



Tuesday, December 15, 2020

6:00 p.m.

Virtual meeting only. Email public comments to dnewman@tfd215.org by noon

Link to Join <https://tfd215.zoom.us/j/87112455628?pwd=YUySm1LckVvNVJ6WXBtYzdtZ3NHdz09>

	I.	Call To Order	
	II.	Roll Call	
	III.	Communication A. Freedom of Information Report B. Public Comment C. Building Reports	
	IV.	Superintendent's Report- Barber/Cosmetology Program Update	
	V.	Future Meetings A. Committee of the Whole: 1.13.2021- 5:00 p.m. B. Regular Meeting: 1.26.2021 – 6:00 p.m.	
Action	VI.	Approval of Minutes – Open & Closed A. Regular Meeting: 11.24.2020	Exhibit 1
	VII.	Old Business A. Tax Levy 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopt 2020 Tax Levy Resolution • Approve 2020 Certificate of Tax Levy • Approve Truth in Taxation Certificate of Compliance • Adopt Resolution to Allocate PTELL Reduction 	Exhibit 2
Action	VIII.	New Business A. Lansing SRO Intergovernmental Agreement B. Local #683 Letter of Agreement- 2020-21 Evaluations C. Third Quarter Learning Plan & Transition	Exhibit 3
Action			Exhibit 4
Action			Exhibit 5
	IX.	Closed Session A. Personnel: Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal for Specific Employees B. Pending Litigation C. Collective Bargaining Matters	
Action	X.	Finance Report	Exhibit 6
Action	XI.	Personnel Report	Exhibit 7
		Adjourn	



MEMORANDUM

Date: December 7, 2020

To: Dr. Sophia Jones-Redmond,
Superintendent

From: Teresa A. Bishop,
Director of Finance/CSBO

Subject: 2020 Tax Levy

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is recommended that the Board of Education:

1. Adopt the 2020 Tax Levy Resolution
2. Approve the 2020 Certificate of Tax Levy
3. Approve the Truth in Taxation Certificate of Compliance
4. Adopt Resolution to Allocate PTELL Reduction

BACKGROUND:

The Levy Resolution and Certificate of Tax Levy establish the total levy amount.

The Truth in Taxation Certificate of Compliance – This law requires a taxing district to compare the amount of its proposed property tax levy, to the amount of taxes extended for the district in the prior year. A notice must be published in a newspaper and a public hearing must be held, if the proposed tax levy is more than 5% greater than the previous year’s tax extension plus any amount abated. At 1.964%, our district’s estimated levy increase does not exceed 5% over the prior year’s tax extension plus the abatement; therefore, a notice and a hearing are not required.

The district is subject to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL). Therefore, it may be required that the amounts levied by the district be reduced because of the limitations set forth in the law. The Cook County Clerk will proportionately reduce each levy subject to PTELL unless the district provides a resolution directing the Clerk to do otherwise. The “Resolution to Allocate PTELL Reduction” directs the County Clerk on how to re-distribute ceiling reductions among levied funds.

Cc: Attachments

TAX LEVY RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of School District No. 215, Cook County, Illinois that there be and there is hereby levied:

the sum of \$ 25,681,117 as a special tax for Educational purposes,
the sum of \$ 2,951,464 as a special tax for Operations, Building and Maintenance purposes,
the sum of \$ 1,598,821 as a special tax for Transportation purposes,
the sum of \$ 197,806 as a special tax for Working Cash purposes,
the sum of \$ 647,893 as a special tax for Illinois Municipal Retirement purposes,
the sum of \$ 926,277 as a special tax for Social Security purposes,
the sum of \$ 669,641 as a special tax for Tort Immunity purposes,
the sum of \$ 340,516 as a special tax for Special Education purposes, and
the sum of \$ 854,558 as a special tax for Capital Improvement purposes

on the equalized assessed value of the taxable property in School District No. 215, Cook County, Illinois for the year 2020.

ADOPTED THIS 15th day of December, 2020.

APPROVED:

Michael Bolz
President
Board of Education, District No. 215

ATTEST:

Patricia Stepp
Secretary
Board of Education, District No. 215

Original: X
Amended:

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
School Business and Support Services Division
217/785-8779

CERTIFICATE OF TAX LEVY

A copy of this Certificate of Tax Levy shall be filed with the County Clerk of each county in which the school district is located on or before the last Tuesday of December.

District Name	Thornton Fractional HSD	District Number	215	County	Cook
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Amount of Levy

Educational	\$ 25,681,117	Fire Prevention & Safety *	\$ 0
Operations & Maintenance	\$ 2,951,464	Tort Immunity	\$ 669,641
Transportation	\$ 1,598,821	Special Education	\$ 340,516
Working Cash	\$ 197,806	Leasing	\$ 0
Municipal Retirement	\$ 647,893	Capital Projects	\$ 854,558
Social Security	\$ 926,277	Other	\$ 0
		Total Levy	\$ 33,868,093

See explanation on reverse side.

Note: Any district proposing to adopt a levy must comply with the provisions set forth in the Truth in Taxation Law.

