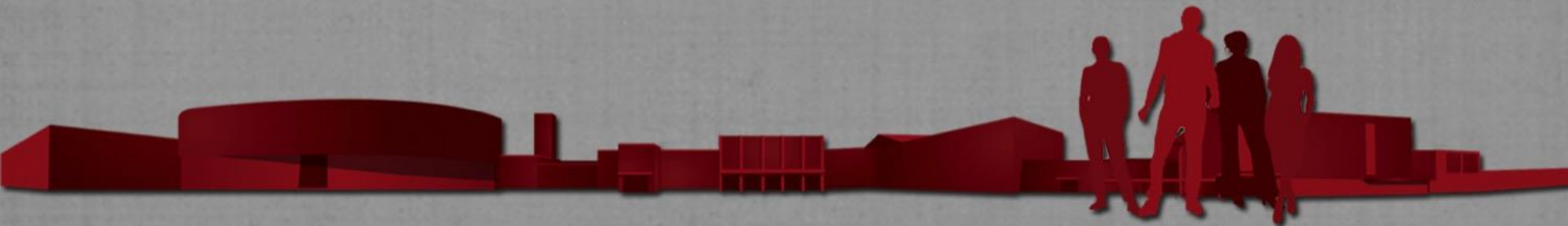


BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

April 12, 2017

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



Open Session

Roll Call

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 January 11, 2017*
- *Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting and Executive Session of February 8, 2017*
- *Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting and Executive Session of March 8, 2017*
- *Approval of District 205 Bills dated: March 9 through April 12, 2017*
- *Personnel: Approval of Resignations, Leave of Absence, New Hires and Terminations dated April 12, 2017*
- ***Ratifications:***
 - *Overnight Field Trip to Special Olympics Girls and Boys Basketball State Tournament in Bloomington, IL (Thornton students)*
 - *Overnight Field Trip to Jackie Joyner Kersee Invitational in East St. Louis, MO (Thornton students)*
 - *Overnight Field Trip to Special Olympics Girls and Boys Basketball State Tournament in Bloomington, IL (Thornridge students)*
 - *Overnight Field Trip to FCCLA State Competition in Springfield, IL (Thornridge Students)*
 - *Overnight Field Trip to IHSA State Drama Competition in Springfield, IL (Thornridge Students)*
 - *Overnight Field Trip to Special Olympics Basketball State Tournament in Bloomington, IL (Thornwood Students)*

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.

