Regular Board of Education Meeting February 27, 2024 Thornton Fractional Center for Academics & Technology 1605 Wentworth Ave. Calumet City, IL 60409 MINUTES



- 1. Call to Order/Roll call
- 2. Pledge

Motion made by Member Newman, seconded by Member Townsend to amend the agenda to remove action item 6.D.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Ballard, Newman, Stepp, Terrazas, Townsend Nays: Jackson, Wilson

3. Communication/Informational

- A. Public Comments
 - Kisha Wells—TFS parent raised concerns that traffic safety in the South parking lot is very chaotic and concerned for students crossing Burnham. Asked if there could be safety interventions put in place.
 - Melanie Jongsman—invited the Board and staff to the Lansing Journal McJournal night. It is a community night open house and fun event; Thursday 4-7 p.m.
 - Evelin Ulloa, Valeria Meraz—Sophomores at TF North and would like the district to consider adding AP calculus B-C to course options. They know other students who would also request it.
 - Andrea Martinez, Ruben Canchola, Evelin Ulloa—Students presented a petition to make AP Calculus A.B. a dual credit course for the 2024-25 school year. Purdue has pulled the dual credit option but students feel this is a great opportunity and would help families with college expenses.

B. Freedom of Information Report

DATE	REQUESTOR	REQUEST	DATE RESPONDED
1/23/24	Bo Kim UnionBids.com	I am looking for Bid Results/Tabulations or Award for: 01/10/2024 Thornton Fractional Township High School District No. 215 - Roofing Replacement, Renovation, and Related Work at Thornton Fractional North High School Thornton Fractional South High School Project (Cook County) Project Number: 23-215-01 This information is being requested for Commercial purposes.	1/26/2024
2/1/2024	Joe Stephan, President AFT Local 683	Personnel reports from the board packets for the following months: August 2003 through June 2004 July 2008 through June 2009. If there were addendums made to the personnel reports requested, please include them as well. Minutes would be fine	2/6/2024
2/5/2024	Michael Smith	A copy of any and all letters and or emails and or all anonymous letters sent to your superintendent of schools that you received bearing my name Michael A Smith an employee of Echo Joint agreement.	2/12/24-Extended 5 days per district legal counsel; withdrawn by requestor

C. Monthly Suspension Reports—in packets

- D. Future Meetings--March 13, 2024 Committee of the Whole; March 26, 2024 Regular Meeting
- E. Building Reports-- Reports were presented by Ray Williams for T.F. Center., Brian Rucinski for T.F. North, and Jake Gourley for T.F. South.

F. Superintendent's Report

State of Department report--IT Department—Chief Technology Officer Paul Wakefield highlighted the tireless work his team undertakes to provide the tools and infrastructure to assist district teachers. He added the team is appreciative of the Board's support. Christian Hooper, Systems & Support Manager shared with the Board the softwares that are utilized throughout the district. He gave recognition to the seven student internstwo are planning to study computer services. He added the IT department works directly with teachers to determine different technologies to assist in the classroom. Miguel Gutierrez, Director of Technology Operations, shared how the district has moved from chalkboards to interactive systems adding the internet and network infrastructure is critical. Those systems have been updated and network reliability is the best it has ever been. Initiatives are underway to upgrade speeds next school year. Data security is crucial in TFD 215 and the district has 24/7 response; phishing responses have been great. The team is working on improving accuracy of data services for state reporting—improvement is a constant focus for themselves and services.

Mr. Robinzine added the team has a combined 66 years at TFD215 and works 24/7. With the leadership of Mr. Wakefield and his team's efforts, the district made it through the pandemic and they are appreciated.

4. Closed Session—not convened

5. Consent

I move to approve the consent agenda as presented. This motion, made by Terrazas and seconded by Wilson, passed.

- A. Approve Minutes from the January 23 Open and Closed Sessions, February 14, 2024 Committee of the Whole and February 14, 2024 Special Meeting
- B. Approve Personnel Report
 - 1) It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the report of the resignation of Lucia Villegas, Cafeteria Aide at T.F. South, effective February 23, 2024.
 - 2) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the employment of Raymond Smith, Sr. as a Custodian at T.F. North, effective February 28, 2024.
 - 3) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the temporary, part-time employment of Timothy Bales as a Music Program Clinician at T.F. North, effective February 28, 2024 through June 1, 2024 (\$1,500).
 - 4) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following sixth assignments for the spring 2024 semester:
 - a. Kimberly Bywater, English at T.F. South, February 26, 2024 through June 4, 2024
 - b. Jean Flynn Rozner, English at T.F. South, February 26, 2024 through June 4, 2024
 - c. Jaimie Metoyer, English at T.F. South, February 26, 2024 through June 4, 2024
 - d. Anthony Paulauski, English at T.F. South, February 26, 2024 through June 4, 2024.
 - 5) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve FMLA leave for Gloria Kijewski, English Teacher at T.F. South, effective February 5, 2024 through May 3, 2024.
 - 6) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve intermittent FMLA leave for Tamika McMillian, Business Manager, effective March 19, 2024 through April 30, 2024.

