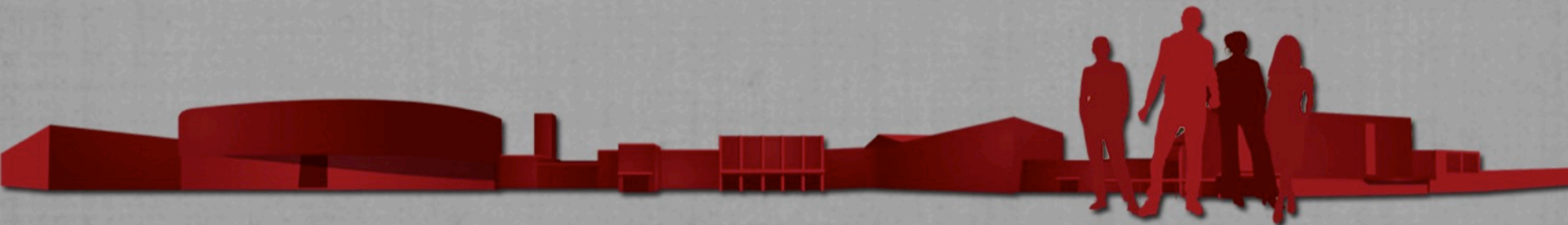


BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

April 13, 2016

SERVING ALL OR PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITIES:

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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 February 10, 2016*
- *Approval of Minutes: Special Meeting and Executive Session of March 1, 2016*
- *Approval of Minutes: Special Meeting and Executive Session of March 4, 2016*
- *Approval of District 205 Bills dated: March 18, March 25, April 1 and April 8, 2016*
- *Personnel: Approval of Resignations, Leave of Absence, New Hires and Terminations dated April 13, 2016*

