

Thornton Township High School District 205 Board of Education Meeting

March 14, 2012

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

Consent Agenda



- Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting and Executive Session of February 8, 2012
- Approval of Minutes: Special Meeting and Executive Session of February 21, 2012
- Approval of District 205 Bills dated: Feb. 9, Feb. 16, Feb. 23, Feb. 29 and March 8, 2012
- Personnel: Approval of Resignations, Leave of Absence and Employment

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 crucial 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.

FOIA



■ Mr. Ogarek

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■ Mr. Doss



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Thornridge High School



Senior Destiny Thompson won 1st place in the Dramatic Interpretation category at the IHSA State Speech Tournament held in Peoria, IL. Destiny was the sole competitor in the championship this year.

Also congratulations to Mrs. Yvonne Nesbitt and her coaching staff for a phenomenal season for TR's Speech & Drama department.

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Thornridge High School



Thornridge competed in the SWSC Drama and Contest Play Festival at Thornton High School.

Their Contest play this year, Cat on a Hot Tin Roof, won and received Excellent rating and three (3) cast members were awarded All Conference Cast Members.

Please congratulate Anthony Gibson, Ashley O'Lidge, and Ashonta Atkinson.

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Thornridge High School



Thornridge competed in the SWSC Drama and Group Interpretation Festival at Thornton High School.

Group Interpretation, Fierce: Narratives of Victims and Victories won a Superior Rating and the entire cast was awarded All Conference Cast Member medals.

Please congratulate Anthony Gibson, Ashonta Atkinson, Ivette Salazar, Jewelle Vernon, Tiera Sterling, Joshua Hunter, Mack McClom, Felisa Ogunyemi and Destiny Thompson.

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Thornridge High School



Thornridge competed in the SWSC Drama and Group Interpretation Festival at Thornton High School.

Thornridge's crew, headed by our Technical Director, Mike Whitman, won the Tech'xellence award for Superior technical work in setting up the show. TR hasn't won this award since 2008!

Please congratulate Mr. Whitman and his crew for their hard work and diligence in making this year's Contest play look like a work of art.

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Thornton Township High School



Gates Millennium Scholars

Thornton seniors, Tamara Byrd & Darryl Cowans have been named 2012 Gates Millennium Scholars Finalists.

Congratulations to Tamara & Darryl on working your way through to become a 2012 recipient of the prestigious scholarship!

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Thornton Township High School



At the Sectional Speech Tournament at Homewood
Flossmoor High School on Saturday, February 11, 2012
Thornton had two winners.

- **John Arrington Jr.** won Oratory Declamation and Informative Speech.
- **Fred Jones** won Poetry

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Thornton Township High School



At the 5th Annual South Suburban College Video Competition Thornwood students placed in the following categories:

- **Olatunji Okesamuel & LaNeah Hawkins** won 3rd place for Short Subject- Comedy
- **Guadalupe Huerta** won 3rd place for Public Service Announcement: *The National Campaign to Prevent Teen & Unplanned Pregnancy*
- **Michell Johnson** won 3rd place for Public Service Announcement: *Homeless Youth*

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Thornton Township High School



At the SWSC Drama and Group Interp Festival, the cast earned a Superior ranking. Several students were named to all conference cast:

■ **Contest Play:** Destin Patton Warner, Brandi Jones, and Allysha Nobles

■ **Group Interpretation production:** Raghene Hoard, Mercedes Hendrix, Derwin Burns, DeAngelo Simpson, Arron Johnson, Deshawn McGowan, Yolanda Drew, Deja Perry, and Desmond Washington

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Thornton Township High School



- Varsity Basketball team won the Regional Championship for the 9th year in a row.
- Cheron Mimms is a finalist for the United World Colleges Scholarship
- Thornton's Mock Trial Team placed 5th out of 14 teams that participated in the Sixth District's Mock Trial Competition.
- Varsity Cheerleaders competed in the Nationals Cheer Squad (Orlando, **Florida**) Received a 2nd. Place championship trophy.

