Wednesday, October 7, 2026
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION, THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205 HELD AT THORNRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL 15000 COTTAGE GROVE AVE, DOLTON, ILLINOIS, AT 6:30 PM

ANNOUNCEMENT BY BOARD PRESIDENT

The meeting was called to order at 6:32p.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.

ROLL CALL

On roll call, Members Banks, Bradley, Graham, Lawrence, and Moody answered. Members Bowman and Davis were absent. Member Banks arrived at 6:36p.m. Dr. Nathaniel Cunningham, Superintendent; Dr. Jerry Doss, Associate Superintendent; Dr. Tony Ratliff, Assistant Superintendent; Dr. Sheila Johnson, Assistant Superintendent; Dr. Anderson, Director of Special Services; and Ms. Rosaura Duran, Director of Human Resources were also present.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Report from Curriculum Committee: Last meeting was held September 24, 2026.

Report from Finance & Facilities Committee: Last meeting was held September 28, 2026.

Report from Policy Committee: None.

Report from Discipline Committee: None.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

MINUTES

- Regular Meeting Minutes and Executive Meeting Minutes dated September 9, 2026

BILLS

- The District 205 bills as presented for payment dated September 9, 2026, through October 6, 2026

PERSONNEL

- Personnel dated October 6, 2026 (Resignations, Leave of Absence, New Hires and Terminations)

RATIFICATION

- Ratification:
  - Approval of Thornton HS Cross-Country Invitational, Overnight Trip, Peoria, IL, October 2-3, 2026

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

The following individual addressed the board:

- Ms. D. Harris inquiring about Turn Up for Peace and You Matter Too Program

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Dr. Doss stated there have been three FOIA requests since last board meeting. All have been answered

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

News from the Schools- as presented by Dr. Ratliff

COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mrs. Moody seconded the Approval of the **Resolution Authorizing the Registration and Protection of District Trademarks and Designating an Authorized Signatory**, as presented by Dr. Doss. This adopted resolution protects the district from outside parties using our logos, likeness, and images. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Moody, Banks, Bradley, and Graham voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR REGISTRATION & PROTECTION OF DISTRICT TRADEMARKS

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Ms. Bradley seconded the Approval of the **PRESS Plus Policy Issue 122**, as presented by Dr. Doss. This included policy draft updates and policies for review and monitoring. A copy was available to view at our district office. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Bradley, Banks, Graham, Lawrence, and Moody voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF PRESS PLUS POLICY ISSUE 122

Mrs. Moody moved, Mr. Banks seconded the **Approval of the Transporation Contract with 1st Love Transportation,** as presented by Dr. Anderson. This contract is for limited and specific services related to students' McKinney-Vento transportation. On roll call, Members Moody, Banks, Bradley, Graham, and Lawrence voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES CONTRACT

Mrs. Moody moved, Mr. Banks seconded the **Approval of the Food Service Contract Amendment,** as presented by Dr. Johnson. This is a food contract amendment with OrganicLife to include serving meals for Tiny Tots, who attend our Child Development Program. On roll call, Members Moody, Banks, Bradley, Graham, and Lawrence voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mrs. Moody seconded the **Approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement with Cook County Sheriff's Office,** as presented by Dr. Johnson. The Cook County Sheriff will provide additional security support for various athletic games and events, as needed. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Moody, Banks, Bradley, and Graham voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF IGA WITH COOK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Ms. Bradley moved, Mr. Banks seconded the **Approval of the School Maintenance Project Grant,** as presented by Dr. Johnson. This is a $50,000 grant match that will be used to upgrade gym floors. On roll call, Members Bradley, Banks, Graham, Lawrence, and Moody voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL MAINTENANCE PROJECT GRANT

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Banks seconded the **Approval of BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative,** as presented by Dr. Johnson. This will allow the district to have more purchasing options. Bidding will still be required as deemed necessary. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Banks, Bradley, Graham, and Moody voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF BUYBOARD NATIONAL PURCHASING COOP

