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District 205 Board Meeting

February 10, 2010

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance



Please make certain that your cell phones are silent.

Thank you



Consent Agenda

- Approval of Minutes: Special meeting Open Session of January 6, 2010
- Regular Meeting and Executive Session of January 13, 2010
- Special Meeting Open Session of January 27, 2010

- Approval of District 205 Bills
- Personnel: Approval of Resignations, Leave of Absence, Employment



FOIA

- Mr. Gress



Freedom Of Information Act (FOIA) Request

- District 205 received one FOIA request on January 13.
- A response to this request sent on January 19.

Communications

COMMUNITY AWARENESS



Mr. Jerry B. Doss

Communications

Northwestern University Health Professions Recruitment & Exposure Program

We are pleased to inform the community that the following students have been accepted into the 2010 Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine, Student National Medical Association (SNMA), Health Professions Recruitment & Exposure Program (HPREP).

Michael Babatunde, Kneandra Cooper, Kelis King, Andrea Rogers, Jeremiah Whittington and Arthur Williams.

HRPEP participants will have opportunities rarely experienced by the average minority high school student. These opportunities include:

- Immersion in the medical school curriculum
- Performing basic medical physicals
- Essay writing and study skills workshops
- Observing a gross anatomy lab
- Mentoring by healthcare students
- Information on different health professions and fields of medicine

Communications

Restorative Justice – Peer Jury

On Tuesday, January 19, 2009, TTHS staff and students had the pleasure of attending a Restorative Justice Workshop hosted by the Honorable Judge Sophia Hall in Chicago. It was a pleasurable experience in which Thornton Staff and student were able to share the concepts of the TTHS Restorative Justice Program with not only Judge Hall, but also Judge Bowden and other professionals that service our South Suburban youth. Judge Hall was so impressed with TTHS student Dontrail Evans that she left him with the charge of holding a Town Hall Meeting to permit south suburban youth to gather in the presence of professionals, including herself, to discuss issues relevant to them. Dontrail accepted.

Communications

National Foundation For Teaching Entrepreneurship
Recognizes District 205 Instructor
Ricardo Johnson

As a first year teacher last year, Ricardo won the NFTE Innovative Teacher Incentive Program having completed the highest number of enrichment activities defined by NFTE as the NFTE Student Experience. Mr. Johnson's students have been thriving in this environment, creating business plans for truly innovative ideas that they can execute today and grow in the future. We believe all of these activities allow his students to understand not only business fundamentals, but the challenges and joys of being an entrepreneur.

Communications

District 205 Credit Recovery Program

The first group of students enrolled in the Saturday School Credit Recovery program have passed their final exams and completed required coursework.

District 205, our students, their families and community are very proud of their progress. Saturday School Credit recovery students are now eligible for graduation and will participated in exercises later this school year.

Communications

District 205 Parent Academies

The focus will be on numeracy. It is the hope that this academy will lead to other Math related sessions for parents.

School	Date	Time	Location	Presenter
Thornton	February 24	6:30-8:00	T-103	Rob Penman and Michelle Mangino
Thornwood	February 24	6:30-8:00	Library	Katherine Metro
Thornridge	February 24	6:30-8:00	Library & C-217	Laura Willis-Moss

Communications

Thornton Township Youth Job and Career Fair

- The Youth Job and Career Fair will be held at the South Suburban College Field House.
- The Fair targets students between the ages of 16 and 21 years old.
- Full, part time and summer job opportunities will be available .
- The Youth Job and Career Fair will be held March 24, 2010 from 3:30 to 6:30 in the SSC Field House.

Upcoming Events

February

- Feb. 11 - Parent/Teacher Conference
- Feb. 12 – Parent/Teacher Conference – No School
- Feb. 12 – Progress 2 Reporting Period Ends
- Feb. 15 – President's Day – No School
- Feb. 16 – Progress 2 Grades Due
- Feb. 22 – Architect Meetings – Faculty Members
(Thornridge Auditorium at 2:30 p.m.)
- Feb. 22 – Architect Meetings – Community Members
(Thornridge Auditorium at 6:00 p.m.)
- Feb. 24 – Late Start
- Feb. 26 – Thornton High School Black History Program
(Program will take place during school hours for students only)

Upcoming Events

March

- Mar. 1 – Casimir Pulaski Day – No School
- Mar. 2 – Board of Education Finance Committee Meeting (District Office)
- Mar. 3 – Architect Meetings – Faculty Members (Thornwood Performing Arts Center at 2:30 p.m.)
- Mar. 3 – Architect Meetings – Community Members (Thornwood Performing Arts Center at 6:00 p.m.)
- Mar. 5 – ACT Registration Deadline for April 10
- Mar. 10 – Late Start
- Mar. 10 – Board of Education Meeting (Thornton Auditorium at 7:00 p.m.)
- Mar. 24 – Thornton Township Youth Job and Career Fair (South Suburban College Field House 3:30 to 6:30)



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.”



UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Recommended Approval of Video Surveillance Policy (Policy Section 6.235)

Mr. Shields
(Approval needed)
(5-7 Minutes)

Video Surveillance Policy

The proposed policy was:

- Sent to all staff requesting feedback
- Posted on the website with a link to my email to provide feedback
- Discussed at the Parent Advisory Meetings at all three schools

Video Surveillance Policy

Video cameras may be used in school buildings and on school buses as necessary to maintain the health, safety and welfare of students, staff, visitors and school property, and as a deterrent to inappropriate behavior. The cameras will record activities only in public areas of the school, such as the hallways, stairwells, the gymnasium, cafeteria, school buses, and exterior locations of school buildings. Video cameras will not be used for general surveillance purposes in washrooms, gymnasium or swimming pool locker rooms, changing areas, or showers.

The content of video recordings may become a part of a student's educational record and may be produced as evidence in student administrative discipline conferences and hearings or other proceedings, subject to district policy and procedure concerning student records. Release, maintenance, and retention of any information contained on the videotapes shall be in conformance with the Illinois School Student Records Act and the Federal Education Right to Privacy Act. Where appropriate, the video tape may be shared with law enforcement officials.

Additionally, the content of video recordings may become a part of a teacher's personnel record and may be produced as evidence in teacher discipline conferences and hearings or other proceedings. However, such video recordings shall not be used to evaluate the performance of a teacher's pedagogical duties. Where appropriate, the video tape may be shared with law enforcement officials.

The Superintendent shall develop procedures for the use of video cameras. Such procedures shall address how long recordings shall be kept, where the videos will be stored and how they will be erased.



UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- H1N1 Vaccination Program Update (Policy Section 2.25 F.)

Mr. Shields
(3-5 Minutes)

H1N1 Vaccination Program Update

- Each school held a vaccination clinic on February 9th
- Number vaccinated at each building:
 - Thornton-48
 - Thornridge-34
 - Thornwood-79



NEW BUSINESS

- Student Board Report (Mission and Vision)

Jennifer Williams, Veronica Walker, Jeremiah Whittington,
Garrick Bradley, Bryan Williamson
(7 Minutes)

STUDENT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Thornton Township High School District 205



Capital Improvement Committee

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Jennifer T. Williams

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Thornwood

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Jeremiah Whittington
Thornton

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BRYAN WILLIAMSON (TW)



PROGRAM MISSION & VISION



It is the mission of The Capital Improvement Committee to work with student organizations, members of the District 205 school community and administration to provide the means and support for planning, evaluating, and financing capital planning in District 205. The renovation and possible building of infrastructure and the capital assets of the District are of vital importance to the delivery of quality services to all students.

PROGRAM GOALS

1. To gain student input regarding capital improvements in District 205.
2. To provide an open forum for District 205 students to participate in the capital improvement process.
5. To provide capital improvement recommendations that will provide a more functional educational environment for District 205 student.
6. To establish relationships with student organizations to be included in the capital improvement planning process.
7. To promote visibility, transparency, and inclusiveness in the capital improvement planning process.
8. To research, evaluate and present recommendations to both the Student Board of Education and District 205 Board of Education to move forward in the capital improvement planning process.

PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS

To gain substantive input from the Thornton Township High School District 205 student body regarding the general sentiment of what capital improvement in District 205 should look like, the Capital Improvement Committee held three public hearings during the months of November and December. The committee invited the leadership from various student organizations at each school to testify and answer the following essential questions:

1. What does the ideal school look like in terms of classrooms, cafeteria, recreation, fine arts/drama and athletics? – **(Dr. Carl E. King, Sr.)**
2. Should the District build three new schools or renovate current facilities (please provide reasons to support either position)?
3. What would technology look like in the perfect school?

