

Regular Board of Education Meeting
March 25, 2025
Thornton Fractional Center for Academics & Technology
1605 Wentworth Ave.
Calumet City, IL 60409
MINUTES



1. Call to Order/Roll call

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

Present: Ballard, Guyton, Jackson, Newman, Terrazas, Townsend, Wilson **Absent:**

2. Pledge

3. Communication/Informational

- A. Public Comment—Barb Dust shared with the board the Golden Alumni Association is awarding three \$1,000 scholarships April 16 at 2 p.m.
- B. Future Meetings--April 9, 2025 Committee of the Whole, April 29, 2025 Regular meeting
- C. Freedom of Information Requests

DATE	REQUESTOR	REQUEST	DATE RESPONDED
3/7/25	Sheri Reid Data Acquisition Specialist SmartProcure	<p>general purchasing records from 7/30/2024 to the current request date of 10/28/2024.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Responsive reports include those containing the following details per purchase: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1 Unique Identifier (i.e. PO #, Invoice #, Check #, Encumbrance #, etc.) ○ Purchase Date ○ Line item details ○ Line item quantity ○ Line item price <p>Vendor ID number, name, address, contact person and their email address</p>	3/11/25
3/12/25	Thomas Haley Construction Analyst Indiana, Illinois, and Iowa Foundation for Fair Contracting	<p>regarding the Football Stadium Renovation at Thornton North project:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide the bid tabulations 2. Please advise who was awarded the project, the project award date, and the projects estimated start and end date 3. Please provide a list of sub-contractors and contract values. 	3/13/25
3/14/25	ad.cuius.bonum@proton.me	<p>We are requesting the actual electronic data maintained by the Treasurer's office for the annual expenses paid to identified vendors, firms, and individuals for the fiscal years 2024, 2014, and 2004 by the school district, including any predecessor districts that existed at the end of each respective fiscal year and have since consolidated or annexed into the current district.</p>	3/21/25 unduly burdensome per attorney

- D. Building Reports—Principals gave building reports including acknowledging TFN state speech championship.

E. Superintendent's Report

1. Those Who Excel Celebration—TFS teacher Jennifer Gross and TFN dean Shaunwell Posley were acknowledged by the board for their ISBE awards.
2. Superintendent Robinzine shared the SSCDD scholarship dinner announced seven scholarships for district seniors including one being a full scholarship to Tougaloo College. Mr. Robinzine also shared a major goal is to educate students for employment, which requires excellent staff, team and support of the board. TFD215 has an over 90% graduation rate and has seen a decrease in truancy. He thanked the board for the support

of staff to make sure the district can achieve goals and students can reach post-secondary goals.

4. Closed Session to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employee(s), specific independent contractors, specific volunteers, or District legal counsel; student discipline and collective bargaining.

I move to recess to Closed Session at 6:31 p.m. for the purposes of discussing appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employee(s), specific independent contractors, specific volunteers, or District legal counsel and collective bargaining. This motion, made by Member Townsend and seconded by Member Terrazas, passed.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Ballard, Guyton, Jackson, Newman, Townsend, Terrazas, Wilson **Nays:** none **Absent:**

Member Newman moved, seconded by Member Townsend that the Board of Education recess to open session at 8:39 p.m. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Ballard, Guyton, Jackson, Newman, Terrazas, Townsend, Wilson **Nays:** **Absent:**

5. Consent

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

A. Approve Minutes from the February 25, 2025 Open and Closed Sessions, March 12, 2025 Committee of the Whole, March 12, 2025 Special Meeting Open and Closed Sessions

B. Approve Personnel Report

1. It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the report of the retirement of Paula Nardi, Assistant Principal for Instruction at T.F. South, effective June 30, 2025.
2. It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the report of the resignation of Carolina Ortiz, Science Teacher at T.F. South, effective the last day of the 2024-2025 school year.
3. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the probationary dismissal of Erica Santos, Custodian at T.F. South, effective March 25, 2025.
4. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the employment of Radonja Novovic as a Custodian at T. F. North, effective March 31, 2025.
5. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the employment of Jaime Rojas-Ramos as a Custodian at T. F. North, effective March 31, 2025.
6. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the temporary, part-time employment of Shelby Edwards as a Music Program Clinician at T.F. North, effective March 25, 2025 through July 15, 2025 (\$5,000).
7. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the reassignment and 2025-2027 employment contract of Christian Hooper as Director of Technology Services.
8. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the reassignment of Jennifer Biggs from Science Teacher at T.F. North/T.F. South to Science Teacher at T.F. North, effective for the 2025-2026 school term.
9. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the temporary reassignment of Gloria Kijewski, English Teacher, from T.F. South to T.F. North, from March 31, 2025 through May 9, 2025.
10. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve a sixth assignment for Megan Weber, Art Teacher at T.F. North, to serve as a School Counselor from March 13, 2025 through May 20, 2025.
11. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve intermittent FMLA Leave for Jillian Altenburg, Special Education Teacher at T.F. Center, effective April 28, 2025, through May 27, 2025.

12. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve intermittent FMLA Leave for Kelly Anderson, Deans' Assistant at T.F. South, effective March 5, 2025, through the remainder of the 2024-2025 school term.
13. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve FMLA Leave for Jessica Burt, Special Education Paraprofessional at T.F. North, effective April 7, 2025, through September 15, 2025.
14. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve FMLA Leave for Heidi Chant, Special Education Teacher at T.F. South, effective March 25, 2025, through May 12, 2025.
15. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve intermittent FMLA Leave for Cameron Martin, Science Teacher at T.F. North, effective March 10, 2025, through the remainder of the 2024-2025 school term.
16. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve intermittent FMLA Leave for Anita Martinez, Cafeteria Aide at T.F. North, effective January 24, 2025, through the remainder of the 2024-2025 school term.
17. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve intermittent FMLA Leave for Nieya Murphy, Special Education Paraprofessional at T.F. North, effective February 3, 2025, through the remainder of the 2024-2025 school term.
18. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Division Leader appointments for the 2025-2026 school term:
 - Jorge Navarrete – *Career & Technical Education*, T.F. Center
 - Giena Palmer-Reed – *Core/Elective*, T.F. Center
 - Jennifer Donovan – *Career & Technical Education*, T.F. North
 - Catherine Hood – *English*, T.F. North
 - Michelle Jones – *Math*, T.F. North
 - Jennifer Biggs – *Science*, T.F. North
 - Ann Pittman – *Physical Education/Health Education/Driver Education/Art/Music*, T.F. North
 - Kerry Schuldes – *Social Studies/World Languages*, T.F. North
 - Susan Gilhooly – *Career & Technical Education*, T.F. South
 - Jaimie Metoyer – *English*, T.F. South
 - Margaret Blahunka – *Math*, T.F. South
 - Amanda Hanson – *Science*, T.F. South
 - Chester Hanson, IV – *Physical Education/Health Education/Driver Education/Art/Music*, T.F. South
 - Matthew Cherry – *Social Studies/World Languages*, T.F. South.
19. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following extra-curricular releases, resignations, and appointments:
 - Resignations:
 - Tameka Fowler, *Cheerleading Assistant Coach*, T.F. North
 - Michael Fox, *Esports Club Sponsor*, T.F. South
 - William Gillespie, *Boys' Basketball Head Coach*, T.F. South
 - Edson Gonzalez, *Girls' Soccer Assistant Coach*, T.F. North
 - Centrese Mcgee, *Softball Assistant Coach*, T.F. North
 - Natalie Webb, *Cheerleading Head Coach*, T.F. North
 - Releases
 - Jason Battle, *Boys' Basketball Assistant Coach*, T.F. South
 - Tyrone Bearden, *Boys' Basketball Assistant Coach*, T.F. South
 - Appointments:
 - Joseph Napier, *Boys' Basketball Head Coach*, T.F. South
 - Dorian Giles, *Baseball Assistant Coach*, T.F. North
 - Elissa Belli, *Girls Cross Country Head Coach*, T.F. South
 - Kara McGrath, *Softball Assistant Coach*, T.F. North.
20. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Substitute Teachers for the 2024-2025 school term: Amanda Gamino, Natalie Heilmann.
21. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Volunteers for the 2024-2025 school term: Raul Gomez, LaKeisha Rudolph, Tiffiny Terrell.