Mrs. Moody moved, Ms. Bradley seconded the **Approval of the Resolution Authorizing Appointment of Township Trustee of Schools,** as presented by Dr. Johnson. This adopted resolution re-appointments Dr. Cunningham to Thornton Township Trustee of Schools for a two-year term. On roll call, Members Moody, Bradley, Banks, Graham, and Lawrence voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE OF SCHOOLS

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mrs. Moody seconded the **Approval of the Echo Classroom Lease Agreement** as presented by Dr. Johnson. This is to lease 1.5 classrooms at Thornwood High School for $17,625.00 through June 30, 2026. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Moody, Banks, Bradley, and Graham voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF ECHO CLASSROOM LEASE AGREEMENT

Mrs. Moody moved, Ms. Bradley seconded the **Approval of the Resolution Verifying Previous Adoption of Budget,** as presented by Dr. Johnson. This adopted resolution formally adopts the Budget that was approved at the last meeting. No changes were made to the budget. On roll call, Members Moody, Bradley, Banks, Graham, and Lawrence voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION VERIFYING PREVIOUS ADOPTION OF BUDGET

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Banks seconded the **Approval of the District Fiscal Year 2027 Procurement Plan Resolution,** as presented by Dr. Johnson. This adopted resolution provides the district's budget framework and anticipated needs throughout the year. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Banks, Bradley, Graham, and Moody voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF FY27 PROCUREMENT PLAN RESOLUTION

Mrs. Lawrence moved, Mr. Banks seconded the **Approval of the Resolution of Intent to Issue Working Cash Fund Bonds,** as presented by Dr. Johnson. This adopted resolution declares the intent to issue not to exceed $20,000,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District and directing that notice of such intention be published in the manner provided by law. On roll call, Members Lawrence, Banks, Bradley, Graham, and Moody voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO ISSUE WORKING CASH FUND BONDS

Ms. Bradley moved, Mrs. Lawrence seconded the **Approval of the Resolution Authorizing Appointment of Township Trustee of Schools,** as presented by Dr. Johnson. This adopted resolution calls a public hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Education to sell not to exceed $20,000,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds for the purpose of increasing the working cash fund of the District. On roll call, Members Bradley, Lawrence, Banks, Graham, Lawrence, and Moody voted aye; voted nay, none; motion passed

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION PUBLIC HEARING FOR WORKING CASH FUND BONDS

Dr. Cunningham stated the following:

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Good evening, members of the board, faculty, staff, and community members,
As we gather here today, I want to take a moment to recognize that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This is a time dedicated to raising awareness about breast cancer, supporting those affected by it, celebrating our survivors, and promoting the importance of early detection and research.
Breast cancer is a disease that does not discriminate; it affects people of all races, genders, and backgrounds. However, it is essential to acknowledge our communities; we face unique challenges when it comes to breast cancer. We often experience

disparities in access to healthcare, early detection, and treatment options, which can lead to higher mortality rates.

As a school district, we are responsible for educating and supporting our students, staff, and families about the importance of breast cancer awareness. Here are a few ways we make a difference:

1. Education and Awareness: We can organize informational sessions and distribute educational materials to ensure everyone in our community understands the importance of regular screenings and early detection. Knowledge is power, and by spreading awareness, we can save lives.
2. Support Systems: Let's create a supportive environment for those who are battling breast cancer and their families. This can include support groups, counseling services, and connecting them with local resources and organizations specializing in breast cancer support.
3. Community Involvement: We encourage our students and staff to participate in local breast cancer awareness events, such as walks, fundraisers, and volunteer opportunities. These activities raise awareness and foster a sense of community and solidarity.
4. Advocacy: Advocate for policies that address healthcare disparities and ensure that all community members have access to the necessary early detection and treatment resources. Working together can help bridge the gap and provide equitable healthcare for all.

In closing, let us remember that breast cancer awareness is not just about wearing pink ribbons; it is about acting, supporting one another, and striving for a future where no one must face this disease alone. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of those affected by breast cancer and build a stronger, healthier community.

Thank you.

There was no Executive Session this evening. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:13p.m., Mrs. Lawrence moved, Ms. Bradley seconded to **Adjourn the Meeting**. All in favor voice voted aye; nay, none; motion passed. ADJOURNMENT

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