



**Wednesday, May 13, 2026  
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**

<p>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.</p>	<p>ANNOUNCEMENT BY BOARD PRESIDENT</p>
<p>On roll call, Members Banks, Bowman, Bradley, Davis, Graham, and Lawrence, and Moody answered. Dr. Nathaniel Cunningham, Superintendent; Dr. Jerry Doss, Associate Superintendent; Dr. Tony Ratliff, Assistant Superintendent; Dr. Anderson, Director of Special Services; and Ms. Rosaura Duran, Director of Human Resources were also present.</p>	<p>ROLL CALL</p>
<p><b>Report from Curriculum Committee:</b> The last meeting was held May 7, 2026. The committed presented updates, IB Program 5 year review, etc.</p>	<p>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE</p>
<p><b>Report from Finance &amp; Facilities Committee:</b> The last meeting was held on April 30, 2026. One item is on the agenda for approval. The next meeting will be held May 28, 2026.</p>	
<p><b>Report from Policy Committee:</b> None.</p>	
<p><b>Report from Discipline Committee:</b> None.</p>	
<p>Mrs. Lawrence moved, Ms. Bradley seconded, to <b>Approve the Consent Agenda</b>, which includes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regular Meeting Minutes Meeting Minutes dated April 15, 2026</li><li>• The District 205 bills as presented for payment dated April 15, 2026, through May 12, 2026</li><li>• Personnel dated May 12, 2026 (Resignations, Leave of Absence, New Hires and Terminations)</li></ul>	<p>CONSENT AGENDA MINUTES BILLS PERSONNEL</p>
<p>On roll call, Members Lawrence, Bradley, Banks, Davis, Graham, and Moody voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.</p>	<p>RATIFICATION</p>
<p>The following individual addressed the board:</p>	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p>

- Mr. M. Danielson, President of the FA had concerns regarding Thornridge's IB Program for next year, curriculum changes, and announced March 18 is Al Llorens Day
- Ms. M. Fekete, Thornwood Teacher had concerns regarding SPED changes
- Ms. G. Hoekstra, Thornwood Speech Pathologist had concerns regarding SPED changes. Dr. Cunningham responded that he would meet with her.
- Mr. K. Wendorff, Exec Director of FA, had concerns regarding Thornridge's IB Program; Dr. Cunningham responded he is willing to meet with the FA for ideas to increase IB enrollment
- Ms. C. Gutierrez of Markham had concerns regarding immigration enforcement policies. Mr. Dauksas responded to the false claims regarding the Bivens Act, which has not been signed into law.

Dr. Doss stated there have been three FOIA requests since last board meeting. Three are pending.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

News from the Schools- as presented by Dr. Ratliff

COMMUNICATIONS

**Infant Care Center Updates- Dr. Ratliff & Ms. Coleman**

Infant Care Center Coordinator, Ms. Candice Coleman gave a brief overview of the program and its benefits to our students and community.

PRESENTATION:  
INFANT CARE  
CENTER UPDATES

**International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme 5 Year Review- Dr. Ratliff**

Each school's IB Coordinator gave a brief overview of their program's highlights over the past five years.

PRESENTATION: IB  
PROGRAMME 5 YEAR  
REVIEW

**Peace Center & Purdue University- Dr. Ratliff & Mr. Cox-Bey**

Representatives from Purdue University and Peace Center students gave an overview of AURA (Automated Understanding Response Assistance), utilizing AI to support both mental and physical health.

PRESENTATION:  
PEACE CENTER &  
PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Mrs. Moody moved, Mr. Banks seconded the **Approval of the Special Olympics Rhythmic Gymnastics State Tournament, Overnight Trip, Bloomington, IL, June 12-14, 2026** as presented by Dr. Anderson. Students will compete at this state tournament and build team relationships. On roll call, Members Moody, Banks, Bowman, Bradley, Davis, Graham, and Lawrence voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF  
SPECIAL OLYMPICS  
GYMNASTICS STATE  
TOURNAMENT  
OVERNIGHT TRIP