Background

- 16 student organizations testified.
- 50 students represented all three buildings.
- The Capital Improvement Committee met for over three months after school to plan and implement the process.
- Hearings were held at all three schools.
- Committee members visited Thornton Fractional North High School.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Per the direction of the District 205 Board of Education and based on input from the Thornton Township High School District 205 student body, The Capital Improvement Committee makes the following recommendations to The Student Board of Education:

RECOMMENDATIONS: DISTRICT

Based upon input from students at all three buildings the committee determined that there are common capital improvement needs across the District. The following capital improvements are recommended for all three buildings:

- I. Cafeteria expansion
- II. Bathroom renovations
- III. Locker Room renovations (Athletic & P.E. Locker rooms)

RECOMMENDATIONS: DISTRICT



Renovated
High School
Cafes at
Cherokee
H.S. & TF
North H.S.



RECOMMENDATIONS: DISTRICT

IV. Athletics

- a. Reconditioned Weight Training Facilities
- b. New Training Room
- c. New Outside Sport Fields (i.e. Baseball, Football, Soccer)
- d. New concession stands (Thornridge)

V. Hallway & Locker Renovation

- a. New lockers
- b. Repainted hallways with art display
- c. Flat screen monitors

RECOMMENDATIONS: DISTRICT

ATHLETIC TRAINING ROOMS
CHEROKEE H.S. & TF NORTH H.S.



RECOMMENDATIONS: DISTRICT

WEIGHT & TRAINING ROOM AT
CHEROKEE H.S.



RECOMMENDATIONS: DISTRICT

VI. Facilities

- a. Painted hallways
- c. Higher output lighting
- d. New windows
- e. New doors
- f. New classroom furniture (Student desks, blackboards, flat screen television with Channel 1 news and modernized athletic facilities and bleachers)

RENOVATION: DISTRICT

VII. Fine Arts

- a. Improvements to band and choir facilities (new music stands, sound systems, technology).
- b. New music labs.
- c. New technology for radio T.V. and digital media courses/clubs.

IX. Technology

- a. Wireless internet access
- b. Smart Boards
- c. Automated Everything
- d. More computer labs

SPECIALS

- Thornridge
 - New student activity center
 - Meeting location for student activities.
 - Expanded athletic facilities (field house).
- Thornton
 - Renovated auditorium
 - Elevators
- Thornwood
 - New Auditorium

THANK YOU

On behalf of The Student Board of Education and The Capital Improvement Committee, we would like to thank all those who helped make the 2009-2010 Capital Improvement Planning a success. We would also like to thank the District 205 Board of Education for giving us the opportunity to represent the student body and have true input in this very important matter.

QUESTIONS????



NEW BUSINESS

- Mid-year Curriculum Report (Policy Section 4.04)

Mr. Truesdale, Mrs. Lawrence and Dr. Penman
(7-10 Minutes)

Board Goal 1

- 25% increase in number of students mastering standards and benchmarks
- 25% reduction in number of students receiving D's and F's

District Results: Freshman English

February 2009 to February 2010

SKILL	ROUND 3 2008-09	ROUND 3 2009-10	CHANGE
Inference	60%	61%	+1%
Main Idea	57%	60%	+3%
Context Clues	47%	49%	+2%
Supporting Details	71%	66%	-5%
Literary Terms	49%	49%	No change
OVERALL	58%	58%	No change

District Results: Sophomore English

February 2009 to February 2010

SKILL	ROUND 3 2008-09	ROUND 3 2009-10	CHANGE
Inference	37%	45%	+8%
Main Idea	41%	36%	-5%
Context Clues	37%	44%	+7%
Supporting Details	43%	43%	No change
OVERALL	39%	44%	+5%

District Results: Junior English

February 2009 to February 2010

SKILL	ROUND 3 2008-09	ROUND 3 2009-10	CHANGE
Inference	49%	51%	+2%
Main Idea	44%	47%	+3%
Context Clues	45%	51%	+6%
Supporting Details	47%	43%	-4%
OVERALL	45%	47%	+2%

District Results: Freshman Math

February 2009 to February 2010

SKILL	ROUND 3 2008-09	ROUND 3 2009-10	CHANGE
Algebraic Expressions	48%	45%	-3%
Probability	42%	41%	-1%
Percentages	39%	41%	+2%
Central Tendency	58%	44%	-14%
Ratio/Proportion	46%	42%	-4%
Order of Operations	70%	72%	+2%
Integers	64%	64%	No change
WorkKeys	44%	38%	-6%
OVERALL	51%	49%	-2%