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Thornwood High School



At the 5th Annual South Suburban College Video Competition Thornwood students placed in the following categories:

TV Commercial: 1st Place - London Ketchum,
2nd Place – Chelsea Ford and Julian Roden

Music Video: 1st Place – Guadalupe Ambrosio

Congratulations T-Birds!

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Thornwood High School



At the Sectional Speech Tournament at Homewood Flossmoor High School on Saturday, February 11, 2012 the following students won for Performance in the Round:

Eric Blain, Jasmine Dixon, Eddie Everson, Christian Flowers, Amani Howard, Brandi Jones, Evonne McAfee, Bianca Newell, Richelle Poelinitz, Kayla Seawood and Abriah Todd

Congratulations!

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Thornwood High School



Congratulations

Thornwood High School varsity basketball team
Southwest Suburban Conference Champions.

Great Job!

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Thornwood High School



Congratulations

Thornwood High School Performance in the Round

Finished third in state!

Congratulations Mr. Morales and the Thornwood
Performance in the Round Students

**Brandi Austin, Jasmine Dixon, Eddie Everson, Christian
Flowers, Amani Howard, Evonne McAfee, Bianca
Newell, Richelle Poelinitz, Breanna Stanciel and
Abriah Todd**

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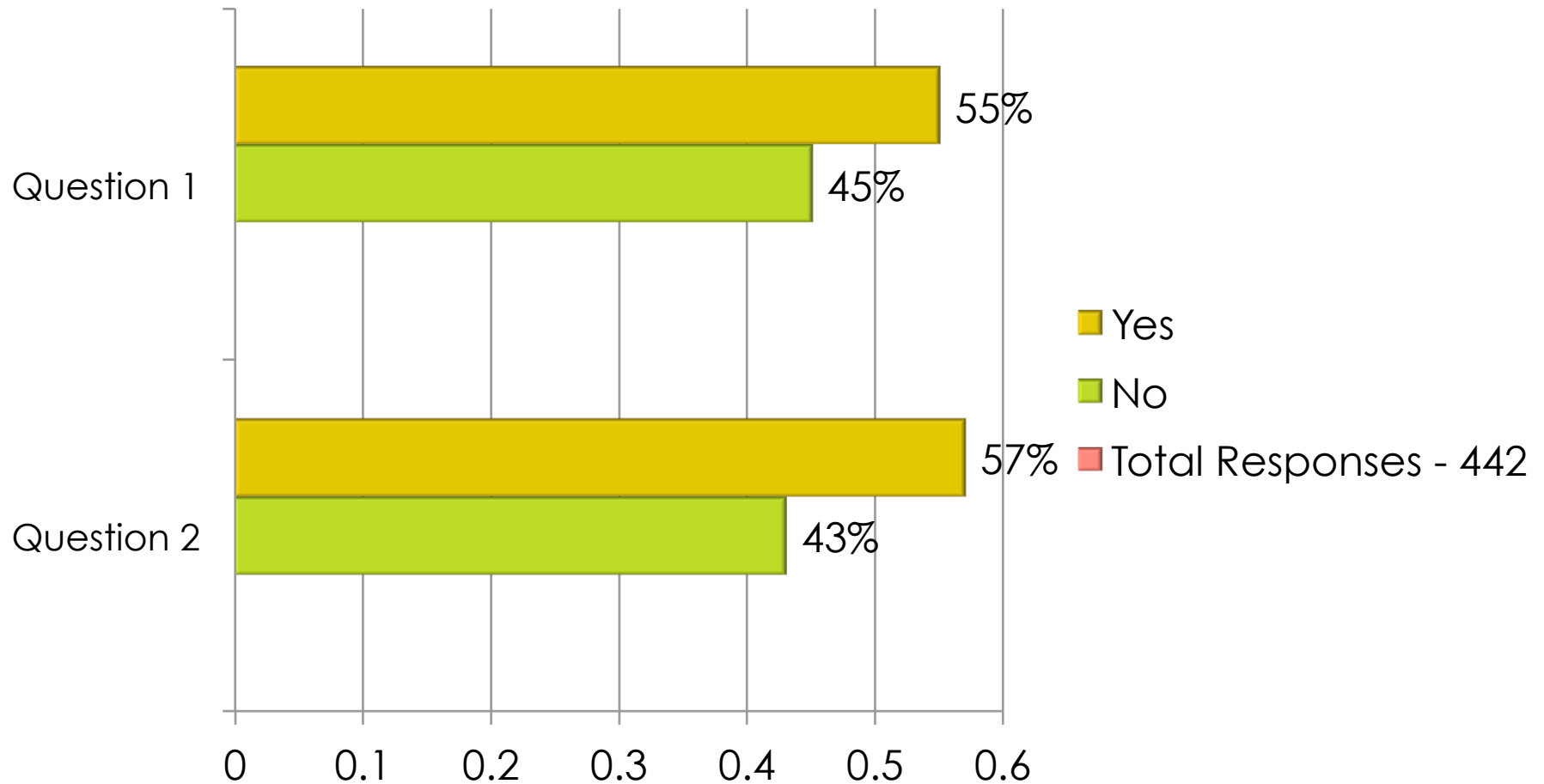
Stadium Lighting Survey