C. Approve/Accept the following Financial Items

1. Accept February 2025 FTD Monthly Financial Statements
2. Approve February 2025/March 2025 Payables, \$3,047,565.97

Accounts Payable - List of Bills - Feb 2025/March 2025

Fund	Amount
Educational	2,015,057.80
Special Education	
Operations and Maintenance	222,670.94
Debt Service	10,217.56
Transportation	389,625.99
Capital Projects	395,660.18
Tort Liability	14,333.50
Total	\$ 3,047,565.97

3. Approve February 2025/March 2025 Activities Bills, \$23,095.92

Student Activities - List of Bills - Feb 2025/March 2025

Fund	Amount
TF North Activities	5,440.21
TF South Activities	17,350.95
Admin/TF Center Activities	304.76
Total	\$ 23,095.92

4. Approve February 2025 Payroll, \$3,299,305.04

Payroll Report - February 2025

Fund	Amount
Education	3,097,247.21
Operations and Maintenance	200,739.53
Transportation	1,318.30
Total	\$ 3,299,305.04

5. Approve February 2025/March 2025 Imprest, \$2,227.00

Imprest - List of Bills - Feb 2025/March 2025

Fund	Amount
Educational	1,107.00
Tort Liability	1,120.00
Total	\$ 2,227.00

- D. Approve Vendor Contract with Michael Zimmerman to not exceed \$5,192
- E. Approve Calumet City Youth Services agreement
- F. Approve IHSA membership renewals for TF North and TF South
- G. Approve 2025 Summer Camps

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Ballard, Guyton, Jackson, Newman, Townsend, Terrazas, Wilson **Nays:** none **Absent:**

6. Action

- A. Approve contract for TF North football stadium renovations

I move to approve the contract for TF North Football Stadium Renovations with Complete Construction Resources in the amount of \$5,700,000 as presented. This motion, made by Member Terrazas and seconded by Member Jackson, passed.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Ballard, Guyton, Jackson, Newman, Townsend, Terrazas, Wilson **Nays:** none
Absent:

- B. Approve Chicago State University agreement renewal

I move to approve the agreement with Chicago State University for dual credit enrollment through Jun 30, 2026 as presented. This motion, made by Member Newman and seconded by Member Townsend, passed.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Ballard, Guyton, Jackson, Newman, Townsend, Terrazas, Wilson **Nays:** none
Absent:

- C. Approve Agreement with Amergis Healthcare Staffing, Inc.

I move to approve the Agreement with Amergis Healthcare Staffing, Inc. as presented. This motion, made by Member Jackson and seconded by Member Guyton, passed.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Ballard, Guyton, Jackson, Newman, Townsend, Terrazas, Wilson **Nays:** none
Absent:

- D. Adopt resolution for Teacher Non-Renewals

I move to adopt the resolution authorizing non-renewal of the following non-final year probationary teachers: Brandy Briggs, Shane Parker, Alexander Vrbano as presented. This motion, made by Member Newman and seconded by Member Jackson, passed.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Ballard, Guyton, Jackson, Newman, Townsend, Terrazas **Nays:** Wilson **Absent:**

- E. Adopt administrative reclassification resolution

I move to adopt the resolution for reclassification of administrator Jacob Gourley to teacher for the 2025-26 school year as presented. This motion, made by Member Newman and seconded by Member Jackson, passed.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Ballard, Guyton, Jackson, Newman, Townsend, Terrazas, Wilson **Nays:** none
Absent:

- F. Approve Student Discipline for Student 2024-25P

I move to approve Student Discipline for Student 2024-25P as discussed in closed session. This motion, made by Member Townsend and seconded by Member Jackson, passed.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Ballard, Guyton, Jackson, Newman, Townsend, Terrazas, Wilson **Nays:** none

Absent:

7. Closed Session to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employee(s), specific independent contractors, specific volunteers, or District legal counsel.

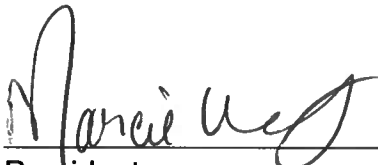
I move to recess to Closed Session at 8:47 p.m. for the purposes of discussing appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employee(s), specific independent contractors, specific volunteers, or District legal counsel. This motion, made by Member Townsend and seconded by Member Newman, passed.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Ballard, Guyton, Jackson, Newman, Townsend, Terrazas, Wilson **Nays:** none **Absent:**

8. Adjourn

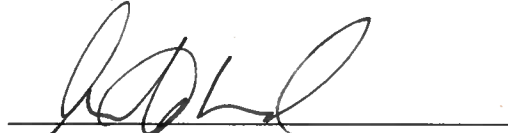
I move to adjourn the closed session and meeting at 9:29 p.m. This motion, made by Member Terrazas and seconded by Member Guyton, passed on voice vote.



President



Secretary



Recording Secretary