

Committee of the Whole
September 10, 2025
Thornton Fractional Center for Academics & Technology
1605 Wentworth Ave.
Calumet City, IL 60409
MINUTES



1. Call to Order/Roll call

President Terrazas called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following roll call:

Present: Calderon-Miranda, Guyton, Newman, Perkins, Terrazas **Absent:** Myers, Williams

2. Public Comment—none

3. Superintendent/Board of Education Updates

- A. Board Report on Self-Evaluation Workshop—President Terrazas shared with the public that the board had a special meeting August 28 with a representative from IASB, focusing on what it is to be a board member and how to most effectively work together with superintendent. Mr. Williams acknowledged the work of the board.
- B. Strategic Plan Overview—Mr. Williams shared to effectively implement a strategic plan, a superintendent needs to guide the process. He met with the principals to review their focused areas. The work that was previously done will be used for plan development.
- C. Safe Routes to School Initiative—Mr. Williams reported about Lansing's participation in a program (federal funding) to improve South sidewalks/train crossings. There are several steps, and Ms. Boulter is part of the team.

4. Buildings Grounds/Safety Committee--Member Williams

- A. Construction Project Update—Mr. Stephan shared the pool infill at North is complete and it will be used as a wrestling room for now, although there are other options. Roofing is still in process and while the barbering room is functioning it isn't finished. Windows will be installed September 19th. Elevators are up and running, and the North stadium/soccer field work is still moving north still moving forward. Use completion will be close to the October 10th football game. Summer 2025-26 work will be brought in October for review.
- B. Building Usage Report—received a payment

5. Finance Committee--Member Perkins

- A. FY 2025-26 Display Budget Discussion—Ms. McMillian stated the budget notice has been published as required and September 23rd is the public hearing. She reviewed the procedures for adoption.

6. Curriculum Committee--Member Calderon-Miranda

- A. Academic/Credit Recovery Programs—will be asking for approval at the September meeting for programs for sophomores, in person; juniors-seniors—APEX.
- B. Career Development Summer Recap—Mr. Mastey thanked board members for stopping by at car show.
 - 1. Future Teacher Summer Academy Recap—These are students interested in exploring teaching careers; students also teach in summer bridge. There were 18 participants and three received Local 683 scholarships.
 - 2. Lavish Barbering and Cosmetology Summer Recap—There were 46 students in the program, having collectively over 5400 hours of service. This summer did the provided services for seniors in Calumet City.
 - 3. Dual Enrollment—STEP-Up—partnership with SSC and JJC opportunity to earn 9 credits of college credit. The district's early pathway college coordinator meets with students--80-85% success rate.

7. IT Committee--Member Guyton

A. E-Rate Overview—Mr. Wakefield explained the e-rate which has been questioned and upheld by supreme court. E-rate requires a very thorough review process, but the benefits are impactful. The district will be approaching a new funding window in July 2026.

8. Behavior Intervention/Parent-Teacher Advisory Committee--Member Newman

A. Building Suspension Reports—The principals shared the various interventions at each campus. Discussion included how do we let students know about the consequences of their behaviors such as social media posts, behavior etc. A unified district video for positive behavior will be developed, meetings with APs will reinforce consistency, and student leadership team input is being sought. The Lansing PD is interested in community policing.

9. Policy Committee--Member Guyton

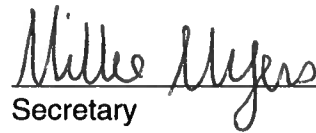
PRESS 118 update—Ms. Guyton and Ms. Howard reviewed the policy update that will be brought forward for the approval process.

10. Adjourn

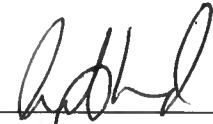
I move to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m. This motion, made by Member Newman and seconded by Member Perkins, passed on voice vote.



President



Secretary



Recording Secretary