THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 205

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

June 13, 2018

Serving All or Portions of the Following Communities:

Blue Island * Burnham * Calumet City * Dixmoor * Dolton * East Hazel Crest * Harvey * Hazel Crest * Lansing * Markham * Phoenix * Posen * Riverdale * South Holland * Thornton





Pledge of Allegiance



Committee of the Whole

- Report from Curriculum Committee
- Report from Finance Committee
- Report from Policy Committee
- Report from Discipline Committee
- Report from Facilities Committee

Consent Agenda

- **Approval of Minutes:** Regular Meeting and Executive Session of April 11, 2018
- Approval of Minutes: Special Meeting and Executive Session of May 3, 2018
- **Approval of Minutes:** Regular Meeting and Executive Session of May 9, 2018
- Approval of District 205 Bills dated: May 10 through June 13, 2018
- **Personnel:** Approval of Resignations, Leave of Absence, New Hires and Terminations dated June 13, 2018
- Ratification:
 - Thornton Girls State Track Finals at Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois
 - Thornridge IHSA State Track Meet at Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois
 - Thornwood Girls Track and Field Event at North Carolina A&T, Greensboro, North Carolina

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 no sign in and list a topic or the topic is not on the current Board agenda or if public participation has begun.

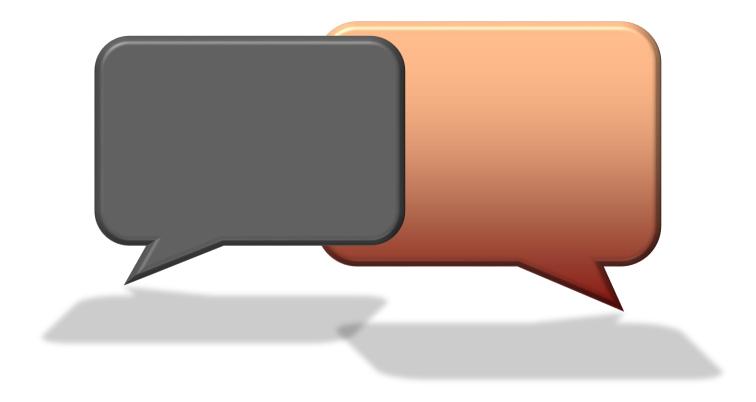
Freedom Of Information Act

• Dr. Doss



Communications

• Mr. Arrington



2018 SUMMER PROGRAMS 2,860 STUDENTS ENROLLED

For Credit...

- Summer school
 - English: 442 students
 - Math: 731 students
- Rising 9
 - English/Math: 173 students
 - ECT/Health: 58 students
- Outlook Academy: 280 seniors



Enrichment Camps...

- TR
 - Falcon Leadership
 - SAT Prep
- TT
 - Wildcat Roar
 - Wildcat Prep
- TW
 - TBirds Take Flight
 - SAT Prep
- District
 - Pre-Pharmacy
 - STEM
 - Band
 - Upward Bound







Two of our District 205 students will be participating in the High School Judicial Externship Program for junior and senior high school students. This internship is for students who are interested in a career in law.

The program is under the auspices of the Honorable Judge Allen P. Walker, Associate Judge Circuit Court of Cook County, and we are delighted to have our students participate in this externship program.





District 205 will be hosting a Principal Search Forum on June 18, 2018 at 5PM in the Thornwood High School Cafeteria.

The Principal Search Forum is for all staff, faculty and community members to attend and dialogue with the final candidates for the Thornwood Principal position prior to the formal recommendation of the next principal at a special meeting of the Board of Education.



Congratulations to the **Boys Track Team** for coming in second place at their last sectional meet of the 2018 season. The Falcons qualified for state in an incredible 7 events!! **Damarius Byrd** in the triple jump, **Aaron Hondras** in the pole vault, **Davon Bolden** in the 100 and the 400,and **Leandre Pollard** in the 200, and the 4x100 and 4x400 relays.

Congratulations to the Falcon Class of 2018 - They received a combined total of \$3.4 million dollars in scholarships!



Thornton's Class of 2018 College & Career Counselor Report

- **330 Seniors** received diplomas on May 20, 2018
- Valedictorian Frances Walker & Salutatorian Motunrola Adebogun, both attending Princeton University
- Senior class was offered \$11,502,338.00 in scholarships and with financial aid a grand total of \$21,214,958.00
- **31**% were accepted to a four year university
- **60**% were admitted to a two year college
- 5% will enlist in a branch of the Armed Services
- 4% will enter the workforce
- .1% will enter a trade school





Congratulations to Thornwood's Jasmine Mitchell and Morgan Reed as both ladies placed in the state meet on May 18th.

