



THORNTON TOWNSHIP  
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 205

# BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

**JUNE 14, 2023**

Serving All or Portions of the Following Communities:

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# **OPEN SESSION**

C A L L   T O   O R D E R

# **ROLL CALL**

# PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE





# COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- A. Report from Curriculum Committee
- B. Report from Finance Committee
- C. Report from Policy Committee
- D. Report from Discipline Committee
- E. Report from Facilities Committee

# CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes:** Special Meeting dated May 8, 2023;  
Regular Meeting and Executive Session  
dated May 10, 2023
- B. Approval of District 205 Bills:** Dated May 11, 2023, through June 14,  
2023
- C. Personnel:** Approval of Resignations, Leave of Absence, New Hires &  
Terminations dated June 14, 2023

# CONSENT AGENDA continued

## D. Ratification(s):

- i. Approval of Thornridge, Thornton Township and Thornwood High Schools IHSA Girls State Track Meet Overnight Fieldtrips, Illinois State University, Charleston, IL, May 18-20, 2023
- ii. Approval of Thornridge, Thornton Township and Thornwood High Schools Boys IHSA State Championship Overnight Fieldtrips, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL, May 25-27, 2023
- iii. Approval of Thornwood High School Special Olympics State Finals Overnight Fieldtrip, Illinois State University, Normal, IL, June 9-10, 2023
- iv. Approval of Thornwood High School National Speech and Debate Tournament Overnight Fieldtrip, Phoenix, AZ, June 10-17, 2023
- v. Approval of Thornridge High School, Marching Band Camp Overnight Fieldtrip, Bethune-Cookman University, Daytona Beach, FL, June 17-24, 2023

# PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

*We now open the Public Participation section of our agenda. At this time, members of the community are invited to address the Board. We ask that you state your name and town, limit your total time to two minutes, and talk only about items on the current Board Agenda.*

*In addition, if your comments are of a critical nature about specific people, the Board requests that you present your comments during the personnel portion of the “executive session.”*

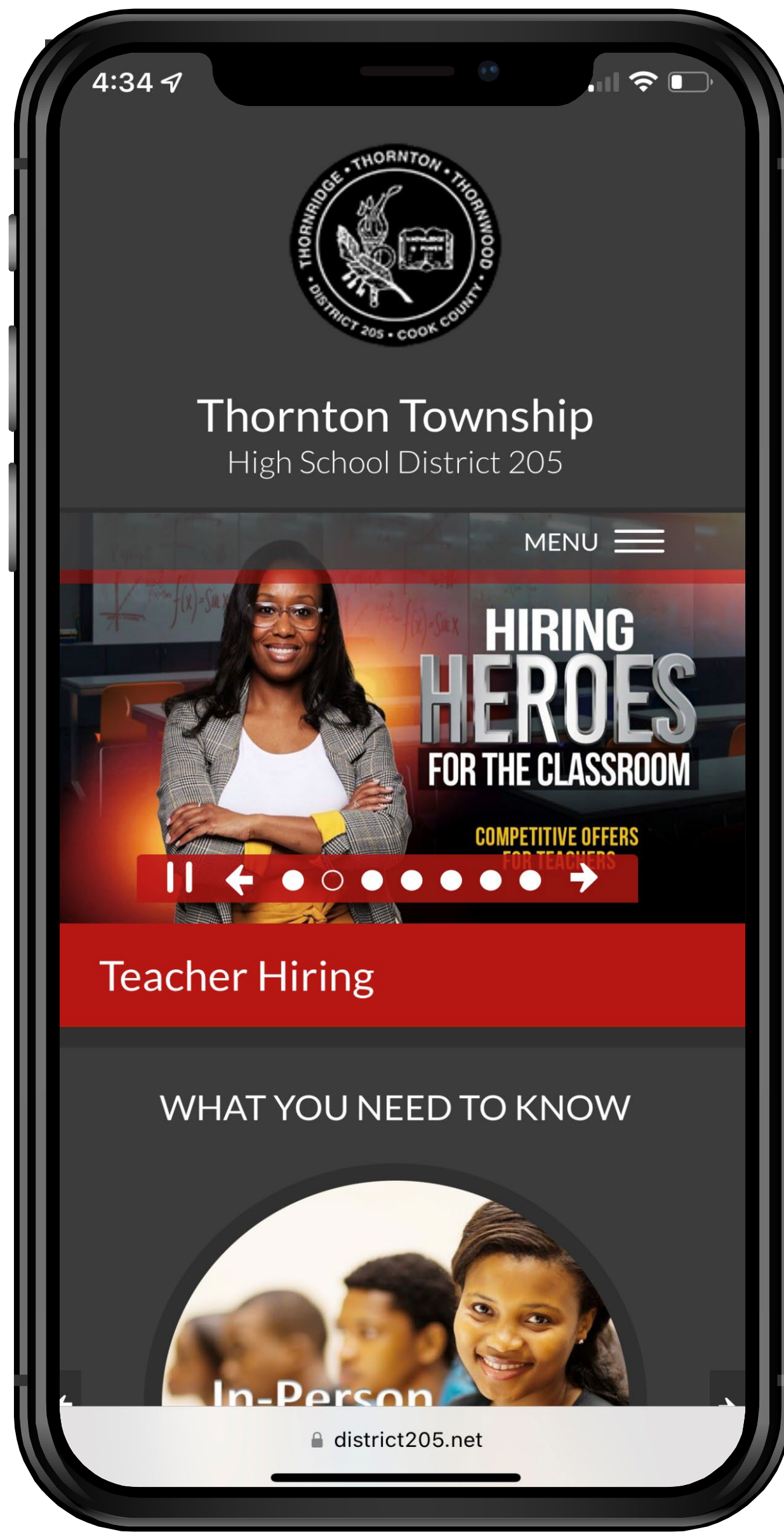
*Your name will not be called if you do not sign in and list a topic or the topic is not on the current Board agenda or if public participation has begun.*



