

# DISTRICT 205 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

NOVEMBER 9, 2011



## 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
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# CONSENT AGENDA



- Approval of Minutes: Board Self-Evaluation Executive Session of October 10, 2011
- Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting and Executive Session of October 12, 2011
- Approval of District 205 Bills dated: Oct. 13, Oct. 20, Oct. 27 and November 4, 2011
- Personnel: Approval of Resignations, Leave of Absence, 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 three 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.



- Mr. Ogarek





# COMMUNICATIONS



- Mr. Doss





# COMMUNICATIONS



## Thornridge High School

Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> the National Honors Society held their annual Induction Ceremony. 25 students were inducted. Admission is based on an extensive screening process that included a faculty review of students Scholarship, Character, Citizenship and Service.

Butler, Kayiah	Fuller, Olevia V	Ratliff, Kyerra	Newson, Destiny R.
Crosby, Antonio M.	Johnson, Letrice	Salazar, Diana	Ngubane, Alicia E.
Edwards, Michelle	Jones, Ulric	Tate-Lee, Ta-Mira	Turner, Kquiana Nicole
Ellis, Michelle	Lawrence, Tatianna	Thompson, Rasika	Wade, Marcell R.
Evans, Emani	Magee, Andrea	Thurman-Guice, Ashley	Wilson, Jamie I.
Fryer, Della Jae T	McCain, Dasia P.	Turner, Jazmine	Adeosun, Demola A



# COMMUNICATIONS

## **Thornridge High School**

Southwest Suburban Conference

Football All Conference Status

- Devonte Stewart
- Stephen Davis
- Terrance Thomas



# COMMUNICATIONS



## **Thornton Township High School**

### **National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship Capital Challenge Stock Market Competition**

- NFTE students are participating in a state-wide stock market game.
- Thornton students are in a near tie for second place with Lincoln-Way Central High School. The team is sponsored by Illinois State Representative Will Davis.
- Will Davis will visit during the November 28<sup>th</sup>.

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**





# COMMUNICATIONS



## **Thornton Township High School**

### **WGCI 107.5 Spirit Pep Assembly**

**WGCI conducted a spirit contest throughout all of the high schools in the Chicagoland area, and Thornton won the contest.**

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**



# COMMUNICATIONS



## **Thornton Township High School**

### **Project Alpha Workshops**

The Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity hosted life skills workshops for our students on Saturday. Over 200 youth participated.



# COMMUNICATIONS



## **Thornton Township High School**

### **Speech Team Tournament**

Speech team participated in a tournament on Saturday

32 schools participated

### **Tournament Champions**

- John Arrington Jr. - *Informative Speaking*
  - Darwin Perry - *Oratorical Declamation*
- LaNeah Hawkins - *Special Occasion Speaking*



# COMMUNICATIONS



## **Thornton Township High School**

### **Fall Play for Local Elementary Students**

#### **Beauty and the Beast**

Students from Lowell Longfellow Elementary in Harvey attended the play in the auditorium.



# COMMUNICATIONS



## **Thornwood High School**

### **Operation Twinkie**

- Freshman, Glennita Williams coordinated a community service activity to send Twinkies and care packages to soldiers in Afghanistan.
- The project was highlighted on ABC 7 News.
- Faculty, staff, students and community members donated over \$477.00, 3,000 Twinkies and other care items.
- More activities are planned for the holidays.



# COMMUNICATIONS

## Thornwood

National Letter of Intent Loyola University of Chicago

Darell Combs

Darell Combs is signing a National Letter of Intent to play Division I College Basketball at Loyola University Chicago. The signing was held in the Thornwood Athletic office at 2:45pm.





# COMMUNICATIONS

## **Thornwood**

### Marching Band Wins Big at Bulldog Marching Band Competition

- 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Marching Bulldog Band Festival
- Class AAA Auxiliary – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
- Class AAA Percussion – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
- Class AAA Overall Field Show – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
- Class AAA Drum Major – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place



# COMMUNICATIONS



District 205 has now hit 200 likes on Facebook!