* Includes Fire Prevention, Safety, Energy Conservation, Disabled Accessibility, School Security, and Specified Repair Purposes.

We hereby certify that we require:

the sum of 25,681,117 dollars to be levied as a special tax for educational purposes; and
the sum of 2,951,464 dollars to be levied as a special tax for operations and maintenance purposes; and
the sum of 1,598,821 dollars to be levied as a special tax for transportation purposes; and
the sum of 197,806 dollars to be levied as a special tax for a working cash fund; and
the sum of 647,893 dollars to be levied as a special tax for municipal retirement purposes; and
the sum of 926,277 dollars to be levied as a special tax for social security purposes; and
the sum of 0 dollars to be levied as a special tax for fire prevention, safety, energy conservation, disabled accessibility, school security and specified repair purposes; and
the sum of 669,641 dollars to be levied as a special tax for tort immunity purposes; and
the sum of 340,516 dollars to be levied as a special tax for special education purposes; and
the sum of 0 dollars to be levied as a special tax for leasing of educational facilities or computer technology or both, and temporary relocation expense purposes; and
the sum of 854,558 dollars to be levied as a special tax for Capital Projects; and
the sum of 0 dollars to be levied as a special tax for _____
on the taxable property of our school district for the year 2020

Signed this _____ day of _____ 2020 _____

(President)

(Clerk or Secretary of the School Board of Said School District)

When any school is authorized to issue bonds, the school board shall file a certified copy of the resolution in the office of the county clerk of each county in which the district is situated to provide for the issuance of the bonds and to levy a tax to pay for them. The county clerk shall extend the tax for bonds and interest as set forth in the certified copy of the resolution, each year during the life of the bond issue. Therefore to avoid a possible duplication of tax levies, the school board should not include a levy for bonds and interest in the district's annual tax levy.

Number of bond issues of said school district that have not been paid in full 7

(Detach and Return to School District)

This is to certify that the Certificate of Tax Levy for School District No. 215, Cook County, Illinois, on the equalized assessed value of all taxable property of said school district for the year 2020 was filed in the office of the County Clerk of this County on _____, 2020.

In addition to an extension of taxes authorized by levies made by the Board of Education (Directors), an additional extension(s) will be made, as authorized by resolution(s) on file in this office, to provide funds to retire bonds and pay interest thereon.

The total levy, as provided in the original resolution(s), for said purposes for the year 2020, is \$ _____

(Signature of County Clerk)

(Date)

(County)

TRUTH IN TAXATION
CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

I, Michael Bolz, hereby certify that I am the presiding officer of Thornton Fractional Township High School District 215, and as such presiding officer I certify that the levy resolution, a copy of which is attached, was adopted pursuant to, and in all respects in compliance with the provisions of the Illinois Property Tax Code - Truth in Taxation Law (35 ILCS 200/18-55 through 18-100).

According to this law, if the estimate of levy is more than 105% of the amount extended, plus any amount abated, in the preceding year, the district must give public notice of and hold a public hearing on its intent to adopt such a levy.

The district's aggregate levy plus the amount abated for the preceding year is not more than 105% of the amount extended in the preceding year; therefore, notice and a hearing are not required.

This certificate applies to the 2020 tax levy.

Signature of Presiding Officer

Date: December 15, 2020

**THORNTON FRACTIONAL TOWNSHIP HS DISTRICT NO. 215
RESOLUTION PROVIDING DIRECTION TO THE COOK COUNTY CLERK UNDER THE PROPERTY
TAX EXTENSION LIMITATION LAW REGARDING THE
TAX LEVY OF THE DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 2020**

WHEREAS, THORNTON FRACTIONAL TOWNSHIP HS DISTRICT NO. 215, (the "district") has filed, or will file, with the Cook County Clerk herewith its Resolution Regarding Estimated Amounts Necessary to be Levied for the year 2020 to be collected in the year 2021; and,

WHEREAS, the amounts to be levied and collected by Cook County Clerk on behalf of the district are subject to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (hereafter, "PTELL") and that law may require that the amounts levied upon Cook County real estate be reduced because of the limitations set forth in such law; and,

WHEREAS, the Cook County Clerk will proportionally reduce the levy of each fund specified in the district's Levy Resolution unless directed by resolution of the district to allocate any reduction in the fund levy in some other manner; and,

WHEREAS, the district desires that, in the event of a reduction that any reductions be done in a different manner, as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of THORNTON FRACTIONAL TOWNSHIP HS DISTRICT NO. 215, County of Cook, State of Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Education does hereby direct the Cook County Clerk that any reduction of the district's 2020 Tax Levy caused by the PTELL be made as follows:

- a. Maintain the Building Fund at the requested amounts to the extent allowed by law.
- b. Proportionally reduce the levy of all other funds in the district's Levy Resolution except that all reduction attributable to the Building Fund be allocated as a reduction to the Capital Improvement Fund.

Section 2. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage in the manner provided by law.

Section 3. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be filed with the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, Tax Extension Division concurrently with the filing of the district's Resolution Regarding the Estimated Amounts to be levied for the Year 2020.