- Survey was launched on January 27th and concluded on February 17th.
- The District has held meeting with the mayors of South Holland and Dolton for input regarding installing stadium lights. A meeting is pending with the mayor of Harvey.
- The Board of Education has directed the administration to schedule two Friday night football games for next school year. These games will be played under temporary lights.

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Stadium Lighting Survey



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Girls Softball Fields at Thornton

There have been concerns with the current status of the girls' softball fields at TT. The Board has directed the administration to pursue a partnership with Harvey elementary school district to use their fields. More information will come soon.

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District News

Due to summer construction, Board meetings will be relocated as follows:

May
June
July
August

} Thornridge

September
October
November
December

} Thornwood

Upcoming Events



March

- **Mar. 15** - Parent Academy: Introduction to Basic Algebra & Introduction to Computers from 6-8pm at Thornridge H.S.
- **Mar. 20** – Parent Academy: Introduction to Cooking & Hooked on Reading from 6-8pm at Thornridge H.S.
- **Mar. 21** – Parent Academy: Introduction to Zumba from 6-7pm & 7-8pm at Thornridge H.S.
- **Mar. 22** – Parent Academy: : Introduction to Basic Algebra & Introduction to Computers from 6-8pm at Thornridge H.S.
- **Mar. 24** – **Summer School Registration from 9am- 12pm at each building**
- **Mar. 26** – **Coffee Chat with Dr. Lyke, 9am, District Office**
- **Mar. 27** – Parent Academy: Introduction to Cooking & Hooked on Reading from 6-8pm at Thornridge H.S.
- **Mar. 28** – **Late Start**
- **Mar. 28** - Parent Academy: Introduction to Zumba from 6-7pm & 7-8pm at Thornridge H.S.
- **Mar. 29** – **Family Reading Night & Poetry Slam, Thornwood H.S.**

Upcoming Events



April

- ▣ **Apr. 6** – SAT Test Registration Deadline for May 5th
- ▣ **Apr. 6 – 13** – Spring Break – **NO SCHOOL**
- ▣ **Apr. 11** – Board of Education Meeting, Thornton H.S. at 6:30pm

Unfinished Business



New Business



- Faculty Association –
Ken Wendorff, *President*

New Business



- Ratification of Overnight Field Trip (Band) (*Policy Section 6:240*) –
Mrs. Williams (*Approval Needed*)

New Business



- Ratification of Overnight Field Trip (Speech) (*Policy Section 6:240*) –
Mrs. Williams (*Approval Needed*)

New Business



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

New Business



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

New Business



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

New Business



- Recommended Approval of French Book, Level I
(*Policy Section 6:210*) –
Mrs. Johnson (*Approval Needed*)

New Business



- Recommended Approval of French Book, Level II
(*Policy Section 6:210*) –
Mrs. Johnson (*Approval Needed*)