Like us on at District 205 Thornton Township High Schools







# COMMUNICATIONS



## **Illinois State Board of Education**

### **School Report Card**

- School Report Cards are now available for the District and each School.
- School Report Cards can be found:
  - District website
  - School Website
  - Hard copies can be picked up at each building



# UPCOMING EVENTS



## November

- **Nov. 10** – Mock Congressional Hearings at Thornton H.S., 8 - 11am
- **Nov. 11** – Veteran's Day - **NO SCHOOL**
- **Nov. 12** – Smooth Jazz Café at Thornton H.S., 7pm – 12am
- **Nov. 16** – Late Start
- **Nov. 22** – District Discipline Committee 6:00 p.m. TTHS Rm. T107
- **Nov. 23** – Early Dismissal
- **Nov. 24** – Thanksgiving – **NO SCHOOL**
- **Nov. 25** – Thanksgiving – **NO SCHOOL**
- **Nov. 28** – Coffee Chat with Dr. Lyke at District Office, 9am
- **Nov. 30** – Attendance Committee Meeting at Thornridge, 6:30pm



# UPCOMING EVENTS



## December

- **Dec. 7** – Late Start
- **Dec. 7** – Policy Committee 6:00 p.m. Thornridge Auditorium
- **Dec. 13** – Student Board of Education Meeting at Thornridge H.S., 4pm
- **Dec. 14** – Board of Education Meeting at Thornridge H.S., 6:30pm



# UNFINISHED BUSINESS





# NEW BUSINESS



- Recognition of Board Members—  
**Dr. Lyke**



# NEW BUSINESS



- Tuskegee Airmen Presentation (*Policy Section 8:10*) –  
**Mr. Ken Repeir, Mr. Alvin Rider and Ms. Cathy Griffin**



# NEW BUSINESS



- Life Academy Charter School Proposal Presentation (*Policy Section 1:20*) –  
**Ms. Darcell Ross**



# NEW BUSINESS



- Illinois Association of School Boards Superintendent Search Presentation (*Policy Section 2:20*) –  
**Dawn Miller, IASB Representative**





# NEW BUSINESS



- Recommended Approval of Out-of-State Field Trip (*Policy Section 6:240*) –  
**Mrs. Williams (*Approval Needed*)**



# NEW BUSINESS



- Recommended Approval of Snow Removal Bid (*Policy Section 4:60*) –  
**Mr. Ogarek (*Approval Needed*)**

# SNOW REMOVAL BID



- Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, District 205 held a bid opening for snow removal.
- District 205 received 5 bids:

Dutch Valley	\$180,659
Burrink	\$171,231
Desiderio	\$125,654
Sila Maint	\$118,457
Timber Crest	\$168,188



- The Finance Committee is recommending the one-year contract be awarded to the lowest, qualified bidder, Sila Maintenance for \$118,457.



# NEW BUSINESS



- Recommended Approval of HVAC Bid – Phase I (*Policy Section 4:60*) –  
**Mr. Ogarek (*Approval Needed*)**

# THORNTON HVAC PHASE I



- On Monday, October 24 District 205 held a bid opening for HVAC Phase I at Thornton Township High School.
- Bid specifications for Phase I included two options:
  - Bid Package “A” – Electric-based system
  - Bid Package “B” – Water-based mechanical system
- Sixteen bids were received and the low bid was submitted by Nicholas and Associates, Inc.
- The Finance Committee is recommending that the contract be awarded to the lowest, qualified bidder, Nicolas and Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$5,998,000 for Bid Package “B”.



# NEW BUSINESS



- Presentation of Tentative 2011 Tax Levy (*Policy Section 4:10*) –  
**Mr. Ogarek (30-Day review)**



# TENTATIVE TAX LEVY EXPLANATION

- What is a levy?

A levy is simply the amount of money a school district certifies to be raised from the property tax. In the case of the levy, we ask for funds and funds will be given, but no more than what we requested and are entitled to by law. The tax levy for the current year represents taxes that are payable the next calendar year and given to the district over a period of months. We are currently receiving taxes for the levy that was filed in December 2010.



## TENTATIVE TAX LEVY (CONT.)

- Why is a tentative levy being adopted?

The estimated levy amount determines what the legal requirements are for subsequent actions under the Truth in Taxation Act.