Section 4. This resolution shall supersede any resolutions or motions or parts thereof in conflict with any part herein.

Section 5. If any section, paragraph or provision of this resolution shall be held invalid or unenforceable for any reason, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this resolution.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
THORNTON FRACTIONAL TOWNSHIP HS DISTRICT NO. 215
COUNTY OF COOK
STATE OF ILLINOIS

Date: December 15, 2020

AYES _____ NAYS _____ ABSTAIN _____

Michael Bolz
Board President

Attest by: _____
Patricia Stepp
Board Secretary

**Thornton Fractional
District 215**

Memo

To: Board of Education
From: Dr. Jones-Redmond
Date: December 15, 2020
Re: 3rd Quarter Learning & Transition Plan 2020-21

Dear Board of Education,

I am recommending Option #1 (p.5) as outlined in the updated return to school plan. This option tentatively brings staff to the buildings Feb. 16, brings students limited to parameters to be specified such as IEP, membership in a particular program, etc. on March 2, and potentially begins to bring additional students to the buildings in a limited capacity March 15-May 12.

Thank You,



Dr. Sophia Jones-Redmond
Superintendent

**Thornton Fractional Township High Schools
District 215
Tuesday, December 15, 2020
Financial Items**

1. List of Bills

Fund	Regular Bills	Imprest Bills
Educational	\$ 136,382.70	
Special Education		
Operations and Maintenance	\$ 143,832.90	
Debt Service		
Transportation	\$ 47,433.41	
Capital Projects	\$ 11,857.92	
Tort Liability	\$ 2,915.00	
Totals	\$ 342,421.93	\$ -

Recommended Motion:

That the Board of Education approve the payment of Regular Bills in the amount of **\$342,421.93** and Imprest Bills in the amount of **\$0.00**

2. Payroll

Monthly Payroll Report

Fund	
Education	\$ 2,591,744.25
Operations Building Maintenance	\$ 162,550.81
Transportation	\$ 1,076.92
Total	\$ 2,755,371.98

Recommended Motion:

That the Board of Education accept the Monthly Payroll Report for the month of November, 2020 in the amount of **\$2,755,371.98** and approve payment for the month of January, 2021.

3. Activities List of Bills

Fund	TF North Activities	TF South Activities	Admin/TF Center Activities
Activities	\$ 1,879.17	\$ 1,432.94	\$ 60.89
Totals	\$ 1,879.17	\$ 1,432.94	\$ 60.89

Recommended Motion:

That the Board of Education approve the payment of Activity Bills for TFN Activities in the amount of **\$ 1,879.17** for TFS Activities in the amount of **\$1,432.94** and for Admin/TFC Activities in the amount of **\$ 60.89**

4. Grants, Gifts and Donations

<u>Company/Club</u>	<u>Purpose/Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
IL Department of Human Services	STEP Grant	\$ 61,429.00

Recommended Motion:

That the Board of Education accept the above Grant(s)/Donation(s) for the 2020-21 school year.

5. Memorandum to approve Walsworth Publishing Company

Recommended Motion:

That the Board of Education approve the contract from Walsworth Publishing Company to be T.F. South yearbook publisher for the 2021 yearbook.

6. Resolution to Dispose of various items deemed beyond useful life

Recommended Motion:

That the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Administration to approve the resolution to authorize the Director of Facilities to oversee disposal of various items deemed beyond useful life. See attached memo.



MEMORANDUM

Date: December 7, 2020

To: Dr. Sophia Jones-Redmond
Superintendent

From: Teresa A. Bishop
Executive Director of Finance/CSBO

Subject: Approval to dispose of various items deemed beyond useful life

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the attached resolution to dispose of various items deemed beyond useful life. Age and use render various items unusable each year. Mr. Tim Stephan will oversee the disposal process.

**PERSONNEL REPORT
DECEMBER 15, 2020**

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| 1. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the employment of Bryant Dortch as a Custodian at T.F. South, effective January 4, 2021. | EMPLOYMENT
BRYANT DORTCH |
| 2. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the reassignment of Leah Clancy from 10-month Building Control Secretary to 12-month Building Control Secretary, effective January 4, 2021. | EMPLOYEE REASSIGNMENT
LEAH CLANCY |
| 3. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the discipline of Joel Flores, Jr., Custodian at T.F. North, as discussed in closed session. | EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE
JOEL FLORES, JR. |
| 4. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve FMLA leave for Robin Kosarko, Custodian at T.F. South, effective October 12, 2020 through November 30, 2020. | FMLA LEAVE
ROBIN KOSARKO |
| 5. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve intermittent FMLA leave for Malika Marshall, Executive Assistant, Human Resources, effective October 16, 2020 through June 30, 2021. | FMLA LEAVE (INTERMITTENT)
MALIKA MARSHALL |
| 6. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve Treasur Triplett as a Special Education Student Teacher at T.F. South during the Spring 2021 semester. | STUDENT TEACHER
TREASUR TRIPLETT |