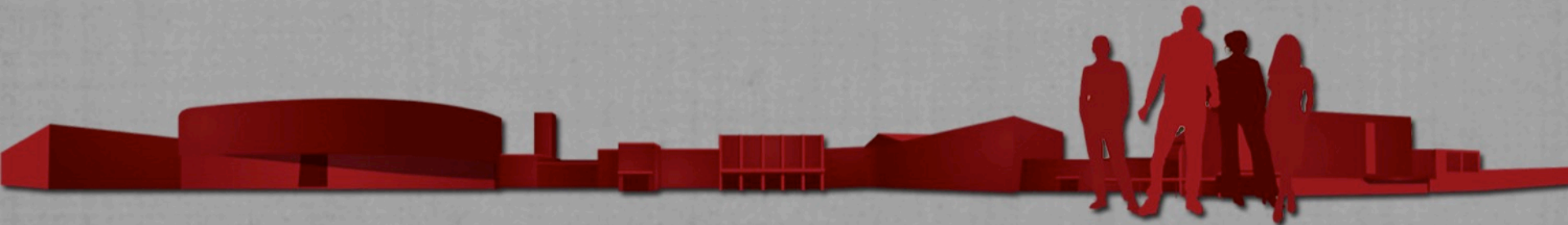


BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

December 14, 2016

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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 August 10, 2016*
- *Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting and Executive Session of September 7, 2016*
- *Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting and Executive Session of September 14, 2016*
- *Approval of District 205 Bills dated: November 10 through December 14, 2016*
- *Personnel: Approval of Resignations, Leave of Absence, New Hires and Terminations dated December 14, 2016*
- *Ratification of Overnight Field Trip (Special Olympics State Bowling Finals in Peoria, Illinois)*

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

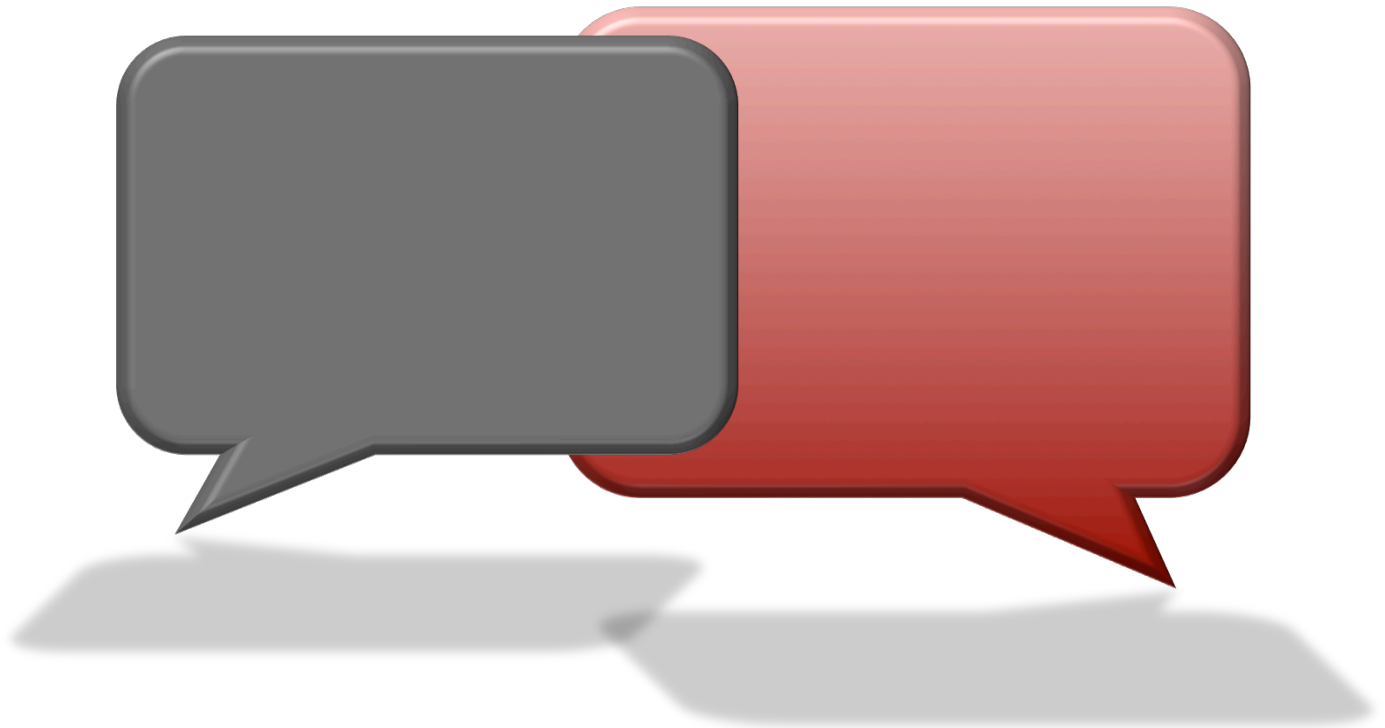
- *Dr. Doss*

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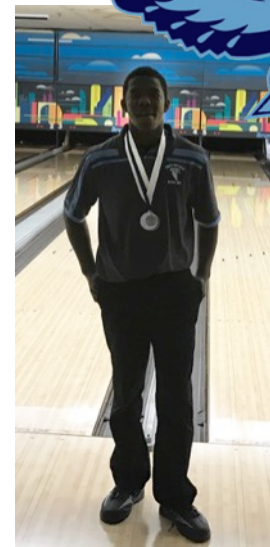
Communications