## WHY IS THE TENTATIVE LEVY BEING ADOPTED NOW?

- \$ The Truth in Taxation Act affects all units of local government. Under this Act, “At least 30 days prior to the adoption of its aggregate levy, the local board of education shall estimate the dollar amount of the aggregate levy for the current year.”
- \$ In Cook County if the estimated levy is greater than 105% of the previous year’s extension, the school district must publish a notice in a local newspaper stating the increased amount and schedule and conduct a public hearing on the increase before the levy can be adopted and filed. The final Certificate of Tax Levy must be filed with the County Clerk on or before the last Tuesday in December.



# 2011 TAX LEVY

• Educational Fund	\$36,810,080
• Operations & Maintenance	\$ 8,500,000
• Transportation	\$ 8,000,000
• Working Cash	\$ 772,727
• Municipal Retirement	\$ 600,000
• Social Security	\$ 600,000
• Life Safety	\$ 1,000
• Tort Immunity	\$ 500,000
• Special Education	\$ 6,181,818
• Leasing	\$ 1,000
• TOTAL LEVY	\$61,966,625



# NEW BUSINESS



- Faculty Association –  
**Mr. Ken Wendorff, *President***

# SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT



## Superintendent's Roundtable

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>SUPERINTENDENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>
148	Dr. Jane Purcell	Committed
133	Dr. Sutherland	Committed
147	Dr. Donald McKinney	Committed
150	Dr. Jerry Jordan	Committed
149	Dr. Traci Brown	November 15, 2011
151	Dr. Doug Hamilton	November 15, 2011
154	Mr. James Dunlap	November 15, 2011
152.5	Dr. Sheila Harrison-Williams	November 22, 2011
152	Mr. Eric Kellogg	TBD

# Fine Arts in District 205

What is it?



## Includes 5 areas in District 205

Art, Music, Speech, Foreign  
Language, and English Language  
Learning Program

# District 205 Art



- 5 Staff Members Across the District
- They teach the following courses:
  - Introduction to Art (The first course students take.)
  - Drawing
  - Painting
  - Ceramics
  - Visual Design
  - Art Studio



# District 205 Music



Each building has one band instructor.

Mr. Eanes (TR)

Mr. Anderson (TW)

Mr. Render III (TT)



- Students take courses in Beginning Band, Symphonic Band, Junior Varsity Band, and Jazz Band.
- A pilot course in Advanced Placement (AP) Music Theory is being offered this year.



# District 205 Speech

All students in District 205 are required to take Speech One as a graduation requirement.

Students have opportunities to take the following courses after Speech One.

- \*Speech Two
- \*Theatre Arts
- \*Stagecraft
- \*Media Production One
- \*Media Production Two (These students can earn dual credit in conjunction with South Suburban College, if a student earns a grade of A or B.)



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Nǐ Hǎo

## District 205 Chinese

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Nǐ Hǎo

### Chinese Program

- There are two full time Chinese teachers in District 205. Both of them are native speakers. They are currently teaching Chinese One and Two. This program began last year. We hope to include level three next year.

### Chinese One and Two

When a person takes the Chinese character symbol and rewrites it in “word form”, this is called \_\_\_\_\_?

- A) Mandarin
- B) Pinyin
- C) Incorrect
- D) None of the Above

# District 205 French

- There are five different levels of French taught throughout the District.
- French One
- French Two
- French Three
- French Four
- French Five
- In the business world, French is the \_\_\_\_\_most used language in the world?
- A) First
- B) Second
- C) Third
- D) Fourth
- E) None of the above

# District 205 Spanish

## **Spanish Program**

- Currently there are four levels of Spanish being offered across the District.
  - Spanish One
  - Spanish Two
  - Spanish Three
  - Spanish Four
- (We are currently working on a Spanish for Spanish Speakers course.)

## **True or False**

- 1) Mr. Porter was a Spanish teacher.
- 2) Spanish One has been offered in summer school to students, who have been identified with high EXPLORE Scores.

# District 205 English Language Learning ELL Program

**District 205 is housing all students in ELL at  
Thornton Township High School.**

- 1) This year the number of students enrolled across the District is 110 students. This is an increase from 72 students last year.
- 2) We are transitioning to a bilingual program, so that students are able to learn English, as well as increase their skills in their native language.
- 3) We currently service students, who speak Spanish, French, Hindi-Gujarati, and those who have not learned English well in their native country.

# Questions???

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# EXECUTIVE SESSION





# RECONVENE OPEN SESSION







# STUDENT DISCIPLINE





# ADJOURNMENT

