

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
May 26, 2020



Thornton Fractional
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 215
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President Michael Bolz called the regular Board of Education meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. The meeting was held virtually due to COVID-19 pandemic and the link to join was made available to the public.

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call:

Present: Bolz, Dust, Oberman, Revis, Stepp, Waller, Yochem
Absent: None

FOI REQUESTS

Freedom of Information Request: None

Public Comment- Emani James, Tonya Davis, Crystal Taylor, Kayla Davis, and Johari Dix submitted statements regarding Omari Garrett. Kendall Clark-McMorris, Sheryl Black, Micheal Sanders, Justin Vincent, Raymond Smith, Steve Reed, Felton Lawrence, Elijah Winters, Ilona Shaw, Samuel Lewis III, Samuel Lewis IV, and Kannita Clark submitted statements regarding Tristan Stovall. School District 158 submitted a statement regarding property near Lester Crawl School.

PUBLIC COMMENT

School updates were presented by Brian Rucinski for T.F. North, and John Robinzine for T.F. Center., and Jake Gourley for T.F. South.

BUILDING REPORTS

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Teresa Lance gave and e-learning update.

SUPER-INTENDENT REPORT

Committee of the Whole Meeting- No June meeting.
Regular Meeting: 6.23.2020 – 6:00 p.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Member Stepp moved, seconded by Member Revis, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on 4.28.2020. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Waller moved, seconded by Member Oberman, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Reorganization Meeting on 4.28.2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Member Yochem moved, seconded by Member Stepp, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting on 5.13.2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Member Dust moved, seconded by Member Oberman, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the following special meetings: 4.8.2020, 4.14.2020, 4.15.2020, 4.16.2020, 4.21.2020, 4.23.2020, 4.27.2020, 4.28.2020. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Member Waller moved, seconded by Member Revis, that the Board of Education approve the payment of Illinois Association of School Boards Membership Dues in the amount of \$8,220.00.

Ayes: Bolz, Dust, Oberman, Revis, Stepp, Waller, Yochem
Nays: None Abstain: None

Member Yochem moved, seconded by Member Waller, approve the calculation of Class of 2020 class rank after seven semesters. Motion carried unanimously.

Member Oberman moved, seconded by Member Waller, that the Board of Education adopt the 2020-2021 Student Handbook. Motion carried unanimously.

Member Yochem moved, seconded by Member Waller, that the Board of Education approve the revised student fees and waivers for 2019-20 and 2020-21.

Ayes: Bolz, Dust, Oberman, Revis, Stepp, Waller, Yochem
Nays: None
Abstain: None

Member Dust moved, seconded by Member Waller, that the Board of Education approve the following bills and payroll:

1. Payment of Regular Bills in the amount **\$1,328,212.81** and imprest bills in the amount of **\$0.00**
2. Accept monthly payroll report for April, 2020 in the amount of **\$2,709, 343.56** and approve payment for the month of June 2020.
3. Approval of the following grants, gifts, and donations:

Company	Purpose	Amount
GENYOUTH	COVID-19 SOUTH CAFETERIA	\$2000.00
GENYOUTH	COVID-19 NORTH CAFETERIA	\$2000.00
Ms. Monica Ruiz	TFS DREAMERS SCHOLARSHIPS	\$1000.00

4. Acceptance of the Agreement for the Multi-Year Annual Service Agreement with B&R Bleachers in the amount of \$12,684 for TF North and \$13,643 for TF South.
5. Acceptance of the engagement of Meristem Advisors, LLC as Municipal Advisor to provide analysis and services with respect to the issuance of municipal securities.
6. Acceptance of the two-year agreement with Hartgrove Behavioral Health System to provide ongoing mental and behavioral health services.
7. Approval of the Ombudsman Educational Services Contract for the 2020-21 school year.
8. Acceptance of the two-year contract with Courageous Conversations to provide professional development services for training and ongoing support during Fiscal year 20/21 and Fiscal year 21/22.
Ayes: Dust, Stepp, Waller, Bolz, Revis, Oberman, Yochem
Nays: None
Abstained: None

Member Revis moved, seconded by Member Stepp, that the Board of Education approve a 3-year employment contract of Dr. Sophia Jones-Redmond as superintendent effective July 1, 2020.
Ayes: Dust, Stepp, Waller, Bolz, Revis, Oberman
Nays: Yochem
Abstained: Waller

