



**Wednesday, July 9, 2025
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION, THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205
HELD AT THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL 15001 BROADWAY AVE., HARVEY,
ILLINOIS, AT 6:30 PM**

The meeting was called to order at 6:37p.m. President Graham made the following announcement: Any person may record or broadcast an open Board meeting. Special requests to facilitate recordings or broadcast an open Board meeting should be directed to the Superintendent at least 24 hours before the meeting. Recording meetings shall not distract or disturb Board Members or participants. Please know if you participate in public participation, you are part of the Board meeting and may be taped.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY
BOARD PRESIDENT

On roll call, Members Banks, Bradley, Davis, Graham, and Lawrence answered. Dr. Nathaniel Cunningham, Superintendent; Dr. Jerry Doss, Associate Superintendent; Ms. Rosaura Duran, Director of Human Resources were also present.

ROLL CALL

Report from Curriculum Committee: None.

COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE

Report from Finance & Facilities Committee: The next meeting will be held July 31, 2025.

Report from Policy Committee: None.

Report from Discipline Committee: None.

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Dr. Davis seconded, to **Approve the Consent Agenda**, which includes the following:

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES

- Regular Meeting Minutes and Executive Meeting Minutes dated June 11, 2025
- Special Meeting Minutes and Executive Meeting Minutes dated June 27, 2025
- The District 205 bills as presented for payment dated June 12, 2025 through July 8, 2025
- Personnel dated July 8, 2025 (Resignations, Leave of Absence, New Hires and Terminations)
- Ratification(s)
 - Approval of the Special Olympics 2025 Illinois State Summer Games, Illinois State University, Bloomington-Normal, IL, June 20-21, 2025

BILLS

PERSONNEL

RATIFICATION

On roll call, Members Lawrence, Davis, Banks, Bradley, and Graham voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

The following individuals spoke during Public Participation:

PUBLIC

- There was no public participation this evening.

PARTICIPATION

Dr. Doss stated there have been four FOIA requests since last board meeting, all have been answered.

FREEDOM OF
INFORMATION ACT

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Banks seconded the **Approval of the ECHO Lease Agreement for Fiscal Year 2026**, as presented by Mr. Horton. ECHO will lease 3.5 classrooms at Thornwood for 2025-2026. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Banks, Bradley, Davis, and Graham voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF ECHO
LEASE AGREEMENT

Ms. Bradley moved, Mr. Banks seconded the **Approval of the Cook-Illinois Corporation Transportation Services Contract**, as presented by Mr. Garrett. This is for the period of July 1, 2025- Jun 30, 2028 in the total amount of \$1,079,898.55 for Thornridge High School. On roll call, Members Bradley, Banks, Davis, Graham, and Lawrence voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed. Mrs. Lawrence commented that she likes the savings for the district, splitting the transportation contracts across multiple vendors.

APPROVAL OF COOK-
ILLINOIS CORP
TRANSPORTATION
CONTRACT

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Banks seconded the **Approval of the AllTown Bus Company Transportation Services Contract** -as presented by Mr. Garrett. This is for the period of July 1, 2025- Jun 30, 2028 in the total amount of \$4,604,131.65 for Thornton Township High School. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Banks, Bradley, Davis, and Graham voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed. Dr. Davis asked about the cost difference between this contract and the one above for TR. Mr. Garrett responded it was due to TR's lower student population.

APPROVAL OF
ALLTOWN BUS CO.
TRANSPORTATION
CONTRACT

Dr. Davis moved, Mr. Banks seconded the **Approval of the Positive Connections Transportation Services Contract**, as presented by Mr. Garrett. This is for the period of July 1, 2025- Jun 30, 2028 in the total amount of \$3,714,925.68 for Thornwood High School. On roll call, Members Davis, Banks, Bradley, Graham, and Lawrence voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
POSITIVE
CONNECTIONS
TRANSPORTATION
CONTRACT

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Banks seconded the **Approval of the Yellow Bus Transportation Services Contract** -as presented by Mr. Garrett. This is for the period of July 1, 2025- Jun 30, 2028 in the total amount of \$10,979,479.87 for Special Education and Support Routes. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Banks, Bradley, Davis, and Graham voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
YELLOW BUS
TRANSPORTATION
CONTRACT

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Banks seconded the **Approval of the AllTown Bus Company Transportation Services Contract** -as presented by Mr. Garrett. This is for the period of July 1, 2025- Jun 30, 2028 in the total amount of \$4,604,131.65 for Thornton Township High School. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Banks, Bradley, Davis, and Graham voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed. Dr. Davis asked about the cost difference between this contract and the one above for TR. Mr. Garrett responded it was due to TR's lower student population.