Freedom Of Information Act

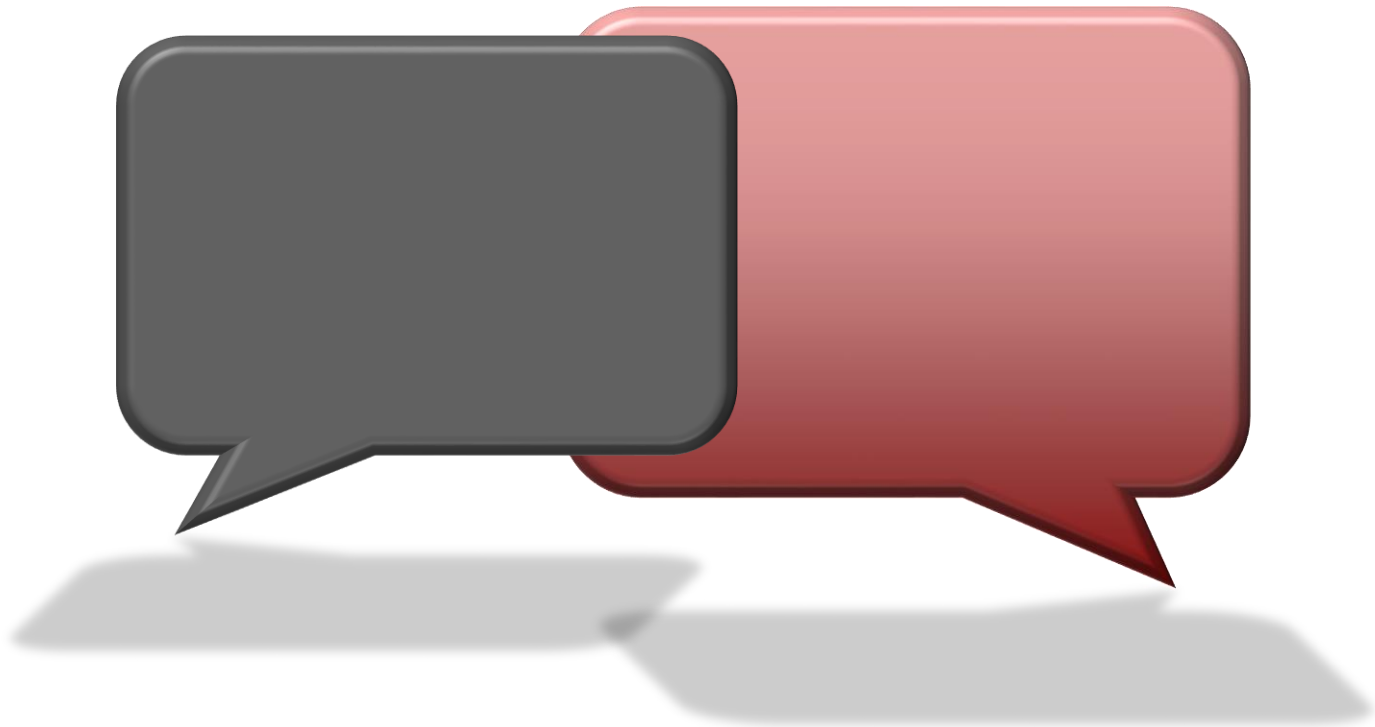
- *Dr. Doss*

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- *Mr. Arrington*



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DISTRICT 205'S 8TH ANNUAL
FAMILY READING NIGHT

POETRY SLAM

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2017
THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL
5:30PM - 8:30PM



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JEFFERSON AWARDS CEREMONY

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2017

THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

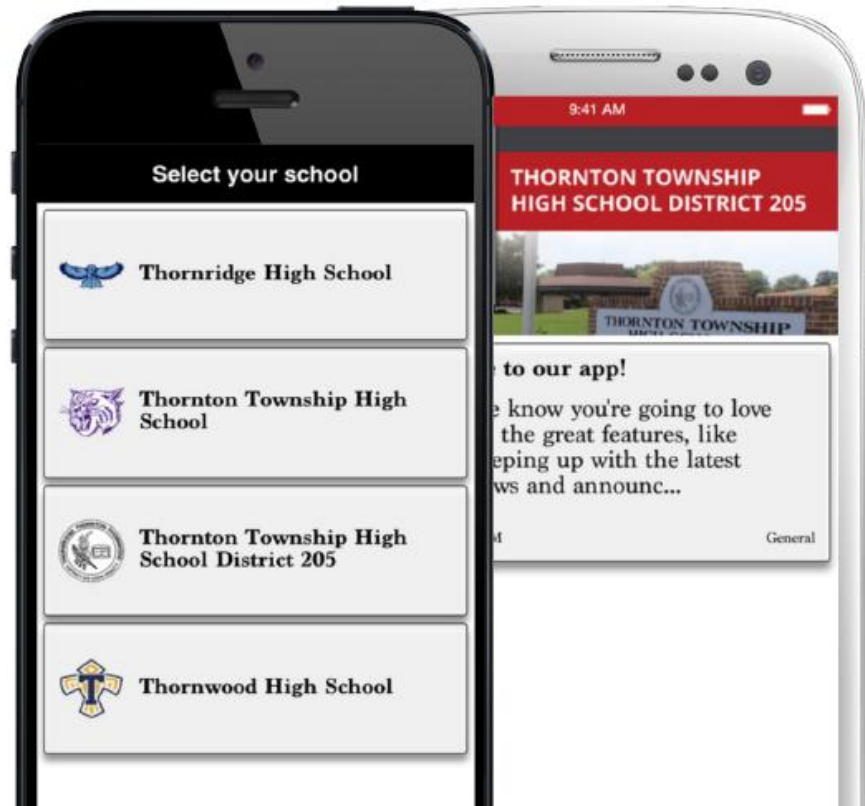
5PM

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Thornton Township High School District 205

There's
an App
for
that!