DR. DOSS







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# COMMUNICATIONS

N E W S F R O M T H E S C H O O L S

MR. FICKES

# THORNWOOD

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# THORNWOOD

## T H U N D E R B I R D S



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These students were  
chosen to participate in  
Career Day

Kolagbade Kolawole  
&  
Angie Horta

### South Holland Municipal Career Day 2023



Village of South Holland  
**2023 MUNICIPAL  
CAREER DAY LUNCH**  
with  
Mayor De Graff and the Board of Trustees





# THORNWOOD

THUNDERBIRDS



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## Memorial Day Parade



A large, stylized purple and yellow panther head logo in the background.

# **PEACE CENTER**

# **HIGHLIGHTS 2022/2023**



# PEACE CENTER

## PANTHERS

- The Peace Center provides diverse learning and social experiences for students that they may not have otherwise experienced due to their behavioral or social inadequacies.
- Through the program's restorative, non-punitive structure, Peace Center students take advantage of opportunities that increase their self-awareness and connect them to real-world experiences.
- This year, our parents and students have contributed to helping us meet our goals.



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## PANTHERS



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### Outcomes for Year 2022/2023

- 86% Graduation Year 2023
- Most Peace Center students improved by 1 or more grade levels in mathematics.
- Close to half of Peace Center students improved by 1 to 1.5 grade levels in reading.
- Increased Parent Engagement
- 80% Overall Attendance







- Kudos to our graduating students and our remaining students for working hard to meet our School Improvement goals. Thanks, as well, to our entire staff, parents and community for pushing our students to the next level.
- Special thanks to the Board of Education, Superintendent Dr. Cunningham, Brett Fickes, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction, and the entire District 205 family for your continued support and resources.





# State Bocce Tournament



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Demari Whitney placed third and won the bronze medal.

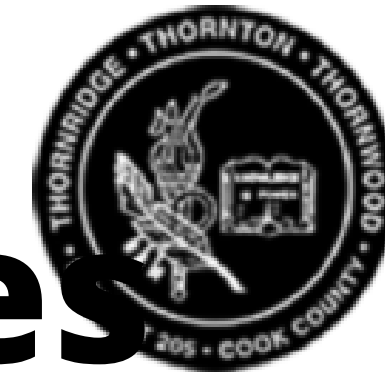
During his second game he was down 6 to 1, and you only play until 12.

He battled all the way back to win and secure the medal.





# Special Olympics Summer Games



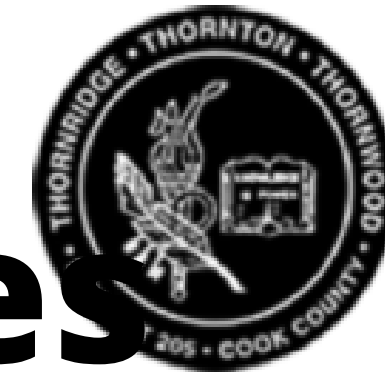
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Special Olympics held state finals on June 9 -10, 2023 in Normal, IL.

## Track and Field Results:

- Charles Bity - 100m Run - 3rd place
- Kayla Davis - SBT - 5th place
- Janiya Gaddy - SBT - 1st place
- MiYanah Holloway - 100m Run - 1st place
- Tiana Malone 50m Run - 5th place
- Anton Rowland - RLJ - 1st and 50m Run - 1st place

# Special Olympics Summer Games



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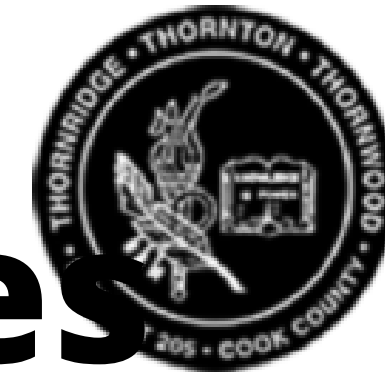
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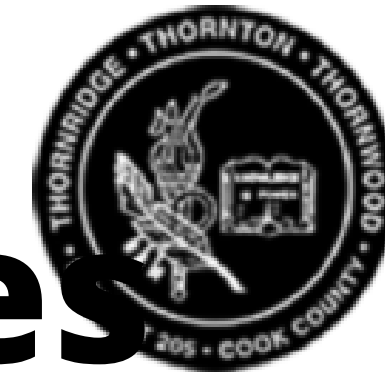