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Bowman seconded the **Thornwood Boys Basketball Team Summer Camp, Wisconsin University, Overnight Trip, Madison, WI, June 24-26, 2026** as presented by Mr. Holmes. The team will have the opportunity to train with college athletes and coaches, compete against other high school teams. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Bowman, Banks, Bradley, Davis, Graham, and Moody voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF  
THORNWOOD BOYS'  
BASKETBALL CAMP  
OVERNIGHT TRIP

Ms. Bradley moved, Mrs. Moody seconded the **Approval of the Thornridge Volleyball Camp, Lewis University, Overnight Trip, Romeoville, IL, July 21-23, 2026** as presented by Dr. Brown. The team will have the opportunity to compete against other high school teams and a great competitive collegiate experience. On roll call, Members Bradley, Moody, Banks, Bowman, Davis, Graham, and Lawrence voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF  
THORNIDGE  
VOLLEYBALL CAMP,  
OVERNIGHT TRIP

Mrs. Moody moved, Mr. Banks seconded the **Approval of the OrganicLife Contract Renewal**, as presented by Mr. Garrett. This contract is to renew our food service contract with our current vendor to supply meals across the district for students and staff members. Food Service Director, Ms. Alcantar thanked the board and administration for another successful year. On roll call, Members Moody, Banks, Bowman, Bradley, Davis, Graham, and Lawrence voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF  
ORGANIC LIFE  
CONTRACT RENEWAL

Ms. Bradley moved, Mrs. Moody seconded the **Approval of the Prudential Security Contract Renewal** as presented by Mr. Garrett. This renewal is to continue our agreement with Prudential Security as the security contractor for the 2026-2027 school year. On roll call, Members Bradley, Moody, Banks, Bowman, Davis, Graham, and Lawrence voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF  
PRUDENTIAL  
SECURITY CONTRACT  
RENEWAL

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Bowman seconded the **Approval of the Digital Learning Exchange Agreement** as presented by Dr. Doss. This five year partnership agreement between Thornton Township High School District 205 and Building Our Own Community (BOOC) to support the implementation of the Digital Learning Exchange (DLX) Program in collaboration with the District 205 Student Board of Education for the 2026-2027 School Year. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Bowman, Banks, Bradley, Davis, Graham, and Moody voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF  
DIGITAL LEARNING  
EXCHANGE (DLX)  
AGREEMENT

Mrs. Moody moved, Dr. Davis seconded the **Approval of the Asbestos Abatement Consulting Services for Thornridge HS and Thornton HS for Phase 1 of the Upcoming "Securing Tomorrow, Today" Classroom Renovations Project**, as presented by Mr. Crump. This service will be provided by Midwest Environmental Consulting Services in the amount of \$207,633.00. On roll call, Members Moody, Davis, Banks, Bowman, Bradley, Graham, and Lawrence voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF  
ABATEMENT  
CONSULTING  
SERVICES FOR TR, TT

Mrs. Moody moved, Mr. Bowman seconded the **Approval of the Asbestos Abatement Consulting Services for Thornwood HS for Phase 1 of the Upcoming "Securing Tomorrow, Today" Classroom Renovations Project**, as presented by Mr. Crump. This service will be provided by Midwest Environmental Consulting Services in the amount of \$207,633.00. On roll call, Members Moody, Bowman, Banks, Bradley, Davis, Graham, and Lawrence voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

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CONSULTING  
SERVICES FOR TW

Mrs. Moody moved, Mr. Bowman seconded the **Approval of the Asbestos Abatement Contractor for Thornton High School for Phase 1 of the Upcoming "Securing Tomorrow, Today" Classroom Renovations Project**, as presented by Mr. Crump. This service will be provided by Specialty Consultants in the amount of \$39,730.00. On roll call, Members Moody, Bowman, Banks, Bradley, Davis, Graham, and Lawrence voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF  
ABATEMENT  
CONSULTING  
SERVICES FOR TW

Mrs. Moody moved, Ms. Bradley seconded the **Approval of the Asbestos Abatement Contractor for Thornton High School for Phase 1 of the Upcoming "Securing Tomorrow, Today" Classroom Renovations Project**, as presented by Mr. Crump. This service will be provided by CEC Environmental in the amount of \$339,000.00, pursuant to the March 8 bid process. On roll call, Members Moody, Bradley, Banks, Bowman, Davis, Graham, and Lawrence voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF  
ABATEMENT  
CONTRACTOR  
SERVICES FOR TW