Communications

The TR Maintenance staff has not been late for work or left even 1 minute early in over 7 months. The staff includes:

Carl Rodgers, Assistant Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds

Vince Hughes, Maintenance

Rene Aguinaga, Grounds

Alex LaFrano, Grounds



Communications

*A special Congratulations goes out to the new **TR Robotics Team!** **Kristina Wilson, Yescenia Diaz, Tiana Blake, Justice McGee, Lool Mekonen, Amber Robinson, Eric Howell, and Ricky Sipp** worked to bring a 3rd place trophy in the robotic pathfinder event, and 2nd place on the catapult competition! A fantastic accomplishment in the first year of the Southworks Engineering and Robotics Olympics.*



*Congratulations, to the **Girls Track Team** who took 1st Place in the Battle of the Borders Invite*

Communications

*Congratulations to the **Thornridge Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)** students who competed in the state competition April 6th - 8th in Springfield.*



- Emani Lee Bronze in International Experience*
- Alice Dixon Bronze in Early Childhood Education*
- Cyann Knox and Kiara Randall Bronze in Focus on Children*
- Lauren Cook Bronze in Nutrition and Wellness*
- Tashaunna Divers Bronze in Sports Nutrition*
- Tiaira Roberson and Yvonne Miller Silver in Focus on Children*
- Dallas Knox and Ariel Kendricks Gold in Life Event Planning*

Great group of girls who made Thornridge proud in their behavior, teamwork and poise in Springfield, IL.

Communications

Congratulations to Stephanie Hortsman, French teacher at Thornridge, who was selected by the Illinois Education Association (IEA) as its 2017 Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Hortsman was recognized for the honor on March 30th at the annual Representative Assembly of the IEA. Some 1,200 delegates, guests and state dignitaries attended the event at the Sheraton Grand Chicago.



Communications

*Congratulations to the 2017 Chicago Sun-Times Player of the Year:
Thornton's own **Alonzo Vergé***

Alonzo Vergé emerged as a fully-formed star in 2014. It was impossible to take your eyes off the sophomore with the floppy braids. Vergé had the ability to pile up points at will and played with a confident, stylish flair.



Communications

*The graduating class of 2017 has exceeded the goal of 8 Million dollars in Scholarships this year!!! This time last year, the students received **\$4,996.152**. We are projecting an approximate 11 Million more in Financial Aid which will boost the class of 2017 totals to well over \$19 Million dollars in Financial Aid & Scholarships. Way to Go **Wildcats!***



**CONGRATULATIONS
SENIORS**



Communications

TTHS had a successful tournament during the weekend of March 17th! The Boys Unified basketball team earned 1st PLACE, Girls Olympic basketball team earned 3rd PLACE, and Liz Morales, our individual skills athlete, earned a 1st PLACE medal!!



In Memoriam

Mrs. Ramona Shelton

Thornwood Parent Advisory Board President

Services: Thursday, April 13, 2017

11:00 a.m.

Family Christian Center

340 W. 45th Ave.

Munster, IN 46321

Mr. Asa Cole

Thornwood Alumni & Community Member

Viewing: Friday, April 14, 2017

4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

W.W. Holt Funeral Home

175 W. 159th

Harvey, IL 60426

Services: Saturday, April 15, 2017

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Holy Temple Cathedral Church

15912 Lincoln Ave.

Harvey, IL 60426



Communications

*Congratulations to the **Thornwood Special Olympic Bocce Team** that competed at the Dyer Soccer Dome on April 8th.*

Individual Gold Medalists

*Antonio Carr
Miguel Castillo
Meghan Jackson
Deja Fallodun
Arron Bean*

Individual Silver Medalists

*Noah Shipman
Kiron Payne
Missy Reed
Austin Jackson
Robert Vandell*

Individual Bronze Medalists

*Nicholas McDonald
Joshua Coe
Taylor Weathersby
Tyree Hardy*

Participation Ribbon

Josh Hubbard

Doubles Gold Medalists

*Josh Coe
Josh Hubbard
Miguel Castillo
Aaron Bean
Meghan Jackson
Deja Fallodun*

Doubles Silver Medalists

*Austin Jackson
Nicholas McDonald
Taylor Weathersby
Missy Reed*



Communications

Congratulations to TW Special Olympics star, Jamiah Shepard, who took bronze today at the Special Olympics World Games in Austria. She is the third fastest girl in the world in the 200 meter snowshoe race. Jamiah beat her fastest time by 7 seconds, making this her personal best!