- *Mr. Arrington*



Communications

*Congratulations to the **Falcon Boys Bowling team** on their 2nd place Team High Series finish at this past Saturday's ICCP Invite. The Falcons received a strong effort from Waldell Ray with a 570 series, and **Chris Moore** with a 650 series. Chris' 650 series was the fourth highest series of the tournament, and he also had the second highest game of the tournament with a 258. Way to go Falcons!*



Communications

*Congratulations to our Thornridge High School Band Students **Destin Miller (Tenor Saxophone)** and **Ricardo Heard (Alto Clarinet)** in representing Thornridge and District 205 at the 2017 Illinois Music Educators State Conference in Peoria Illinois in January . These students have proven to be among the best high school musicians in the state of Illinois. Please congratulate them as they now prepare for Peoria, Illinois.*



Communications

Congratulations to the following Wildcats who have been named 2016 Illinois State Scholars.

- *Yareli Avila*
- *Calia Brooks*
- *David Clay*
- *Karina Corral*
- *Vanessa Munoz*
- *Noelia Murillo*
- *Zion Powell*
- *Celeste Ramirez (SBOE)*
- *Alexis Robinson*
- *Maribel Salgado*
- *Francisco Vazquez Jr.*



Communications

TTHS's Big Brother Big Sister Organization held two large community events in November and December:

- Annual Haunted Hallways – Over 150 children in the community were provided a safe place to trick-or-treat



- Wildcat Winter Wonderland – Over 300 children in the community were able to receive hats, gloves, scarves, toys and candy

ALL ITEMS WERE DONATED BY THE STAFF OF TTHS.

Communications

Principal Tony Ratliff and TTHS Parent Advisory enjoyed a wonderful Holiday Luncheon at Wildcat Country. Over 100 parents and students were in attendance. A special thanks to Choir Director Ms. Arrington and the TTHS Unity Singers for wonderful selections of Christmas Carols



Communications

***Congratulations to the Thornton Sophisticats
Dance Team!!***

*For placing 1st in the 2AA Hip Hop Division for
IDTA dance competition at Gardner South High
School. The Sophisticats qualified for the IDTA
State Championship Dance Competition being
held in Springfield, IL February 10th and 11th
2017.*



Communications

The Thornton Lady Cats Girls Basketball qualified for the State tournament at Bloomington on March 17th and 18th. The team is led by Candice Richardson and Natasha Douyon.



The Thornwood Special Olympic basketball team played Thornton on December 3rd at South Suburban College. Thornwood defeated Thornton 62-43. The athletes had a blast playing at South Suburban and Santa even stopped in. The women's and men's South Suburban teams came out to support all of our athletes. It was a great experience!



Communications

Congratulations to the following Thunderbirds who have been named 2016 Illinois State Scholars.

- *Comfort Abuwa (SBOE)*
- *Princess Adams*
- *Danielle Allen*
- *Simbiat Eji-Lasisi (SBOE)*
- *Rosemarie Garza*
- *Christopher Johnson*
- *Ariyon Madry*
- *Lauren Nnabuo*
- *Andrew Ntamere*
- *Mary Oladapo*
- *Jennifer Quinto*
- *Arely Sanchez*
- *Ayomide Taiwo*
- *Hajja Madinah Yamini*



Communications

*On November 12th, the **Special Olympics Gold Basketball** team took first place at the Thornton High School Invitational. The T-birds defeated Homewood Flossmoor 34-13 and Cornerstone 30-25 in the championship game.*

Athletes:

- *Aaron Bean*
- *Deonte Burks*
- *Antonio Carr*
- *Miguel Castillo*
- *Jaylen Echols*
- *Jordan Fuller*
- *Tyree Hardy*
- *Nicholas McDonald*
- *Jamiah Shepard*
- *Deandre Taylor*
- *Jonathon Tyse*



Communications

HOLA Hispanic Outreach Leadership Association celebrated its first Kermes Program Fair with 100s of parents and all levels of stakeholders from Governors State University. MB bank, Outlook Academy, South Suburban College and Family Centered Educational Services provided very important information to our Spanish speaking parents.



Communications

*At the end of our second semester, **Outlook Academy** will have 28 students on track to graduate in December.*

*Outlook continues to register new students as spots open up.
Since September, 34 of our students have secured employment.*

Happy Holidays from all of us the Outlook Academy!



Unfinished Business

New Business

- *Public Hearing concerning the Intent of the Board to sell not to Exceed \$3,400,000 of Working Cash Fund Bonds of the District-*
Mr. Horton

New Business

- *Recommended Approval of a Resolution of intent to issue not to Exceed \$3,400,000 of Working Cash Fund Bonds of the District -
Mr. Horton (Approval Needed)*

New Business

- *Approval of 2016 Tax Levy –
Mr. Horton (Approval Needed)*

New Business

- *Recommended Approval of Renaming of Thornridge Gym to Quinn Buckner Arena and Retirement of the “71” and “72” Thornridge Basketball Team starting line-up jerseys;
Renaming of Thornwood Softball Field to Lagesse Field and
Renaming of Thornwood Baseball Field to Dunlop Field –
Dr. Doss (Approval Needed)*

New Business

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

Superintendent's Report

- *Safety and Security Plan –
Dr. Leotis Swopes, Superintendent*

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**

- ❖ *Student Discipline*
- ❖ *Action Regarding Grievance No. 091916*
- ❖ *Action Regarding Grievance No. 112916*
- ❖ *Action Concerning Resolution Rescinding Reduction-in-Force for Certain Teachers*

Adjournment

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, January 11, 2017

6:30pm

Thornton Township High School