New Business



- Recommended Approval of Spanish Book, Level I
(*Policy Section 6:210*) –
Mrs. Johnson (*Approval Needed*)

New Business



- Recommended Approval of Spanish Book, Level II
(Policy Section 6:210) –
Mrs. Johnson (Approval Needed)

New Business



- Recommended Approval of 2012-2013 School Calendar (*Policy Section 6:20*) –
Mrs. Ablin (*Approval Needed*)

2012-2013 School Calendar



Highlights

First Day of School

August 20, 2012

Winter Break

**December 24th, 2012 –
January 7, 2013**

Spring Break

**March 29, 2013 –
April 8, 2013**

Last Day of School*

June 4, 2013

*Assuming no emergency days are used

New Business



- Recommended Approval of Spring 2012 Asbestos Abatement (*Policy Section 4:60*) –
Mr. Ogarek (*Approval Needed*)

ASBESTOS ABATEMENT



- On Tuesday, March 6, District 205 held a bid opening for Asbestos Abatement to be performed at Thornton Township High School over summer break.
- Eight bids were received and the low bid was submitted by Safe Environmental.
- The Finance Committee is recommending that the contract be awarded to the lowest, qualified bidder, Safe Environmental, in the amount of \$74,800.

New Business



- Recommended Approval of Changes to Nepotism Policy (*Policy 2:41*) –
Mrs. Lawrence (30-Day Review)

Current Nepotism Policy

The Board of Education shall not hire any individual for a full-time position if the individual is a member of the immediate family (parents, spouse, or child) of a District 205 Board member or an administrator.

Recommended Nepotism Policy

For the purpose of this policy, family member shall include but not limited to spouse, parent, child and sibling.

Thornton Township High School District 205 is committed to hiring qualified personnel based on staffing needs in compliance with the Illinois State Board of Education and District 205 policies. It is the policy of Thornton Township High School District 205 that no family member of an administrator of Thornton Township High School District 205 may be employed full-time by the school district. However, employees who already hold a position at Thornton Township High School District 205 and are a family member of an administrator shall not be affected.

New Business



- Recommended Approval of Soccer Goal Safety and Education Policy –
Dr. Lyke (30-Day Review)

Soccer Goal Safety and Education Policy

Outlines how the District will specifically address the safety issues associated with movable soccer goals

- Only the District shall be permitted to move any movable soccer goals the District owns, installs, or places on its property
- If a movable soccer goal becomes unanchored or improperly secured, only authorized personnel shall be permitted to re-secure it in accordance with the safety guidelines.
- The District shall routinely inspect all movable soccer goals

New Business



- Recommended Approval of Changes to Discipline Policy (*Policy 7:190*) –
Mrs. Russell, Mr. Conner (30-Day Review)

Student ID Policy

► Recommended

1st -2nd offense-

-students report to the designated area to purchase a temp or ID before the start of class. An IOU can be used for the first two temps.

3rd and subsequent offenses-

-students report to the designated area to purchase a temp or ID before the start of class.

-students who can not purchase an ID should report to their Dean/Attendance office by third period to receive

- temp

- after school detention/parent notified

Students refusing to wear school I.D. will be considered insubordinate and will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action set forth by the district.

Discipline Policy

- **Recommended**

For repeated offenses where up to five days of suspension have been issued; intervention services and progressive discipline procedures may be provided to the student as to be determined by the dean/administrator as needed.

- Other disciplinary measures may be used, including but not limited to; Community Service, Character Education, Social Suspension, Restorative Justice and Creating Positive Relationships.
- While serving suspension, students and/or parents are highly encouraged to obtain class work assignments from teachers. Sources for obtaining assignments can be by phone, internet, or parent pick-up. For pick-up, arrangements must be made with the house office prior to the arrival to school.

Discipline Policy

▶ Recommended

Suspension from school and all school activities for up to 10 days provided that appropriate procedures are followed. A suspended student is prohibited from being on school grounds.

- **Any 10 day suspension is pending an administrative review.**
- Student will receive 75% for make-up work. Student will be expected to complete make-up work within 3 days upon return to school.