Communications

*Congratulations to the **Thornwood Special Olympics Gold Basketball Team** who took first place and won the State Championship for the fourth year in a row on March 18th!!! Kudos to sophomore **Jonathan Tyson** for being named to the All Tournament State Team.*

*Congratulations also goes out to freshman **Nya Taylor** for taking the Gold Medal for her division in the Individual Basketball Skills Competition.*

*Congratulations to coaches **Lisa Zuccolo** and **Denard Eaves**.*



Communications

TW's Special Olympics Soccer Teams are off to a great start! The gold team played first and won 7-2. Then the blue team played and won 5-1.

Congratulations to the following players:

- *Jordan Fuller*
- *Eddie Green*
- *Deja Falodun*
- *Kobe Reed*
- *Nayeli Gutierrez*
- *Larry Williams*
- *Megan Jackson*
- *James Boatman*
- *Elijah Shelton*
- *Teishaen Monroe*
- *Miguel Castillo*
- *Jokobe Mills*
- *Leslie Garcia*
- *Chris Kinnon*
- *Maciah Scott*
- *Aaron Bean*
- *Sureem Frazier*
- *Patrick Peirce*
- *Jaylen Echols*



Communications

Congratulations!

The Illinois Coalition for Educating At-Risk Youth (ICEARY) held its annual conference March 2-3, 2017. This year's theme was *Innovate – Involve – Inform*.

Each year, students from across the state are nominated to be named Student Ambassador of the year. This year was the inauguration of the *Excellence in Education Award*, seeking to honor phenomenal educators throughout Illinois.

PEACE Center Administrator, Tyran Cox-Bey was the ICEARY Region 1 award recipient of the *Excellence in Education Award*! He delivered a speech in typical Cox-Bey fashion that captivated the audience with his easy humor and relatable banter!

Join the PEACE Center in congratulating our administrator, Mr. Tyran Cox-Bey, ICEARY 2017 Excellence in Education Regional Award Recipient!!!



Communications

*Another 22 students graduated from **Outlook** this past March and have completed their two weeks of exiting exercises with Chicago State. The students pictured here with CSU Staff have been approved to join the CSU Bridge Program for In-coming Freshman, fall 2017.*



Communications

Congratulations to the Outlook Academy faculty and staff as they were honored by Youth Ministries at a banquet on Saturday, March 11th, and received the "You Make a Difference" award. Each staff member received their own trophy and personalized certificate.



Unfinished Business

New Business

- *Special Olympics Presentation-
Mr. Fickes*



Thornwood Special Olympics

Our program has expanded from one sport in 2011 to 19 sports in 2017



Jamiah has participated on: snowshoe, gymnastics, soccer, track and field, cheerleading, bocce, and is a three time state basketball champ.



