District 205 Board Meeting **December 9, 2009**

Roll Call





Please make certain that your cell phones are silent.

Thank you

IN MEMORIAM

MOMENT OF SILENCE TRIBUTE TO TWO FALLEN GIANTS

In salute of the great deeds and selfless contributions to the Thornton Township High School District 205 community, the Board of Education stands in a moment of silence in honor of Former Board of Education Member, Mr. Julius Patterson.



Julius Patterson 1956 - 2009

Consent Agenda

- Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting and Executive Session of November18, 2009
- Approval of District 205 Bills
- Personnel: Approval of Resignations, Leave of Absence, Employment

Freedom Of Information Act (FOIA) Request

- District 205 received two FOIA requests
 - One December 3rd
 - One December 9th
- A response to these requests will be completed by Friday, December 11, 2009

Communications COMMUNITY AWARENESS



In this season of caring and need, it is hopeful that each of us shares with those less fortunate. District 205 has several opportunities for giving.

District 205 and the

Season of Giving

DISTRICT-WIDE:

1.Academic Enrichment Foundation Star Appeal

- 2.Holiday Gift Cards for Senior Citizens
- **3.Faculty Association Winter Wear Drive**



District 205 and the

Season of Giving

Academic Enrichment Foundation's Annual Star Appeal:

1 The Star Appeal is a new annual campaign to raise funds to support extra and co-curricular objective of the Thornton Township High School District 205 Academic Enrichment Foundation.

2.Contributions are fully tax deductable and can spread over multiple pay periods.

3.December 4, 2009 - June 2010



Season of Giving

District 205 and the

THORNRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL:

- National Honor Society One Can One Dollar One Smile Food Drive
- 2. Mathletes and Scholastic Bowl Holiday Food Drive
- 3. Student Council Gift Items for Veterans
- 4. Scholastic Bowl Christmas Candy Sale (Dec. 7-18)
- 5. Band Winter Holiday Concert (Dec. 13 @ 3 p.m.)



District 205 and the Season of Giving

THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL:

- 1. Health & Human Service House Toy Drive
- 2. Thornton High School Hat and Mitten Drive
- 3. SAVE Teddy Bear, Hats and Mittens Drive
- 4. Holiday Concert (Dec. 11 @ 7 p.m.)



District 205 and the Season of Giving

THORNWOOD HIGH SCHOOL:

 Student Council Adopt-A-Child Program
 Mesdemoiselles Clothes and Food Drive
 SAVE Holiday Armed Forces Drive
 Athletics Toys for District 205 Tots
 Winter Band Concert (Dec. 9)
 Holiday Band and Choir Concert @ South Suburban College (Dec. 17 @ 7 p.m.)



Calendar of Events

DECEMBER

- **Dec. 15:** SAT Registration for January 23
- **Dec. 18:** End of 2nd Quarter & 1st Semester
- Dec. 19-Jan. 3: Winter Break (All Schools Closed)
- Dec. 22: Report Cards Mailed Home

JANUARY

- Jan. 3: Start of 3rd Quarter and Late Start
- Jan. 5: ACT Registration Deadline for Feb. 6
- Jan. 13: Jan. Board of Education Meeting



Parent Resource Page

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I. POLICIES

- A. Federal-Sec. 1118 Parental Involvement
- B. Title I Policy 2.51 Parent Involvement Policy—Thornton Township High School District 205
- C. Student Related Issues Board Policy, Section 4.46 B. M.
- D. Booster Club and Activity Policy and Procedures
- E. Community Resource Persons and Volunteer Policy and Administrative Procedure

II. FEDERAL / STATE REGULATIONS

- A. Parental Involvement Non-Regulatory Guidance
- B. Parental Requirements
- C. Parent Involvement Analysis Orientation

III. PARENT GUIDE

- A. Check List
- B. Parent Guide
- C. Engaging Parents in Education

IV. ACTIVITIES

- A. Parent Academy
- B. Volunteer Opportunities
- C. Parent Involvement Activities

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

• Snow removal Update (Policy Section 2.34)

Mr. Gress

SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES

- The 2009-2010 snow removal contract has been awarded to Four Seasons
- We are currently obtaining pricing on equipment so that for the 2010-2011 school year the snow removal services can be done in-house
- We expect to have pricing on this equipment finalized by the February Finance Committee meeting

NEW BUSINESS

Recommended Approval of 2009 Tax Levy (Policy Section 2.34)

Mr. Gress
 (Approval needed)

2009 TAX LEVY

- The tentative levy is required to be on display for 20 days.
- The tentative levy has been available at each building and on the district website.
- We have not received any inquiries on the tentative levy.
- There have been no changes to the levy from the tentative levy put on display.

2009 TAX LEVY

 The tax levy must be approved each year during the December meeting. The following numbers are the proposed amounts to be levied excluding the bond and interest levy which will be added by the Cook County Clerk.