District Results: Sophomore Math

SKILL	ROUND 3 2008-09	ROUND 3 2009-10	CHANGE
Slope	38%	45%	+7%
Perimeter/Area	35%	36%	+1%
Linear Functions	37%	38%	+1%
Polynomials	50%	50%	No change
Distance Formula	39%	35%	-4%
Pythagorean Theorem	59%	49%	-10%
Evaluating Expressions	45%	51%	+6%
Solving Equations	36%	41%	+5%
Word Problems	43%	43%	No change
Interpreting Data	50%	54%	+4%
WorkKeys	26%	36%	+10%
OVERALL	40%	46%	+6%

District Results: Junior Math

SKILL	ROUND 3 2008-09	ROUND 3 2009-10	CHANGE
Slope	51%	56%	+5%
Perimeter/Area/Volume	37%	45%	+8%
Factoring Polynomials	29%	38%	+9%
Operations w/Polynomials	50%	52%	+3%
Triangles	26%	38%	+12%
Angle Measurement	50%	52%	+2%
Algebraic Expressions	46%	56%	+10%
Circles	25%	33%	+8%
Probability	43%	48%	+5%
Interpreting Data	42%	47%	+5%
WorkKeys	32%	38%	+6%
OVERALL	38%	48%	+10%

% of Freshmen On Track after Semester 1

2008	2009	Change
49%	58%	+9%

“On Track” Defined:

- 2.5 Credits Earned
- .5 Credit in Science, Social Studies, Math, English

Also note:

- 111 students have 2.5 credits but missing .5 credit in one core area
- 179 students have 2.5 credits but missing .5 credits in two core areas
- If 3/4 of these students get back on track, % on track will be more than 70%

% of Students Earning D's and F's Semester 1 2008 and 2009

Subject	2008-2009	2009-2010
English	42%	42%
Math	46%	43%
Science	43%	41%
Social Studies	34%	32%

Credit Recovery

- 30 nongrads will graduate in April through credit recovery
- IP Grades
 - Students must earn 50-59% for the semester to qualify
- Credit Recovery
 - PLATO/Twilight School
 - More than 400 students recover credits after school
- Grade Reporting
 - Teachers reviewed all grades submitted through Powerschool and made corrections

Board Goal 2

- Increase Use of “Best Practice”
 - Reading Across the Curriculum
 - Quantum Learning (QL)
 - CReating Independence through Student-owned Strategies (CRISS)
 - Aligning Curriculum and Instruction to Relevant Standards and Benchmarks
 - Understanding by Design (UbD)
 - Summer Programs

Reading Across the Curriculum

Reading Professional Development Rotation Sample Schedule

	Week 1					Week 2					Week 3				
	In-service					Implement					Data/Debrief/Plan				
	All Staff	Science/ PE	English/ Speech	Math/CTE	Soc. St.						All Staff	Science/ PE	English/ Speech	Math/CTE	Soc. St.
Pd	M	T	W	R	F	M	T	W	R	F	M	T	W	R	F
1						Classroom Visits/ Modeling/ Technical Assistance									
2	On Demand	Bio/ Health	Eng I	Algebra I	Anc. World						On Demand	Chem	Eng II/ Speech	Geometry/ CTE	Econ
3															
4	On Demand	Chem	Eng II/ Speech	Geometry/ CTE	Econ						On Demand	Phys./ Driver Ed	Eng III	Algebra II/ CTE	U.S. History
5	On Demand	Phys./ Driver Ed	Eng III	Algebra II/ CTE	U.S. History						On Demand	Bio/ Health	Eng I	Algebra I	Anc. World
6															
7	On Demand										On Demand				



NEW BUSINESS

- Summer School Report (Policy Section 4.49)

Mr. Truesdale
(3 Minutes)

Summer School

- Credit Recovery
 - Focus on benchmarks
- Summer Boost
 - Increase enrollment
 - Focus on high school readiness
- Enrichment Programs
 - Summer UN
 - SLC Camps



2010 SUMMER SCHOOL CALENDAR

Week 1	June 7, 8, 9, 10, 11	5 days
Week 2	June 14, 15, 16, 17, 18	5 days
Week 3	June 21, 22, 23	3 days
Week 4	June 28, 29, 30 July 1	4 days
Week 5	July 6, 7, 8, 9	4 days
Week 6	July 12, 13, 14, 15, 16	5 days-graduation on 7/16



NEW BUSINESS

- Submission of Grants (Policy Section 1.61)

Mr. Doss
(Approval needed)
(5 Minutes)



NEW BUSINESS

Submission of Grants

Early Childhood Block Grant

Infant Care Center

Grant Amount: \$3000.00 per infant

Sprint Character Education Grant Program

District Student Board of Education

Grant Amount: \$25,000.00

Teaching American History Grant

Purpose: To provide professional development in U.S. History for teachers. Grant projects must include partnerships with colleges/universities, nonprofit organizations, libraries and/or museums.

