



THORNTON TOWNSHIP  
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 205

# BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

**JANUARY 8, 2025**

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# **OPEN SESSION**

C A L L   T O   O R D E R

# **ROLL CALL**

# **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**



# COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

## A. Report from Curriculum Committee



# CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Annual Thanksgiving Giveaway Organized by Patricia Fortier



Our families received turkeys, stuffing, mashed potatoes, macaroni and cheese, and more to create a delicious Thanksgiving feast.





# COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- B. Report from Finance & Facilities Committee
- C. Report from Policy Committee
- D. Report from Discipline Committee

# CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session Minutes** dated December 18, 2024 and September- December 2023
- B. Approval of District 205 Bills:** Dated December 18, 2024, through January 7, 2025
- C. Personnel:** Approval of Resignations, Leave of Absence, New Hires & Terminations dated January 7, 2025
- D. Ratification:**
  - i. Approval of the Thornton ICCA Cheer State Championship, Overnight Trip, Springfield, IL, January 10-11, 2025



# 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 (FOIA)

DR. DOSS







THORNTON TOWNSHIP  
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# COMMUNICATIONS

N E W S F R O M T H E S C H O O L S

We have exciting news about two of our Thunderbird scholars, **Jeremy Price and Daniel Martinez**. Over the summer, Jeremy was researching information about becoming an actuary, and he found information about a nationwide competition called "Modeling the Future Challenge". Jeremy recruited Daniel to enter the competition with him. In this competition, students are challenged to develop and present their own mathematical models describing how they envision new technologies or industries impacting the future.

This week the semi-finalists were chosen, and I am excited to announce that their team has been selected to move on to the next phase of the competition. There were about 100 semi-finalists chosen from across the nation to move on to the project phase where students will be creating their own project proposals. They will also have the opportunity to work with a mentor who is currently working as an actuary. In March, the field will be narrowed down to 15 finalists who have a chance to compete for scholarships.

This has been a completely student-led and student-driven initiative. This is just one of the wonderful things our Thunderbird scholars are doing.







We are thrilled to share some exciting news about one of our talented students, Mateo Summers, a junior at Thornwood High School.

**Mateo has been selected to join the All-Star State Concert Band, an incredible honor that highlights his dedication and musical talent.**

The Illinois Music Educators Association All State Band selects students from across the entire state, and it has been at least a decade since we have had anyone from our district recognized at this level. This achievement is a testament to Mateo's hard work and the supportive environment we strive to create in our schools.

Please join me in congratulating Mateo on this remarkable accomplishment!







# Kolagade Kolawole



**Invited to Attend  
the  
United Nations  
Climate Summit  
In  
Baku, Azerbaijan**





## Thornwood Visits Dirksen School

Thornwood designed a program that aims to support the transition of incoming 8th graders to high school. Along with some amazing teachers and counselors, this great initiative was spearheaded by Dr. Covington and the administration at Thornwood High School.

With 2025 just a few days in, Dr. Covington, Principal Holmes and the PaTHSS (Planning and Thinking High School Success) team have already begun the planning process for Thornwood High School's incoming 8th graders. The transition team meets with each 8th grader prior to their high school journey, starting with a visit to District 149 (Dirksen), one of District 205's largest incoming 9th-grade populations.

Thornwood High School offers a wide range of opportunities, including athletics, Advanced Academics, band, counseling, cheer, dance, AVID, extended support specialists, MTSS/SEL, nursing, performing arts centers, parent advisory committee, radio & TV, student ambassadors, and more. Dr. Covington and her team are dedicated to ensuring a smooth transition for all incoming students.





# **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Presentation: 3E Expo- Mr. Fickes & Dr. Ratliff





# **NEW BUSINESS**

B. Recommended Approval: Thornton Speech Team Competition, Overnight Trip, Downers Grove, IL, January 24-25, 2025- Mr. Whitaker



# **NEW BUSINESS**

C. Recommended Approval: Thornton Basketball Fieldtrip to the Davison High School Cardinal Classic Shootout, Overnight Trip, Davison, MI, February 8-9, 2025- Mr. Whitaker