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Cohort 1 will begin their work  
on solar panels in week four





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# — HAPPY — Retirement



## THORNBRIDGE

Vincent Amador

Kenneth Konopasek

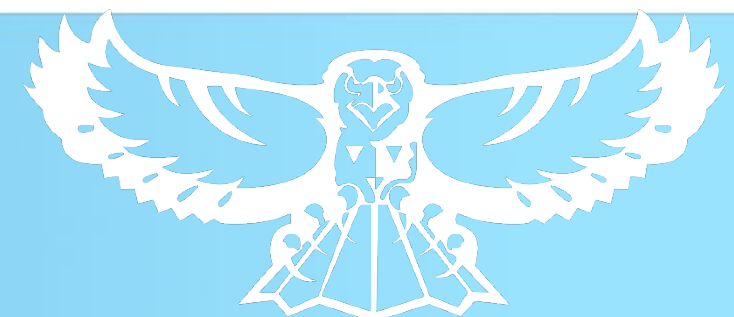
Lynn Atchison

William Meder

Sherry Jackson

Gerald Potacki

Andrew Jensen

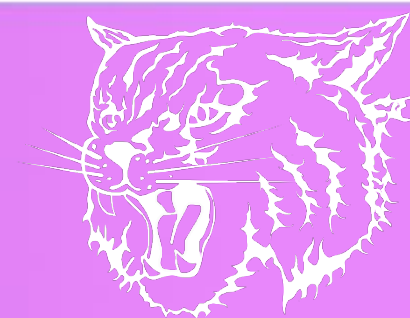




# — HAPPY — Retirement

THORNTON

Lisa Baker



# — HAPPY — *Retirement*



## THORNWOOD

Cheryl Cruikshank-Harris

Shawn Embry

Phillip Harris

Kay Pyron-Harts

Rita Stoncius

Mary Wimmer





# Years of Service Recognition

## Thornridge

Mary-Tina Vrehas



## Thornton

Michell Mangino

Brian Proudfoot

## Thornwood

Andrew Chidester

Gina Collier

Jose Gonzalez

Robert Young, III

## District

Sarit Hampton

Dana McKennie-Thigpen

Thomas Porter



## District

Heidi Wicklund



# **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Presentation: Thornwood High School Tennis Team - Mr. Fickes







# **NEW BUSINESS**

B. Recommended Approval of Thornton Township High School  
Western Illinois University Football Camp Overnight Fieldtrip,  
Macomb, IL, July 19-21, 2023 – Mr. Whitaker (Approval needed)

# **NEW BUSINESS**

C. Recommended Approval of Districtwide Bus Purchase - Mr. Horton (Approval needed)

# **NEW BUSINESS**

D. Recommended Approval of Thornwood 1531 Staff Bathrooms -  
Mr. Horton (Approval needed)



# **NEW BUSINESS**

E. Recommended Approval of Thornridge High School Intercom Upgrade - Mr. Horton (Approval needed)

# **NEW BUSINESS**

F. Recommended Approval of Work Compensation Insurance - Mr. Horton (Approval needed)

# **NEW BUSINESS**

G. Superintendent's Report - Dr. Nathaniel Cunningham Jr.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

H. Summer School Opportunities for 2023

# EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Motion to enter into Closed Session, pursuant to 2(c) of the Open Meetings Act to consider the following:
  - The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees;
  - Student discipline;
  - Collective negotiating matters; and
  - Pending, probable or imminent litigation



# **RECONVENE OPEN SESSION**

# **ACTION ITEMS FOLLOWING OPEN SESSION**

- A. Possible Action Concerning Student Suspension Appeal
- B. Motion to Approve Resolution of Intent to Withdraw District from the Jurisdiction and Authority of Thornton Township Trustees of Schools and to Transfer to the Jurisdiction and Authority of the Bloom Township Trustees of Schools
- C. Motion to Approve the Annual Employment Contracts for Administrative and Exempt Personnel
- D. Recommended Action Concerning Approval of Administrator Employment Contract
- E. Recommended Action Concerning Approval of Administrator Employment Contract



# **ADJOURNMENT**

## **Next Regular Meeting JULY 12, 2023 THORNWOOD HIGH SCHOOL**

District 205 Vision: Building an exemplary high-quality organization that produces major gains in student achievement and prepares all students to be productive citizens in a global society.

District 205 Mission: To develop productive citizens who are enrolled, enlisted or employed at the completion of high school.

District 205 Core Values: Empathy, Trust, Pride, Responsiveness, High Expectations with High Support Integrity, Commitment to Excellence, Innovation, and Collaboration