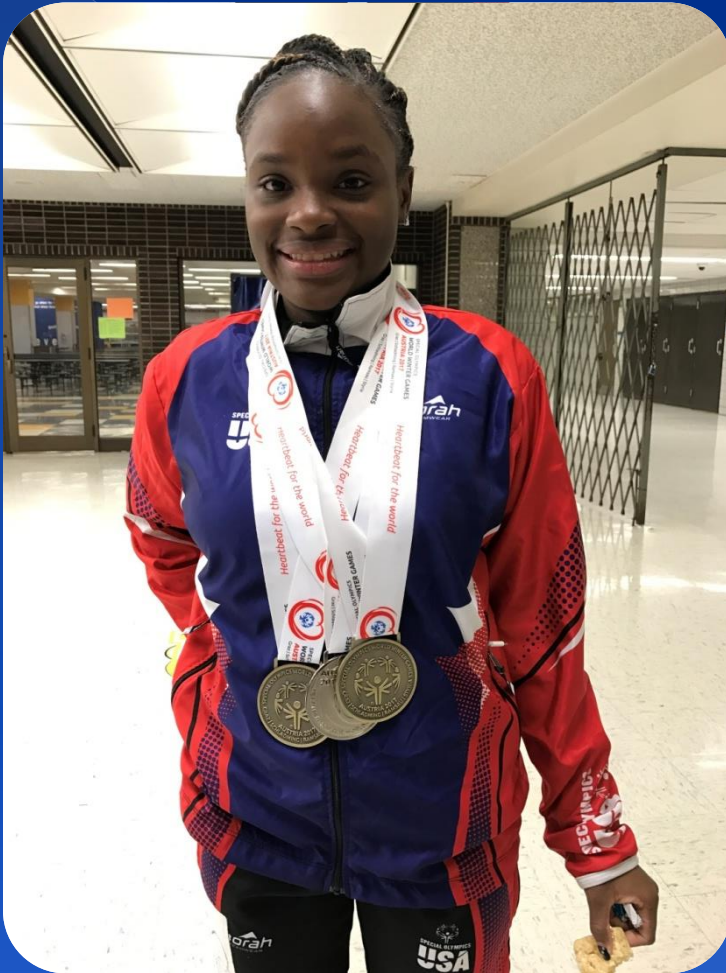
Jamiah's hard work, dedication, and positive attitude towards her team, earned her a spot at the Special Olympic World Winer Games in Austria for Snowshoeing.

Jamiah was one of six athletes from Illinois, and one of two snowshoe athletes to advance to these games.



Special Olympic World Games Austria





Silver Medal in the 400 meter race

Bronze Medal in the 200 meter race

Bronze Medal in the 4x100 meter race

Featured on ESPN for “girl power” segment. Jamiah was the only female competitor in the 4 x 100 meter race

Jamiah was named “Inspirational Athlete of the year for Special Olympics Illinois and will be featured at a Gala in October

“Special Olympics has helped me become the person that I am and given me the opportunity to be included. Thank you!”

New Business

- *Faculty Association -
Mr. Dwayne Bearden, President*

New Business

- *Summer School Programs—
Mr. Fickes*

New Business

<http://www.district205.net/Page/2281>



The poster features a background of school supplies including a spiral notebook, a green apple, and a stack of books. A large, dark, semi-transparent banner is overlaid on the top half. The banner contains the following text and logos:

- District 205** (in large white font)
- Student-Centered Summer 2017
- Enrichment and Remedial Programs
- studentcentered* (in white italicized font)
- Logos for: Outlook Academy (green 'O' logo), Peace Center (black and white logo), and Thornton Township District 205 (circular seal with an eagle).

At the bottom of the poster, a dark rectangular box contains the following text:

- Dr. Leotis D. Swopes, Superintendent
- Dr. Jerry B. Doss, Assistant Superintendent
- Mr. Brett Fickes, Director of Innovative Curriculum Design & Instruction
- Dr. Albert J. Holmes, Jr., State and Federal Programs Coordinator

A circular seal for "STATE & FEDERAL PROGRAMS DISTRICT 205" is also visible on the left side of the bottom section.

New Business

- *Recommended Approval of Out-of-State Field Trip—
Mr. Ratliff (Approval Needed)*

New Business

- *Recommended Approval of the 2017-2018 IHSA Membership—
Dr. Swopes (Approval Needed)*

New Business

- *Recommended Approval of Resolution providing for the issue of not to be exceed \$30,000,000 General Obligation Limited Tax School Bonds, Series 2017C, of the District, for the purpose of paying claims against said School District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof —
Mr. Horton (Approval Needed)*

New Business

- *Recommended Approval to Go Out to Bid for Bathroom Renovations—
Mr. Horton (Approval Needed)*

New Business

- *Recommended Approval of Roofing Bid –
Mr. Horton (Approval Needed)*

New Business

- *Recommended Approval to Go Out to Bid for Fieldhouse Renovations—
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 of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.”*
 - *Student discipline*
 - *Collective negotiating matters, and*
 - *Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent.*

Reconvene Open Session

Action Items Following **Executive Session**

❖ *Possible Action Regarding Student Discipline*

Adjournment

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, May 10, 2017

6:30pm

Thornwood High School