New Business



- Recommended Approval of Changes to Attendance Policy (*Policy 7:70*) –
Mr. Pearson, Mr. Kincaid (30-Day Review)

Make Up Work

Proposed Policy

- Students with excused absences will receive full credit for make-up work. Students with unexcused absences or suspended students will receive 75 % credit for make-up work. Students will be expected to complete make-up work within 3 days upon return to school.

Unexcused Absences - *Proposed Policy*

- *1st absence*
 - parent/guardian notification by robocall
 - detention issued
- *2nd absence*
 - parent/guardian notification by robocall
 - phone conference
 - 2 hour Saturday detention
- *3rd absence*
 - parent/guardian notification by robocall
 - student placed on social suspension
 - Phone conference
 - 4 hour Saturday detention
- *4th absence*
 - parent guardian notification by robocall
 - 1 day in school suspension and phone conference

Unexcused Absences - *Proposed Policy*

- *5th absence*
 - parent guardian notification by robocall
 - 0-1 day out of school suspension pending parent conference
- *6th absence*
 - parent guardian notification by robocall
 - 1 day in school suspension and phone conference
- *7th and subsequent unexcused absences could lead to more severe disciplinary consequences*

Tardy Procedures- *Proposed Policy*

- 1st -2nd unexcused tardy
 - Receive Plasco tardy slip
 - warning
- 3rd unexcused tardy
 - Receive Plasco tardy slip
 - After school detention issued
- 4th unexcused tardy
 - Receive Plasco tardy slip
 - 2 hour Saturday detention
 - Parent notification (Letter)
- 5th unexcused tardy
 - Receive Plasco tardy slip
 - 4 hour Saturday detention
 - Parent notification (Letter)

Tardy Procedures- *Proposed Policy*

- 6th & 7th tardy
 - Receive Plasco tardy slip and student is sent to designated area
 - 1 day in school suspension
 - Phone conference with parent/guardian and parent notification (letter)
- 8th tardy
 - Receive Plasco tardy slip and student is sent to designated area
 - 0-1 day out of school suspension pending parent conference with attendance coordinator
- Subsequent tardies could lead to more severe disciplinary consequences

New Business



- Change of April Board Meeting Date (*Policy 2:200*) – **Dr. Lyke (*Approval Needed*)**

April Board of Education Meeting

Current Date

April 11, 2011

(Spring Break April 6th - 13th)

Proposed Date

April 18, 2011

Superintendent's Report



Community Visits

Riverdale District 148 School Board Meeting
Riverdale District 133 School Board Meeting
Markham Village Council Meeting
Harvey City Council Meeting

December 22, 2012
February 13, 2012
February 15, 2012
February 27, 2012

South Holland Village Council Meeting
Hazel Crest Village Council Meeting
Phoenix Village Council Meeting
Thornton Village Council Meeting
Dolton Village Council Meeting
Riverdale Village Council Meeting
Calumet City Council Meeting
Dixmoor Village Council Meeting
East Hazel Crest Village Council Meeting

March 19, 2012
March 27, 2012
March 27, 2012
April 2, 2012
April 16, 2012
April 24, 2012
April 26, 2012
May 23, 2012
May 23, 2012

Superintendents' Roundtable

Student Ambassador Program

- District 205 students will meet with 8th grade students to talk about the high school experience
- Introduce 8th grade students to programs and activities that support academic achievement
- Showcase District 205 student success and achievement
- 8th grade students have an opportunity to visit District 205 schools

Naviance 2012-2013

Web-based research and college planning tool for students, parents, and guidance counselors

- establish meaningful post-secondary goals and connect those goals with their coursework and college planning activities
- measure their progress against college readiness milestones
- planning, application, and decision process
- training will occur through Spring and Summer
- starts in the freshman year
- supports all students, including AVID students

Executive Session



Reconvene Open Session



■ Student Discipline

Reconvene Open Session



- Resolution No. 2012-2 to Dismiss a Tenured Teacher
(*Policy Section 5:290*) –
Dr. Lyke (*Approval Needed*)

Adjournment