# **NEW BUSINESS**

D. Recommended Approval: Multi-Function Copier/Printer/Scanner Service Contract  
Renewal- Mr. Horton



# **NEW BUSINESS**

E. Recommended Approval: Bus Lot Lease Agreement- Mr. Horton

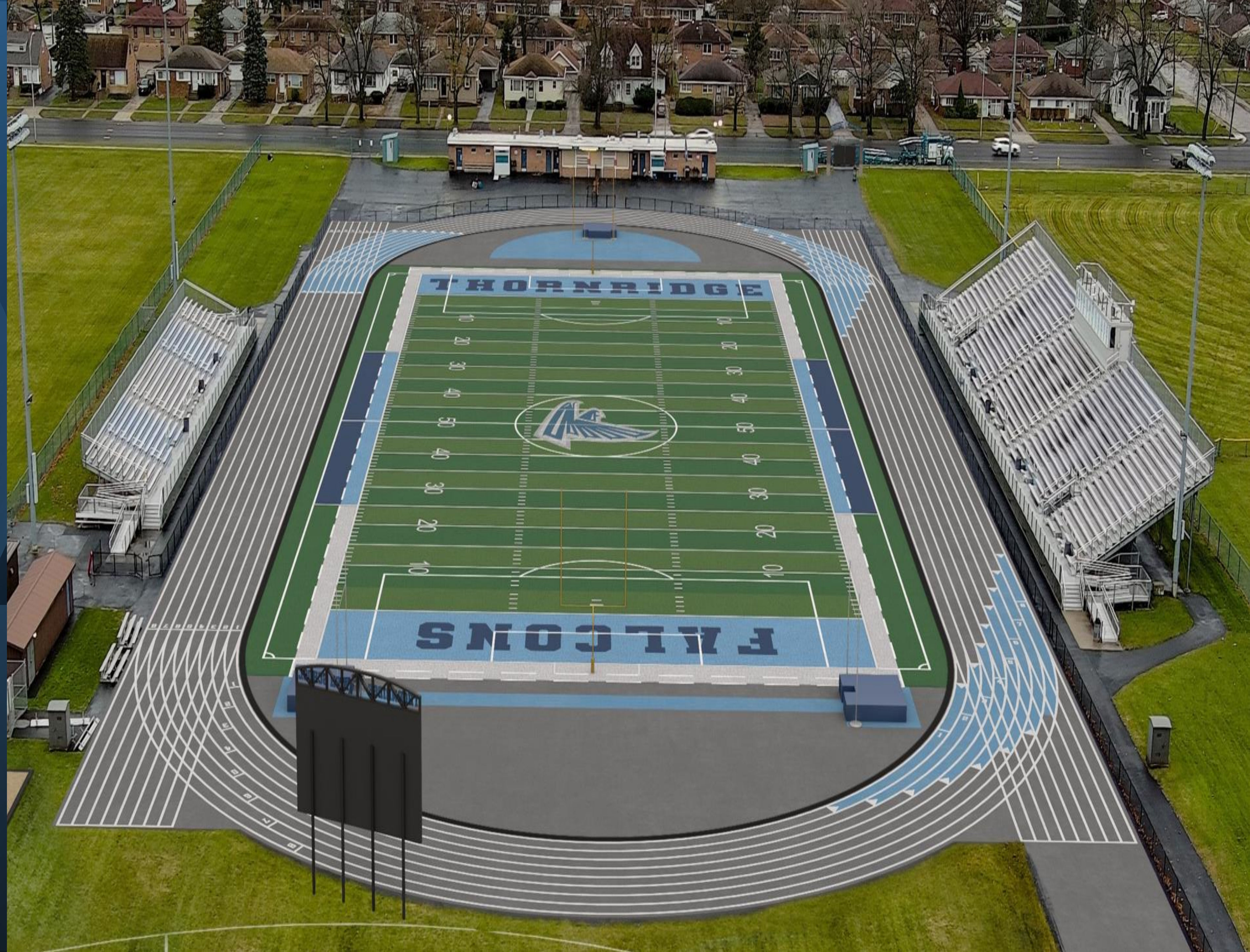


# **NEW BUSINESS**

F. Recommended Approval: District-Wide Turf Football Field & Stadium Renovations Bid Award- Mr. Crump & Mr. Reid



# THORNBRIDGE FOOTBALL FIELD & TRACK





# THORNBRIDGE STADIUM ENTRANCE GATE





# THORNTON FOOTBALL FIELD & TRACK





# THORNTON STADIUM ENTRANCE





THORNWOOD  
FOOTBALL  
FIELD &  
TRACK





# THORNWOOD STADIUM ENTRANCE





# **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**



# EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Motion to enter into Closed Session, pursuant to 2(c) of the Open Meetings Act to consider the following:
  - The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees;
  - Student discipline;
  - Individual Student Issues;
  - Collective negotiating matters; and
  - Pending, probable or imminent litigation



# **RECONVENE OPEN SESSION**

- A. Board of Education Decision Regarding Faculty Association Grievance #093024- Evaluation Presentation
- B. Board of Education Decision Regarding Faculty Association Grievance #100424- TR MTSS Position
- C. Possible Action to Approve Notice to Remedy for Tenured Teacher



# **ADJOURNMENT**

**Next Regular Meeting**

**February 12, 2025**

**THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL**

District 205 Vision: Building an exemplary high-quality organization that produces major gains in student achievement and prepares all students to be productive citizens in a global society.

District 205 Mission: To develop productive citizens who are enrolled, enlisted or employed at the completion of high school.

District 205 Core Values: Empathy, Trust, Pride, Responsiveness, High Expectations with High Support Integrity, Commitment to Excellence, Innovation, and Collaboration