Educational Fund	\$33,923,103
 Operations & Maintenance 	\$ 9,302,376
Transportation	\$ 7,500,000
Working Cash	\$ 845,670
Municipal Retirement	\$ 200,000
Social Security	\$ 200,000
Life Safety	\$ 100,000
Tort Immunity	\$ 500,000
Special Education	\$ 6,765,364
Leasing	\$ 500,000
TOTAL LEVY	\$59,836,513

NEW BUSINESS

 Presentation of H1N1 Vaccination Program Public Interest (Policy Section 2.25F.)

> Mr. Shields (No Action)

H1NI VACCINATION DATA

- •Only 4 confirmed cases district-wide
- Less than 5 requests for vaccinations districtwide
- Each school reports normal absence rates for this time of year
- Neighboring district had only 200-300 students sign-up for the vaccinations

NEW BUSINESS

 Board Goal II, Climate and Culture (Policy Section 1.16 C., L.)

> Mr. Ratliff and Mr. Savage (No Action)

BOARD GOAL II: CLIMATE AND CULTURE: CONTINUE TO PROMOTE EXCELLENCE IN ALL STUDENTS BY ADVOCATING, NURTURING AND SUSTAINING A DISTRICT VISION SHARED AND SUPPORTED BY THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY AND AN INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM CONDUCIVE TO STUDENT LEARNING AND PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

Mr. Tony Ratliff, Assistant Principal Freshmen Academy/ Professional Development

CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE FRESHMEN ACADEMY PROGRAM TO HELP STUDENTS MASTER THE SKILLS NECESSARY FOR A REGULAR HIGH SCHOOL

CURRICULUM

Step One

- Thornton High School receives students from five Middle Schools.
- Bridge with elementary schools
 - Activities
 - Athletics
 - Career Adventures
 - Discipline Expectations

CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE FRESHMEN ACADEMY PROGRAM TO HELP STUDENTS MASTER THE SKILLS NECESSARY FOR A REGULAR HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM



- Thornton will bring Middle School Students into the high school.
 - To observe career programs.
 - Speak with counselors regarding qualifications for programs.
 - Experience High School Activities.

CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE FRESHMEN ACADEMY PROGRAM TO HELP STUDENTS MASTER THE SKILLS NECESSARY FOR A REGULAR HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM

The Outcome

- To ensure a quality transition.
- To set the expectations.
- To develop the relationship with students and parents.
- Provide opportunities for students to excel at high levels.
- Communicate with parents the goals and objectives; as well as, their successes throughout the school year.

CONTINUE TO SUPPORT AND ENHANCE PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT A CLIMATE CONDUCIVE TO STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT, AND POSSESSES AN EFFECTIVE TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION SYSTEM.

- Firmness
- Fairness
- Oignity
- Ompassion
- Proactive approach to conflict resolution and de-escalation.

WORK TO IMPROVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH STUDENTS AND SCHOOL COMMUNITY IN ORDER TO ENHANCE SAFETY AND SECURITY.

- Increased extra-curricular opportunities for students.
- Implemented a student-to-student program for freshmen.
- Caring, Compassionate and Dedicated Staff.

Thornton Township High School District 205 Parent-Teacher Advisory Committee (Discipline Committee)

Mr. Scott Savage

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Assistant Principal, Safe and Secure



Committee Structure

- Statutory Origins
 - Illinois School Discipline Code 5/10-20.14 Student Discipline Policies; Parent-Teacher Advisory Committee.
 - District 205 Board of Education Policy 4.46B *Rules and Regulations of Student Conduct-- Parts A through M*.
- **Mission:** The Parent-Teacher Advisory Committee will review Board Policies on Pupil Discipline. This includes but not limited to any factors that are related to the safety of the school, students and staff.

Safe and Secure Committee Meeting

- Next meeting December 14th
- Staff/Administration meeting Thornridge High School 3:15 pm
- Parent/Community meeting Thornton Township High School, T107 6:30 pm





AGENDA

- Review committee goals and objectives.
- Review the discipline code.
- Consider defining terminology such as insubordination and gross insubordination.
- Discuss security policies and procedures.
- Review data on discipline infractions.

Notes From the Previous Meetings

- Develop a Rights and Responsibilities of Parents and Students document.
- District began developing this document through the Strategic Planning Committee Number Three-Community in 2005.
- Document also must be reviewed with the Policy and Community Committee.

Parent-Teacher Advisory (Safe and Secure) Committee Members

Mrs. Bernadette Lawrence District 205 Board Representative ** Parent Volunteer Opportunity

- Donna Sweeny *TW
- Paul Zakula*TR
- Gloria Brown TW
- Robert Risemiller TT
- Debra Gill TR
- Pat Lawson TR
- Diane Terry TR

- AI Pearson TR
- Dorith Johnson TW
- Dennis Willis TR
- Steve Valant TR
- Wanda Russell TT
- Scott Savage* TT

*co-chair



Miscellaneous

Superintendent's Report



Executive Session

CLOSED SESSION

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Reconvene Open Session



Adjournment