APPROVAL OF
YELLOW BUS
TRANSPORTATION
CONTRACT

Dr. Davis moved, Mr. Banks seconded the **Approval of the Zoom Elite Transportation Services Contract**, as presented by Mr. Garrett. This is for the period of July 1, 2025- Jun 30, 2028 in the total amount of \$1,555,000.00 for Intraschool and Activities. On roll call, Members Davis, Banks, Bradley, Graham, and Lawrence voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF ZOOM
ELITE
TRANSPORTATION
CONTRACT

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Banks seconded the **Approval of the Price Brothers Transportation Services Contract** -as presented by Mr. Garrett. This is for the period of July 1, 2025- Jun 30, 2026 in the total amount of \$540,000.00 for Door-to-Door McKinney Vento, and Outplacement. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Banks, Bradley, Davis, and Graham voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF PRICE BROTHERS TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT

Mr. Banks moved, Dr. Davis seconded the **Approval of the J&D Transportation Services Contract**, as presented by Mr. Garrett. This is for the period of July 1, 2025- Jun 30, 2028 in the total amount of \$1,085,731.76 for Specialized Services and Door-to-Door McKinney-Vento, and Outplacement. On roll call, Members Banks, Davis, Bradley, Graham, and Lawrence voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF J&D TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Banks seconded the **Approval of the District-Wide Floor Tile Installation**-as presented by Mr. Crump. This is for the installation of flooring tile as part of the repair project at all three campuses in the total amount of \$715,359.00 for material and installation. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Banks, Bradley, Davis, and Graham voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed. Mrs. Lawrence asked if this would be completed by the start of school and Mr. Crump affirmed it would be.

APPROVAL OF DISTRICT-WIDE FLOOR TILE INSTALLATION

Dr. Davis moved, Mr. Banks seconded the **Approval of the Securing Tomorrow, Today Project**, as presented by Dr. Doss. This is a five year capital improvement plan to include an addition to the District Office building, Thornwood Performing Arts Center, and a remodel of all district classrooms, etc. Modern learning requires modern needs. This will be approximately a sixty-million dollar investment. On roll call, Members Davis, Banks, Bradley, and Graham voted aye; voted nay, none; Member Lawrence passed; motion passed. Mrs. Lawrence was concerned about the cost and unused space available at Thornridge HS. Dr. Davis was very happy to see the district office addition to include a dedicated space for Board of Education meetings.

APPROVAL OF SECURING TOMORROW, TODAY PROJECT

At 7:20p.m., Mr. Banks moved, Ms. Bradley seconded to **Go into Executive Session** pursuant to Section 2C of the Illinois Open Meetings Act to consider:

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees;
- Student discipline;
- Collective negotiating matters, and
- Pending, probable or imminent litigation
- The selection of a person to fill a public office, including a vacancy in a public office, when the public body is given power to appoint under law or ordinance

On roll call, Banks, Bradley, Davis, Graham, and Lawrence voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

At 8:09p.m., Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Banks seconded to **Reconvene Regular Session**. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Banks, Bradley, Davis, and Graham voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Ms. Bradley seconded the **Approval of the Reclassification of the Truant Officer Position**. Recommendations to reclassify the two current Truant Officer positions from the Specialist Category to the Supervisor Category as their responsibilities go beyond the scope of a specialist role. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Bradley, Banks, Davis, and Graham voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
RECLASSIFICATION OF
TRUANT OFFICER
POSITION

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Banks seconded the **Approval of the Resolution to Fill the Board of Education Member Vacancy**. Mr. Nathaniel Bowman was appointed to fill the current Board of Education Member Vacancy that was created by the resignation of Mr. Stafford Owens. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Banks, Bradley, Davis, and Graham voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
RESOLUTION TO FILL
BOARD OF ED.
MEMBER VACANCY

At 8:14p.m., Mrs. Lawrence moved, Dr. Davis seconded to **Adjourn the Meeting**. All in favor voice voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT



President



Secretary