



**Wednesday, August 13, 2025
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION, THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205
HELD AT THORNWOOD HIGH SCHOOL 17101 SOUTH PARK AVE., SOUTH HOLLAND,
ILLINOIS, AT 6:30 PM**

The meeting was called to order at 6:34p.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, Lawrence, and Moody answered. Dr. Nathaniel Cunningham, Superintendent; Dr. Jerry Doss, Associate Superintendent; Ms. Rosaura Duran, Director of Human Resources were also present.	ROLL CALL
Board Secretary Moody administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Nathaniel Bowman, as a new Member of the Board of Education.	OATH OF OFFICE
Report from Curriculum Committee: The next meeting will be held September 18, 2025 at 4pm at T-107.	COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Report from Finance & Facilities Committee: The last meeting was held July 31, 2025. All topics are on the agenda.	
Report from Policy Committee: None.	
Report from Discipline Committee: None.	
Dr. Davis moved, Mr. Banks seconded, to Approve the Consent Agenda , which includes the following:	CONSENT AGENDA
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Regular Meeting Minutes and Executive Meeting Minutes dated July 9, 2025The District 205 bills as presented for payment dated July 9, 2025 through August 12, 2025Personnel dated August 12, 2025 (Resignations, Leave of Absence, New Hires and Terminations)	MINUTES BILLS PERSONNEL
On roll call, Members Davis, Banks, Bowman, Bradley, Graham, Lawrence, and Moody voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.	
The following individuals spoke during Public Participation:	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ms. F. Crayton of Dolton welcomed Mr. Bowman and positive words for a new school year.	

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

FREEDOM OF
INFORMATION ACT

Dr. Ratliff introduced Ms. Banks from **Restoration Ministries**. Ms. Banks thanked District 205 with assisting in transporting the youth for summer camp to White Lake, WI. They passed out a thank you card, complete with photos.

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Gus Yiakos presented **Thornwood's European Trips to France and Italy**. Twelve Fashion students, along with chaperones visited Paris for a Fashion show and enjoyed site-seeing. Seven Culinary students visited Rome and engaged in a cheese making class and enjoyed site-seeing. Both trips gave students the opportunity to learn more about fashion and culinary experiences.

Mr. Horton presented the **Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2026**. A public notice of the budget was posted to all required outlets. For the past 6 years, over \$35M has been rebated back to the taxpayers through the Property Tax Relief Grant Fund. The next meeting will request approval.

Mrs. Moody moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded the **Approval of the Fiscal Years 2025 & 2026 Audit Engagement Letter**, as presented by Mr. Horton. This is to approve services from John Kasperek Co as auditors for the district. On roll call, Members Moody, Lawrence, Banks, Bowman, Bradley, Davis, and Graham voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF FISCAL
YEARS 2025 & 2026
AUDIT ENGAGEMENT
LETTER

Mrs. Moody moved, Dr. Davis seconded the **Approval of Realtor Services of Lagestee Mulder, LLC**. -as presented by Mr. Garrett. This is for a possible purchase of a transportation center for school buses, etc. Realtor services cannot exceed \$35,000 and should take four months or less to close on the property. On roll call, Members Moody, Davis, Banks, Bowman, Bradley, Graham, and Lawrence voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
REALTOR SERVICES
OF LAGESTEE
MULDER, LLC.

At 7:07p.m., Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mrs. Moody 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, Lawrence, Moody, Banks, Bowman, Bradley, Davis, and Graham voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

At 8:20p.m., Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Banks seconded to **Reconvene Regular Session**. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Banks, Bowman, Bradley, Davis, Graham, and Moody voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

RECONVENE
REGULAR SESSION

At 8:22p.m., Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Banks seconded to **Adjourn the Meeting**. All ADJOURNMENT
in favor voice voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

Tina Graham

President *815*

Almetta Vasser Moody

Secretary *815*