



**Wednesday, October 15, 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 6:35p.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, Bowman, Bradley, Davis, Graham, Lawrence, and Moody answered. Dr. Nathaniel Cunningham, Superintendent; Dr. Jerry Doss, Associate Superintendent; Dr. Tony Ratliff, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Toriano Horton, CSBO, Dr. Anderson, Director of Special Services, and 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: None.

Report from Policy Committee: None.

Report from Discipline Committee: None.

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

CONSENT AGENDA
MINUTES

- Regular Meeting Minutes and Executive Meeting Minutes dated September 10, 2025

The District 205 bills as presented for payment dated September 10, 2025 through October 14, 2025

BILLS

- Personnel dated October 14, 2025 (Resignations, Leave of Absence, New Hires and Terminations)
- Approval of Thornwood HS Emergency Pool Piping Liner Repair
- Approval of the Stitch Lab After School Program Renewal Contract
- Approval of the Memorandum of Agreement Between the Board of Education of Thornton Township HS District 205 and the Faculty Association of District 205, IEA/NEA
- Approval of Litigation Settlement Agreement and General Release

PERSONNEL

RATIFICATION

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

- Ms. F. Crayton of Dolton spoke about Breast Cancer Awareness Month and thanked everyone for their dedication to students.

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION

Dr. Doss stated there have been five FOIA requests since last board meeting. Three have been responded to and two are pending.

FREEDOM OF
INFORMATION ACT

News from the Schools- as presented by Dr. Ratliff

COMMUNICATIONS

- Thornridge HS
 - D205 Flag Football Team
 - Great season and congrats to TR Student, Alexandria
 - Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIUC)
 - Students participated in a college tour
 - Pre-ACT Scores
 - Students that scored in the top 35% and top 10% nationwide were recognized by Principal Brown and APs.
 - No Hate Tour
 - The **No Hate Tour** teamed up with **Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE)** to deliver a **powerful, high-energy assembly** at TR.
 - Circle City Classic Parade
 - TR Marching Falcons proudly represented at the Circle City Classic Parade
- Thornton HS
 - 2025 Homecoming Recap
 - Homecoming week was welcomed with Spirit Week, followed by a pep assembly with lots of activities.
 - The Wildcat Football team beat the Thornridge Falcons.
 - Football Field & Stadium Ribbon Cutting
 - Board Members, Administrators, Staff, Students, and community members attending a ribbon cutting to celebrate the new turf field and stadium renovations.
- Thornwood HS
 - Amira Hondras
 - Female baseball player receives official baseball scholarship from Wiley College
 - Flag Football Team
 - Won 1st Regional Playoff Game in their inaugural season
 - No Hate Tour
 - Students participated in the Bullying Prevention & Mental Health Assembly
 - Mathletes
 - Won 2nd Place in their first competition
 - Varsity & JV Football Teams
 - Both teams beat the Thornridge Falcons and maintain their inner-district trophy for the 3rd year in a row

Ms. Carter of Southland Juvenile Justice Youth Council gave a presentation on their Stop School Violence Grant. D205 was selected because of our current collaboration with SJJYC. This grant provides funding (3 years) to prevent and reduce school violence by implementing training, developing school threat assessment teams and/or intervention teams to identify violence risks, introducing technologies like anonymous reporting tools,

PRESENTATIONS

or applying other school safety strategies that assist in preventing violence. The goal is to equip K–12 students, teachers, and staff with tools to recognize, respond to, and prevent acts of violence.

Mrs. Moody moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded the **Approval of Thornwood Illinois High School Theatre Festival, Illinois State University, Overnight Trip, January 8-10, 2026**, as presented by Mr. Holmes. Students will have an opportunity to attend workshops, see theatre productions from other schools, and many networking opportunities. On roll call, Members Moody, Lawrence, Banks, Bowman, Bradley, Davis, and Graham voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF
THORNWOOD IL HS
THEATRE FESTIVAL
OVERNIGHT TRIP

Dr. Cunningham stated the following:

Moment of Silence for Albert J. “Al” Llorens

Before I begin my report this evening, I want to take a moment to acknowledge the passing of Mr. Albert J. “Al” Llorens, a deeply respected member of the Thornridge High School and District 205 family.

SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT

Mr. Llorens served the students of Thornridge for more than 30 years as a math teacher, head girls’ track coach, and cross-country coach. His dedication extended far beyond our classrooms and athletic fields. As president of the Illinois Education Association, Al championed the cause of public education and worked tirelessly to support teachers and students across the state.

Those who knew him remember his steady leadership, his compassion for others, and his belief in the power of education to change lives. Al embodied what it means to lead with both heart and vision, and his legacy will continue to live on in the countless students and colleagues he inspired.

At this time, I ask that we all join in a moment of silence in memory of Mr. Albert J. “Al” Llorens—for his service, his leadership, and the lasting impact he made on our District 205 community.

Thank you.

Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum (GVC) Update

Last year, at the beginning of the second semester, the district began the important work of developing a Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum, or GVC. This effort involves the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, our principals, assistant principals, and division leaders working together to strengthen our core curriculum—English, Math, Science, and Social Studies.

We started by focusing on the freshman year, then moved to sophomore year, and completed junior year before the summer. During the summer, we held teacher seminars where our staff worked collaboratively to answer the four essential PLC questions:

- What do we want all students to learn?
- How will we know when they’ve learned it?
- What will we do if they haven’t learned it?
- What will we do if they already know it?

This process ensures that teaching and learning in every classroom are focused,

consistent, and responsive to student needs. In simple terms, a Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum means that every student—regardless of school or teacher—has access to the same essential learning. “Guaranteed” means we’ve agreed on what’s most important for every student to learn. “Viable” means we’ve built a plan that can actually be taught within the time we have.

Our teachers and administrators have worked hard to create a curriculum that supports all students in mastering essential knowledge and skills. We will continue this work to keep improving instruction and ensuring that our students continue to grow.

I want to thank our staff, Dr. Ratliff, and our principals for their outstanding work. I challenged them to push forward and be ready for real improvement—and they delivered. I may have bruised an ego or two along the way as we moved toward what’s best for our students, but in the end, we are stronger and better for it. Dr. Ratliff is now leading this ongoing effort, and I’m confident he will continue to ensure our students receive the highest quality instruction possible.

At 7:00p.m., Mrs. Moody moved, Dr. Davis seconded to **Adjourn the Meeting**. All in favor voice voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT



President



Secretary