Mitchell, who took home a pair of state titles, did all her damage during the preliminary round where she tossed the shot put 45-10 and the discus 147-8.

Mitchell's 20 points, along with five earned by teammate Morgan Reed's fifth-place finish in the shot put with a 40-10.75, pushed Thornwood into seventh place.





Congratulations to TW Teacher, **Danny Gray**, on receiving the NFTE Regional Teacher of the Year Award.



Although an alternative school, the PEACE Center provides diverse learning experiences for students that they may not have otherwise experienced. In addition to 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. Their reception to such experiences has resulted in a family-like environment with students who are excited to attend school, have improved academic skills, and have grown socially and emotionally. In addition, the occurrence of major behavior infractions has been minimal to non-existent.

Additionally, PEACE Center staff has been able to forge community partnerships that have brought services and support to the program. Below is a list of 2017-2018 partnerships and highlights.



- Career Readiness through external partnerships with Robert Morris University and the Leadership Development Institute
- Governors State University Counselor Intern Partnership with Governor State University for entrepreneurship, data collection and strengths assessments.
- Roosevelt University Psychology Intern Partnership with Roosevelt University to assist with Behavior Anger Modification (BAMA) process that provides one on one deescalation and mindfulness strategies for students in need.
- Series of Guest Speakers featuring a Fireman, Therapist, Nurse, Chefs, Author, Entrepreneurs, etc.
- Stop the Bleed tourniquet training through trauma surgeon Dr. Mamta Swaroop, Northwestern Hospital.
- Community line dance classes offered at PEACE Center.
- Annual Awards Banquet sponsored by Mother Carr's Farm and Vernon Park Church of God



PEACE HIGHLIGHTS



Antoine Davis

- 2018 Graduate
- Best Attendance 98%
- Best Disciplined o infractions
- GPA S1-3.4 & S2-3.8



Stenita Major

 Voted Best Employee by students and staff



PEACE HIGHLIGHTS

- Best Attendance Antoine Davis
- Best Disciplined Tatianna Anthony, Antoine Davis, Arvon Sawyer
- Best Sportmanship Armani Kennedy, Antoine Pate, Kaiveon Williams
- Best Prepared Danae Brown, Tatianna Anthony, Keyon Griffin, Arvon Sawyer
- Most Improved Janya Lacy, Armari Lomax, Arvon Sawyer, Ja'nya Taylor, Christopher Adams, Alijah

Fonville

- GPA Awards Tatianna Anthony (3.5 & 4.0), Vanessa Banks (3.0), Antoine Davis (3.4 & 3.5), Arvon
 Sawyer (3.0 & 3.8)
- On Track for Graduation 2019 11 students received this award



PEACE STAFF





WITH MUCH APPRECIATION



Dr. Leotis D. Swopes, Superintendent of Schools

• 3 Years of service to District 205



Rose Papaleo,

Administrative Assistant to Superintendent & Board of Education

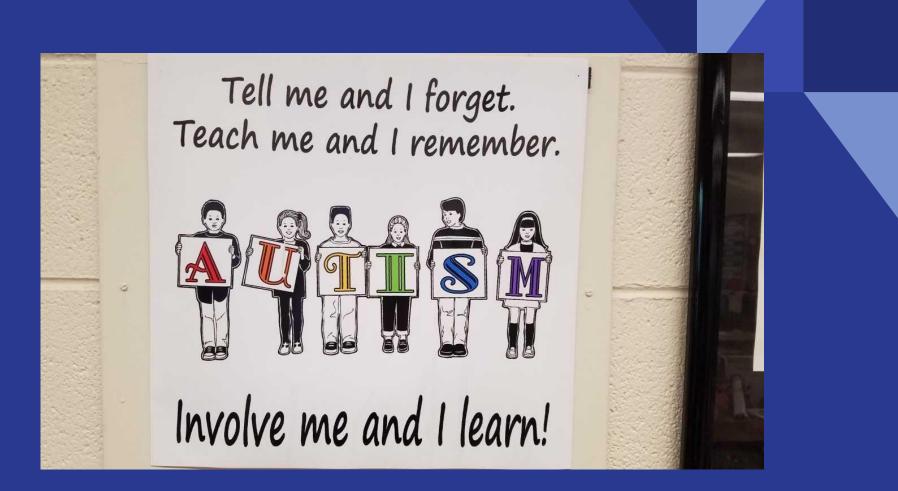
• 23 Years of service to District 205



Unfinished Business



 Thornwood Garden Project Students-Mr. Fickes



Talent Show, , Community Service, Community Education, Yoga, Hop on the Bus and Gardening