Member Waller moved, seconded by Member Revis, that the Board of Education move into closed session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss Pending litigation, collective bargaining matters, student discipline, and Personnel: Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal for Specific Employees, and Student Discipline.
Ayes: Bolz, Dust, Stepp, Waller, Revis, Oberman, Yochem
Nays: None Abstain: None

Member Revis moved, seconded by Member Waller, that the Board of Education return to open session at 8:04 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.
Present: Bolz, Dust, Stepp, Waller, Revis, Oberman, Yochem

Member Stepp moved, seconded by Member Revis, to approve the following personnel items:
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the retirement of Vasiliki Drillias, Special Education Paraprofessional at T.F. North, effective December 18, 2020.
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the dismissal of Tristan Stovall, Deans' Assistant at T.F. North, effective June 1, 2020.
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the employment of Dwight DeRamus as a Special Education Teacher at T.F. South, effective for the 2020-2021 school term.

NEW
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SESSION

PERSONNEL

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the employment of Sahed Yousef as a Math Teacher at T.F. South, effective for the 2020-2021 school term.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the 2020-2021 employment contracts of the following administrators, as discussed in closed session:

Brian Bergthold	John Robinzine
Marc Brewe	Brian Rucinski
Lisa Bouler Daniels	Kerry Schuldes
Michael Fies	Timothy Stephan
Omari Garrett	Becky Szuba
Lauren Gladu	Ta'Shara Tate
Jacob Gourley	Paul Wakefield
April Jerger	Dawn Walker
LaQuesha Martin	Mychael Webb
Janice Opitz	Rena Whitten
John O'Rourke	Raymond Williams

PERSONNEL
CONT.

- It is recommended that the Board of Education approve a salary adjustment for David Tripp, Building Foreman at T.F. South, as discussed in closed session.
 - It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the reassignment of Malika Marshall from HR Coordinator to Executive Assistant for Human Resources, effective July 1, 2020.
 - It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the reassignment of Raymond Smith from part-time English Teacher to full-time English Teacher at T.F. North, effective for the 2020-2021 school term.
 - It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the reassignment of Margaret Blahunka from Math Teacher to Math Team Lead at T.F. South, effective for the 2020-2021 school term.
 - It is recommended that the Board of Education accept Michael Anaclerio's resignation from his Team Lead duties and subsequent reassignment to Social Studies Teacher for the 2020-2021 school term.
 - It is recommended that the Board of Education approve discipline for Omari Garrett, Athletic Director at T.F. North, as discussed in closed session.
1. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following extra-curricular releases, resignations and appointments, effective immediately:

T.F. North

Releases:

- Marcus Thomas, *Football Assistant Coach**
2. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following staff for summer school 2020:
- **VSA Facilitator** – Jillian Altenburg
 - **Cafeteria Aides** – Juan Barraza Garcia, Earnestine Hayes, Brenda McField, Anya Pittman
- It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following volunteer for the 2020-2021 school term: Charles DiMartino.

The motion carried unanimously.

Member Yochem moved, seconded by Member Oberman, that the Board of Education approve the following personnel addendum items:

PERSONNEL
ADDENDUM

1. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the employment of Shakira Gross as a Custodian at TF North, effective June 1, 2020

2. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following staff for summer school 2020:
Cafeteria Aides- Michelle Giordano, Regina Houston, Dyron Smith, Amber Williams

Motion carried unanimously.

Member Dust moved, seconded by Member Yochem, that the Board of Education approve the Amendment to the Contract for Transportation services with Cook Illinois Corporation.

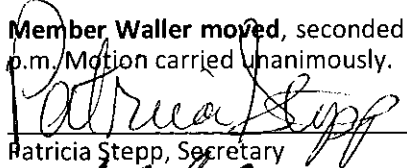
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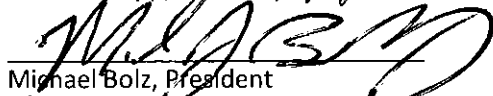
Ayes: Bolz, Dust, Stepp, Waller, Revis, Oberman, Yochem

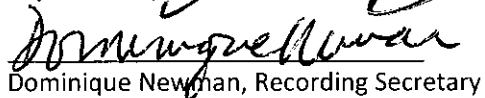
Nays: None Abstain: None

Member Waller moved, seconded by Member Yochem, that the Board of Education Meeting adjourn at 8:07 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN


Patricia Stepp, Secretary


Michael Bolz, President


Dominique Newman, Recording Secretary