- 7) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Healthy Meals Incentives Grant-Funded After School Student Nutrition Program staff for the Spring 2024 semester:
 - i. Terri Bartlett, Shane Parker.
- 8) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following extra-curricular releases, resignations, and appointments for the 2023-2024 school term:
 - i. Releases:
 - ii. Alexander Zielinski, Assistant Band Director, T.F. North
 - iii. Resignations:
 - iv. Kia Giddings, Girls' Bowling Assistant Coach, T.F. North
 - v. Appointments:
 - vi. Jordan Oliva, Girls' Soccer Assistant Coach, T.F. United.
- 9) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Substitute Teacher for the Spring 2024 semester: Berta Salazar.
- 10) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Student Tutors at T.F. South for the spring 2024 semester:
 - i. Aalisha Hendrix, Jameson Onayo, Sierah Shelby, Maxine Yepdjeu.
- C. Approve/Accept the following Financial Items
 - 1. Accept January 2024 FTD Monthly Financial Statements
 - 2. Approve January 2024/February 2024 Payables, \$1,795,185.72

Accounts Payable - List of Bills - Jan 2024/Feb 2024

Fund	Amount
Educational	1,183,763.27
Special Education	. .
Operations and Maintenance	262,022.30
Debt Service	11,677.02
Transportation	329,142.63
Capital Projects	-
Tort Liability	8,580.50
Total	\$ 1,795,185.72

3. Approve January 2024/February 2024 Activities Bills, \$62,985.12

Student Activities - List of Bills - Jan 2024/Feb 2024

Fund	Amount
TF North Activities	14,298.58
TF South Activities	47,598.92
Admin/TF Center Activities	1,087.62
Total	\$ 62.985.12

4. Approve January 2024 Payroll, \$3,023,386.66

Payroll Report - January 2024

Fund	Amount
Education Operations and	2,824,509.74
Maintenance	197,633.24
Transportation	1,243.68
Grand Total	\$ 3,023,386.66

5. Approve Imprest January 2024/February 2024, \$19,361.21

Imprest - List of Bills - Jan 2024/Feb 2024

Fund	Amount
Educational	13,947.11
Special Education	-
Operations and Maintenance	479.10
Debt Service	-
Transportation	-
Capital Projects	-
Tort Liability	4,935.00
Total	\$ 19,361.21

- D. Approve Vendor Contract for Anthony Jude for \$1,500
- E. Approval of School Maintenance Grant
- F. Approve annual Building Usage Fee Schedule as required by policy 8:20
- G. Approve destruction of closed session recordings for August 10,2022 Regular Meeting in accordance with Policy 2:220

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Ballard, Jackson, Newman, Stepp, Terrazas, Townsend, Wilson Nays: none

6. Action

A. Commence bid process--TF North athletic field

I move to approve the commencement of the athletic field bid process for TF North. This motion, made by Member Jackson and seconded by Member Newman, passed.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Ballard, Jackson, Newman, Stepp, Terrazas, Townsend, Wilson Nays: none

B. Commence bid process--Special Education Transportation Services

I move to approve the commencement of the bid process for Special Education

Transportation Services. This motion, made by Member Wilson and seconded by

Member Terrazas, passed.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Ballard, Jackson, Newman, Stepp, Terrazas, Townsend, Wilson Nays: none

C. Commence bid process--TFN Electrical Vault project

I move to approve the commencement of the bid process for the TF North
electrical vault relocation. This motion, made by Member Newman and seconded
by Member Jackson, passed.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Ballard, Jackson, Newman, Stepp, Terrazas, Townsend, Wilson Nays: none

- D. Commence bid process--Administrative Center offices Removed
- E. Commece RFP process--Audit services

I move to approve the commencement of the RFP process for audit services. This motion, made by Member Wilson and seconded by Member Townsend, passed.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Ballard, Jackson, Newman, Stepp, Terrazas, Townsend, Wilson Nays: none

F. Approve TFS HVAC pool area bid

I move to approve the base bid from Amber Mechanical Contractors in the amount of \$1,427,000 for the TFS Natatorium HVAC Renovation. This motion, made by Member Jackson and seconded by Member Newman, passed.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Ballard, Jackson, Newman, Stepp, Terrazas, Townsend, Wilson Nays: none

G. Approve Elevator Modernization Bid

I move to approve the Elevator Modernization bids for TF North Elevator 1 and TF South Elevator 1 to Chicago Heights Construction Company in the amount of \$833,000 as presented. This motion, made by Newman and seconded by Member Terrazas, passed.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Ballard, Jackson, Newman, Stepp, Terrazas, Townsend, Wilson Nays: none

H. Approve 2024-25 Student Fees

I move to approve the 2024-25 student fees as presented. This motion, made by Member Townsend and seconded by Member Wilson, passed.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Ballard, Jackson, Newman, Stepp, Terrazas, Townsend, Wilson Nays: none

I. Adopt resolution providing for Abatement 2023-2024 Taxes in Order to Obtain Fiscal Year 2024 Property Tax Relief Grant

I move to adopt the resolution to abate an additional \$1,751,067 in property taxes against the 2023 levy, and \$1,751,067 in property taxes against the 2024 levy as presented. This motion, made by Member Newman and seconded by Member Townsend, passed.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Ballard, Jackson, Newman, Stepp, Terrazas, Townsend, Wilson Nays: none

J. Adopt resolution authorizing permanent Interfund transfers for Capital Projects purposes I move to approve the Resolution Authorizing Permanent Inter-Fund Transfers from the Education and Working Cash Funds to the Capital Projects Fund, in the amount of \$3,500,000 and \$500,000, respectively as presented. This motion, made by Member Wilson and seconded by Member Jackson, passed.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Ballard, Jackson, Newman, Stepp, Terrazas, Townsend, Wilson Nays: none

7. Adjourn

I move to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 p.m. This motion, made by Member Wilson and seconded by Member Townsend, passed on voice vote.

President

Secretary

Recording Secretary