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

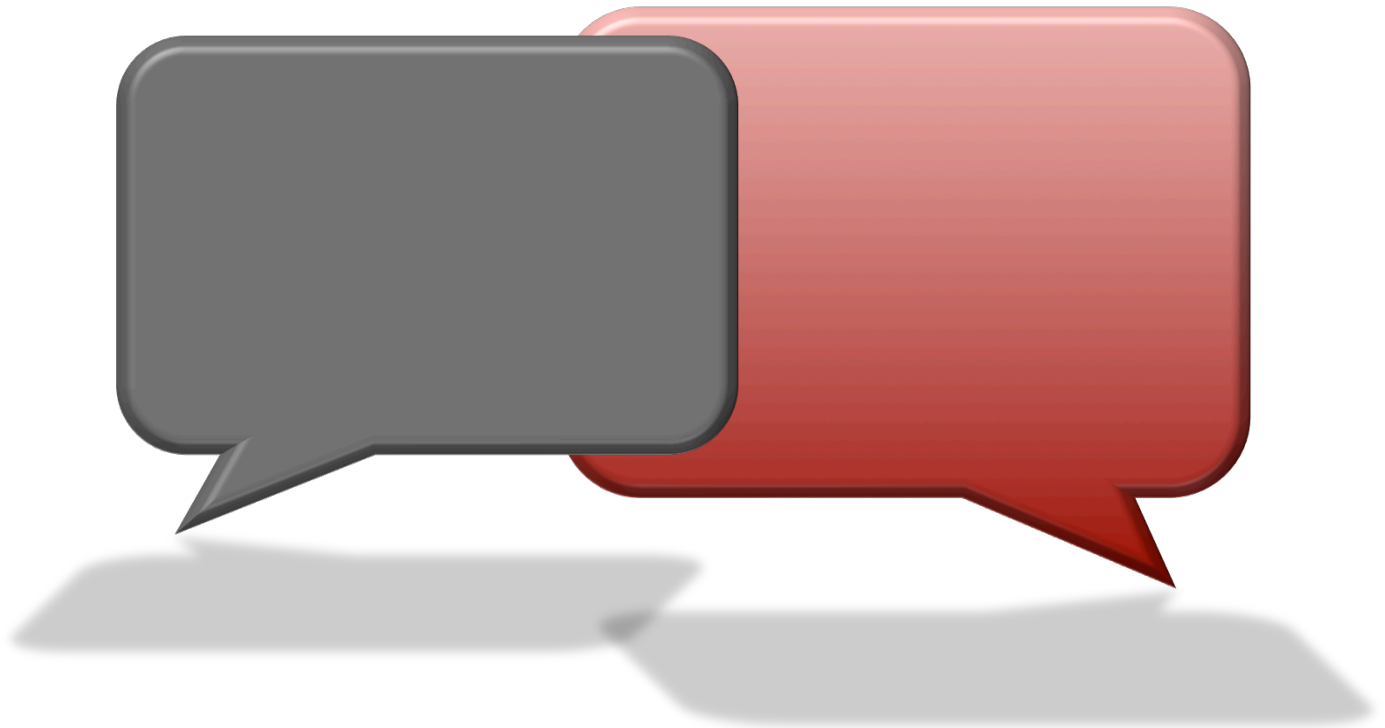
- *Mr. Doss*

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- *Mr. Arrington*



Moment of Silence



In Memoriam

Mr. Otis Dunn

Thornridge High School

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DISTRICT 205 WELCOMES NEW SUPERINTENDENT

DR. LEOTIS D. SWOPES WAS APPOINTED SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
FOR THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 205
ON MARCH 9, 2016, FOLLOWING A NATIONWIDE SEARCH.

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DISTRICT 205's 7TH ANNUAL
FAMILY READING NIGHT
POETRY SLAM

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2016
THORNRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL
5:30PM - 8:30PM



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JEFFERSON AWARDS CEREMONY

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2016

THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

5PM

**YOU STILL HAVE TIME TO NOMINATE SOMEONE FOR OUR
THUNDERFALCAT AWARDS.**

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Congratulations

Fonda Moyer - TR

Terri Redick-McClendon - TT

George Zalewski - TW

Rose McGill - Ed Van Kley Award

FOR BEING SELECTED AS THE RECIPIENTS OF THE
2016 STAR AWARD FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE.

THEY WILL BE FORMALLY RECOGNIZED AT THE
REACHING FOR THE STARS GALA ON APRIL 30, 2016 AT THE
GLENWOODIE GOLF CLUB. TICKETS FOR THE GALA ARE \$75.00.

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Congresswoman Robin Kelly presents the 3rd Annual Youth Job & Resource Expo & Job Readiness Boot Camps

Held at Thornton Township High School on April 16th at 9am



Congresswoman Robin Kelly

Presents...

**3rd Annual Youth Job and Resource Expo
&
Job Readiness Boot Camps**

Opportunities for summer jobs, internships, career exploration, access to youth services and programs

Youth Job and Resource Expo

Saturday, April 16, 2016

9 AM to 12 Noon

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Machine Tool Technology Shop Program

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*On March 23, 2016, **Thornridge** held its annual College and Career Fair for its students. Colleges and universities such as Fisk University, University of Wisconsin at Madison, Southern Illinois University (Carbondale and Edwardsville), University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, Jackson State University, Illinois State University and Simmons College of Kentucky, to name a few.*



Communications

*The **Thornridge Jazz Band** is honored to be selected to perform at the National Organizational of Black County Officials during their Economic Development Conference being held at the Hyatt Regency – McCormick Place in Chicago. The band will provide the musical entertainment during the luncheon sessions on April 22nd and 23rd of their conference, giving our students and our District a great opportunity to show our musical excellence on this platform, led by Director of Bands Yolandus Douglas. We are excited about this opportunity to musically show the “**WE ARE TR!!!**”*



Communications

Thornridge is very excited the future our very own Class of 2016 Senior **Dawn Russell**, who is also the President of the District 205 Student Board of Education. Dawn has been accepted to two of the Ivy League college/universities in the fall. She has been accepted at Cornell University and Dartmouth College. She has also been accepted at the University of Notre Dame and Duke University. Thornridge celebrates with her, as she is currently the valedictorian of the Class of 2016, with a GPA of 4.7! Congratulations to Dawn Russell!



