to expose students to the fundamentals of financial literacy.

Teacher: Mrs. Dorith Johnson, Assistant Principal

Students: Markeia Scruggs

D. Thornridge: Biodiesel Project

Converting cooking oil into diesel fuel.

Teacher: Brian Sievers

Students: Garrick Bradley, Darryl Chavers, Chris Griffin, Terry Harris, Tramel

Jones, Jay Woods and Gabrielle Yates.

E. Thornton: Boys' Mentoring Program

A program to aide young men in their psychological and physiological transition into manhood.

Teacher: Michael Powell

Students: Anthony Boyd, Donelle Brewster, Jeremiah Wittington, Shaquille

Grayer and Calvin States

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F. Thornwood: Dessert Fair - Special Education Program

The Dessert Fair provided the mentally impaired (MI) students experiences of the restaurant business.

Teacher: Mary Wimmer, Jen Tesar and Lunye Benson

G. Thornridge: Lexus Eco Challenge

Renewable Energy and Fossil Fuels Project is a contest to promote renewable energy.

Teacher: Brian Sievers

Students: Garrick Bradley, Darryl Chavers, Chris Griffin, Terry Harris, Tramel

Jones, Jay Woods and Gabrielle Yates

H. Thornton: Northwestern University – Feinberg School of Medicine

Health Professions Recruitment and Exposure

Teacher: Calvin Stark

Students: Sharonda Frye, Lena Moore and Diwante Shuford

1. Thornwood: Horticulture Tree Experts

The study and research of common trees in Illinois.

Teacher: Mrs. Carrie Carlson-Lee

Students: Wilesha Parker, Demetri Lawson, Richard-Jamaal Keen and

Kenneth Williams

There were no questions from the audience as this was not the format.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

At 7:34 p.m., Mrs. Lawrence moved, Dr. King seconded, to **Adjourn the Meeting.** On roll call, Members Banks, Coriano, King, Lawrence and Penman voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

President Secretary

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OPEN SESSION