First Special Education Talent Show



Community Learning

Supercuts, Dollar Tree, Portillo's, Gamestop, Walmart



Children's Hunger Fund

Children's Hunger Fund is a non-profit organization that supplies food to the people who have experienced natural disasters or live in poverty.

- The students had the challenge to analyze a huge box of candy and organize it in the appropriate boxes.
- In one task, the students had to take the pasta from one big container and use a scale to measure out the macaroni. Then another student had to double seal the bag. Another student was a runner and had to put the bags in one big container.

Boxes Identified



Children's Hunger Fund: Organizing Candy







Children's Hunger Fund: Macaroni Task

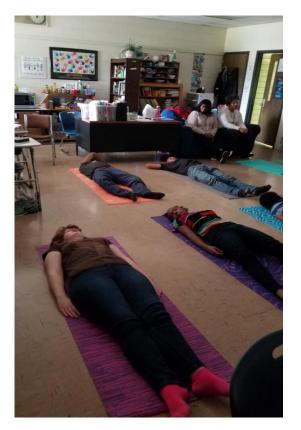








Yoga



Benefits of yoga are typically associated with increased strength, balance, coordination and flexibility, benefits such as increased social-emotional skills, language and communication, body awareness, self-regulation, focus and concentration and a reduction in anxiety, impulsive, obsessive, aggressive and self-stimulatory behaviors have also been noted.

"Hop on the Bus"



Adding Beauty to our School





Benjamin Bell planted these Hostas in front of the school.



The Courtyard







Planting vegetables



Thornwood Garden



Dylan Martinez-Fernandez, Fernando Romero and Justice Reynolds, Woods 1 students.

South Holland Public Works Donated the Mulch



Brandon Davenport and Curtis Cross from South Holland Public Works

Spreading the Mulch







Garden tour by Sensere Gerald





 Recommended Approval of Overnight Field Trip (ISU)– Mrs. Williams (Approval Needed)



 Recommended Approval of Overnight Field Trip (NIU)– Mrs. Williams (Approval Needed)



First Reading of PRESS Recommended Updates–
 Dr. Doss (30-Day Review)



Recommended Approval of Frontline Central Software –
 Dr. Doss (Approval Needed)



 Recommended Approval of Frontline Absence and Substitute Management Software–
 Dr. Doss (Approval Needed)



 Recommended Approval of 3D Printers for Thornwood and Thornridge High Schools –
 Mr. Fickes (Approval Needed)



 Recommended Approval of A/C Machine and Recovery Unit for Thornwood High School – Mr. Fickes (Approval Needed)



 Recommended Approval of Electrical Certification Kits for Thornton Diesel Program – Mr. Fickes (Approval Needed)



 Recommended Approval of Wood Lathes for Thornton High School –

Mr. Fickes (Approval Needed)



Recommended Approval of Baker Tilly Engagement Letter –
 Mr. Horton (Approval Needed)



 Recommended Approval of 2018-2019 Prevailing Wage Act Resolution –

Mr. Horton (Approval Needed)



 Recommended Approval of 2018-2019 Student Fees – Mr. Horton (Approval Needed)



 Recommended Approval of Mailing and Postage System – Mr. Horton (Approval Needed)



 Recommended Approval to Go Out to Bid for Thornton High School Chimney Removal – Mr. Horton (Approval Needed)



 Recommended Approval to Go Out to Bid for Thornton High School Auditorium Staircase Repairs–
 Mr. Horton (Approval Needed)



 Recommended Approval of Classroom Lease Agreement between Thornton Township High School District 205 and ECHO Joint Agreement –

Mr. Horton (Approval Needed)

Superintendent's Report

Executive Session

- Closed session pursuant to Section 2(c) of the Open Meetings Act to consider:
 - "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



- Possible Action Concerning Student Discipline
- Possible Action Concerning Superintendent Compensation Agreement



NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, July 11, 2018 6:30pm Thornwood High School