Communications

***Thornridge** High School is hosting their 1st Incoming Freshmen Night tonight to welcome the Class of 2020! We have a full evening planned, including the introduction of administration and staff and showcasing our stellar programs like AVID, Career and Technology, Fine Arts and IB. All of our clubs, activities and sports programs will also engage the Class of 2020 tonight as well. We am excited to welcome the future **Falcons** tonight...the Class of 2020!*



Communications

*We have received amazing news regarding a **Thornridge** alum! Former Thornridge student athlete **Danzel McDaniel**, from the Class of 2012, played college football at Kansas State University as an outstanding and productive defensive back. He is prepared, ready and hopeful about his potential to be selected during this year's NFL Draft Day being held on April 28-30, 2016 in Chicago, IL. We wish him the best of luck on NFL Draft Day.*



Communications

*Congratulations to the **TR S.A.V.E. Drill team** for winning 2nd place at Hillcrest High School's Stomp the Hill Step Competition on Saturday, March 12th. The competition was stiff and we prevailed! This was the last competition of the season and we are so proud of them! We are TR!*



Communications

*On Saturday, March 12, 2016 the **Thornridge Drama/Group Interp** teams competed at the SWSC Drama/ Group Interpretation Festival at Homewood Flossmoor High School. The contest play, *Wine in the Wilderness* by Alice Childress received 3 SWSC All Conference acting awards recognizing Rodney Jackson, Jalen Thomas and Kayla Winston for acting excellence.*

*The Group Interp was *Lysistrata* by Aristophanes. They received all Superiors from the judge panel as a production and EVERY member of the GI received an SWSC All Conference acting award for acting excellence!*

Congratulations to Mr. LeCompte for his excellence in building our set and developing a wonderful crew for our contest play. They were only 1 point away from a Tech Excellence award! A big achievement for a crew of newbies!



Communications

South Suburban College Video Competition – March 24, 2016

TTHS entered a total of 12 projects in this competition and received seven top three places:

First Place: Creative Editing – Ruth Owaseni

Second Place: News Program – Kejuan Mills, Jonna Harris and Ruth Owaseni

Third Place: Commercial – Jonna Harris; Public Service Announcement – Jonna Harris; Creative Editing – DaShawn Sanders; Music Video – Jonna Harris



Communications

Congratulations to 467 Wildcats for making the honor roll during 3rd quarter. They were honored with a certificate and a continental breakfast as well as receiving their name and GPA on the honor roll banner .



Communications

Contest Play – April 1st and April 2nd

The cast and crew of Thornton's contest play competed at the IHSA State finals drama competition in Springfield. The show placed 7th in the State. Madonna Coleman and Angelica Parker were awarded the All State Drama cast nomination for the production. In addition, the crew earned the State Champion title in the Drama Technical Performance Award for Large sets.



Communications

*April 1st-2nd – **The Lady Wildcats** Traveled to East St. Louis for the 25th Annual Jackie Joyner Kersee Classic 25 schools participated in the meet with 5 states being represented. The team finished third only two points out of 2nd place. The highlight of the meet was the 2nd place finish in the hurdle relay with the relay team of Mya Robinson, Amari Windom, Iyandi Price, and Marima Banks. The girls also got a chance to attend a motivational session by Jackie Joyner she gave a presentation on the importance of young women setting goals and striving for success.*

*The following weekend April 8 -9th **The boys Wildcat team** traveled to Belleville West for the Norm Armstrong Invite. This is meet 28 schools were represented at by invitation only. The Thornton Athletes of the past paved the way for this opportunity. Thornton was singled out by the meet director stating how excited he was to have the addition of Thornton to the meet in an article published on the state track website DyestatIL. The boys did an amazing job representing the school on and off the track. The highlight of the boys was Remi Simmons 3rd place finish in the long jump beating out a field of 50 jumpers . Tionte McDaniel also helped lead the Wildcats with strong performances.*

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Congrats to Adrian Gonzalez, Crystal Conner, Daphne Matthews, James Render IV, Jaylah Armstrong, Randy Price and Sarah Slaughter on their Division I Superior Rating for their Solo's.

Congrats to Angel Jones, D'Angelo Manning, Joshua Lewis, Pierre Feaster, Raven Morris, Jordan Greene and Tyler Stallworth on their Division II Excellent Rating for their Solo's.

Congrats to the Saxophone Ensemble which consist of Calia Brooks, James Render IV, Daphne Matthews and Sarah Slaughter on their Division I Superior rating.