Amount: Maximum of \$500,000 **total** over three year period.

Safe Schools Healthy Students Initiative

District-wide Grant

Grant Amount: \$1,500,000



NEW BUSINESS

- Recommended Approval of Property Tax Appeal Board Resolution (Policy Section 1.61)

Mr. Gress
(Approval needed)
(3 Minutes)



Resolution authorizing intervention in PTAB cases

- This resolution authorizes Franczek Radelet to intervene in any PTAB proceeding affecting the Thornton Township High School District 205



NEW BUSINESS

- Recommended Approval of Precision systems Energy and Mechanical Contract Renewal (Policy Section 2.34)

Mr. Gress
(Approval needed)
(3 Minutes)



Energy & Mechanical Contract

- The last energy and mechanical contract was for services beginning with the 2007-2008 school year.
- A three year contract was awarded. The Illinois School Code does not require bidding out energy and mechanical contracts.
- Two options for renewal were presented:
 - One year renewal with no increase
 - Three year proposal with no increase in the first year, and 3% increases in years two and three.
- The Finance Committee reviewed the proposal and asked that Precision consider lowering the increase for years two and three in the second option to 1.5%.
- Precision has requested that the increase for years two and three be at 2%.



NEW BUSINESS

- Recommended Approval of Transportation Services Contract Renewal (Policy Section 2.34)

Mr. Gress
(Approval needed)
(3 Minutes)

Transportation Services Contract

- The last bid for the bus contract was for services beginning with the 2006-07 school year.
- A three year contract was awarded with the option to renew for up to two years.
- This is the last of the possible renewal years.
- Cook Illinois has proposed a 1.6% increase for the 2010-11 school year. They have stated that this increase is to cover the salary increase for their union drivers.
- The Finance Committee is recommending Board approval of the one year extension with Cook Illinois for a 1.6% increase.





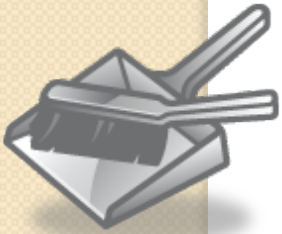
NEW BUSINESS

- Recommended Approval of RJB Custodial Services Contract Renewal (Policy Section 2.34)

Mr. Gress
(Approval needed)
(3 Minutes)

RJB Custodial Service Contract

- This is also the last possible year to renew the custodial service contract.
- RJB Services has proposed a 2% increase from the 2009-10 rates. They have stated that the entire increase will be passed along as an increase to staff wages.
- The Finance Committee is recommending Board approval of the one year extension with RJB at a 2% increase, but contingent on seeing support that the 2% increase is in fact passed onto the staff.





NEW BUSINESS

- Recommended Approval of Arbor Food Services Contract Renewal (Policy Section 2.34)

Mr. Gress
(Approval needed)
(3 Minutes)



Food Service Contract

- This contract can also be renewed for one more year.
- Arbor Management has proposed the final year of the contract with no increase.
- Arbor has worked to improve service at District 205 by regularly meeting with the Student Board of Education, preparing a taste test to provide the most popular choice products to students, and have looked to expand the offering to students with local products.
- The Finance Committee is recommending Board approval of a one year extension with Arbor with no increase.



Miscellaneous



Superintendent's Report



Superintendent's Report

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board of Education congratulates

DR. BETHENY J. LYKE

Please join the Board of Education, Administration and
Community in welcoming the new

**Assistant Superintendent of Staff, Student and
Community Service**

Superintendent's Report

Congratulations Dr. Betheny J. Lyke!





Superintendent's Report

VACANCY

- With the promotion of Dr. Lyke to her new role as Assistant Superintendent of Staff, Student and Community Service.
- The Board of Education announces the vacancy of the Principalship of Thornton Township High School.



Executive Session

CLOSED SESSION



Reconvene Open Session



Adjournment