Mrs. Moody moved, Mr. Banks seconded the **Approval of the Flooring Materials Purchase for Phase 1 of the Upcoming "Securing Tomorrow, Today" Classroom Renovations Project**, as presented by Mr. Crump. This service will be provided by Mohawk Carpet Distribution, LLC. in the amount of \$329,559.07. On roll call, Members Moody, Banks, Bowman, Bradley, Davis, Graham, and Lawrence voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF  
FLOORING  
MATERIALS  
PURCHASE

Mrs. Moody moved, Mr. Bowman seconded the **Approval of the Resolution Abating the Working Cash Fund to Capital Projects**, as presented by Dr. Doss. This resolution abates the Working Cash Fund of the District in the amount of \$38,000,000.00 and permanently transferring such amount to the Capital Projects Fund of the District. On roll call, Members Moody, Bowman, Banks, Bradley, Davis, Graham, and Lawrence voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF  
ABATEMENT OF  
WORKING CASH  
FUND RESOLUTION

No report.

SUPERINTENDENT  
REPORT

At 8:25p.m., Mrs. Lawrence 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, Lawrence, Bradley, Banks, Bowman, Davis, Graham, and Moody voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

At 9:39p.m., Mrs. Lawrence moved, Dr. Davis seconded to **Reconvene Regular Session**. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Davis, Banks, Bowman, Bradley, Graham, and Moody voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

RECONVENE  
REGULAR SESSION

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Dr. Davis seconded the **Approval of Student A Expulsion**. The board upholds this decision for reasons set forth in the Superintendent's prior written decisions. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Davis, Banks, Bowman, Bradley, Graham, and Moody voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

DECISION REGARDING  
STUDENT A  
EXPULSION

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Ms. Bradley seconded the **Approval of Student B Expulsion**. The board upholds this decision for reasons set forth in the Superintendent's prior written decisions. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Bradley, Banks, Bowman, Davis, Graham, and Moody voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

DECISION REGARDING  
STUDENT B EXPULSION

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Ms. Bradley seconded the **Approval of Notice to Remedy for Tenured Teacher, Daniel Turner**. The board upholds the decision for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's prior written decisions. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Bradley, Banks, Bowman, Davis, Graham, and Moody voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF  
NOTICE TO REMEDY  
FOR TENURED  
TEACHER A

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Ms. Bradley seconded the **Approval of Notice to Remedy for Tenured Teacher, Jason Zachery**. The board upholds the decision for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's prior written decisions. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Bradley, Banks, Bowman, Davis, Graham, and Moody voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF  
NOTICE TO REMEDY  
FOR TENURED  
TEACHER B

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Ms. Bradley seconded the **Approval of the Faculty Association Grievance Decision**. The board denies Faculty Association Grievance #021726B (Retroactive Suspension) for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's prior written decisions. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Bradley, Banks, Bowman, Davis, Graham, and Moody voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF  
FACULTY ASSOC  
GRIEVANCE DECISION  
#021726B

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Ms. Bradley seconded the **Approval of the Faculty Association Grievance Decision**. The board denies Faculty Association Grievance #021726C (Due-Process Violation) for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's prior written decisions. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Bradley, Banks, Bowman, Davis, Graham, and Moody voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF  
FACULTY ASSOC  
GRIEVANCE DECISION  
#021726C

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Ms. Bradley seconded the **Approval of the Faculty Association Grievance Decision**. The board denies Faculty Association Grievance #021726C (Sick Leave Note Policy TW) for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's prior written decisions. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Bradley, Banks, Bowman, Davis, Graham, and Moody voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

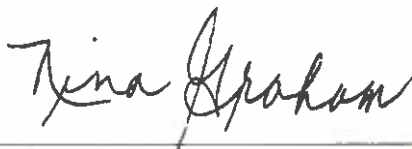
APPROVAL OF  
FACULTY ASSOC  
GRIEVANCE DECISION  
#021726D

At 9:44p.m., Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mrs. Moody seconded to **Adjourn the Meeting**. All in favor voice voted aye; nay, none; motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

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