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Olympic State Team

Thornton Lady Wildcats and the Wildcat Olympic Basketball Teams traveled to Illinois State University on March 11th . They placed 2nd in the State.

Way To Go Wildcats!



Communications

*Carthage College highlighting our very own TTHS graduate, **DaQuawn Bruce**. Carthage College has now created a special French scholarship dedicated to the students from the Thornton area due to DaQuawn's excellence in French and his drive to succeed. If all goes as planned, he will be studying in Senegal, Africa, next spring, as part of his French immersion experience. He plans on pursuing a PhD in French.*



Communications

*Congratulations to **Thornwood** teacher, **Mr. Danny Gray**, he was presented with the prestigious Golden Apple Award Plaque along with 10 teachers across the state for teaching excellence. Mr. Gray was surprised today while teaching his class at TW. Members from the Golden Apple committee, Mr. Gray's family and District colleagues were all in attendance.*



Communications

U.S. Rep. Robin Kelly announces winners of 2016 Congressional Art Competition

*This spring and this year's winner is **Paul Somerville**, Thornwood High School student, who won first place for his entry titled, "A Boy in the City." Paul's artwork will be displayed for one year at the U.S. Capitol. He was also awarded two round-trip tickets to Washington D.C. to attend a reception honoring the winning artists from all 50 states."*



Communications

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Communications

*Students from the **Few Good M.E.N.** mentoring group talked with 7th and 8th grade students from school district 149 for their 4th Annual Male Youth Summit.*



Communications

*Thornwood's **Gold Special Olympics Basketball Team** are state champions and won the gold medal.*

*Individual Skills Competition:
David Preston also won the gold medal in the skills division.*



Unfinished Business

New Business

- *Ratification of Overnight Field Trip, Boys' Track (Policy Section 6:240)-
Mr. Ratliff (Approval Needed)*

New Business

- *Ratification of Overnight Field Trip, Speech Team (Policy Section 6:240)-
Mr. Ratliff (Approval Needed)*

New Business

- *Ratification of Overnight Field Trip, Girls' Track (Policy Section 6:240) –
Mr. Ratliff (Approval Needed)*

New Business

- *Ratification of Overnight Field Trip, Speech Team (Policy Section 6:240) –
Mr. Walton (Approval Needed)*

New Business

- *Recommended Approval of Out-of-State Field Trip, Student Board (Policy Section 6:240)-
Mr. Doss (Approval Needed)*

New Business

- *Presentation of 2015 Annual Financial Report (Policy Section 4:110)-
Mr. Nick Cavaliere of Baker Tilly*

New Business

- *Recommended Approval to Go Out to Bid for Transportation Services (Policy Section 4:60)-
Mr. Horton (Approval Needed)*

New Business

- *Recommended Approval of Go Out to Bid for Food Services
(Policy Section 4:60)-
Mr. Horton (Approval Needed)*

New Business

- *Recommended Approval SCMI Continuation Commitment Agreement (Policy Section 4:60)-
Mr. Fickes (Approval Needed)*

New Business

- *Recommended Approval of R.I.S.E. Administrative Agreement (Policy Section 4:60)-
Dr. Swopes (Approval Needed)*

New Business

- *Recommended Approval of 2016-2017 IHSA Membership (Policy Section 1:20)-
Dr. Swopes (Approval Needed)*

New Business

- *Recommended Approval of CMSi Curriculum Audit (Policy Section 4:80)-
Dr. Swopes (Approval Needed)*

Superintendent's Report

Executive Session

- *The Board will enter closed session pursuant to Section 2(c) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss:*
 - *Student Discipline;*
 - *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;*
 - *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 concerning Recommendation of Administration regarding Student Disciplinary Matters from Thornton and Thornridge High Schools*
- ❖ *Possible Action concerning Retirement Contract for Non-certified Staff Member*
- ❖ *Possible Action concerning Settlement Agreement with Former Administrator*
- ❖ *Possible Action concerning Settlement of Faculty Association Labor Practice Charge*
- ❖ *Possible Action concerning District Administrator Retirement Package*

Adjournment

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, May 11, 2016

6:30pm

Thornwood High School