

**Regular Board of Education Meeting  
April 29, 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 Comments—Tynesha Cunningham, asked the board hear her side that the situation is based on misunderstandings and she feels she being mistreated by administration.

B. Future Meetings--May 14 2025 Committee of the Whole, May 27, 2025 Regular meeting

C. Freedom of Information Requests

DATE	REQUESTOR	REQUEST	DATE RESPONDED
3/21/25; 3/23/25; 3/24/25; 3/25/25; 3/26/25; 3/27/28	ad.cuius.bonum@proton.me	your "Request #2" sent on March 21, 2025, at 4:34 PM, seeking information from the fiscal years 2019, 2009, and 1999; your "Request #3" sent on March 23, 2025, at 9:07 PM seeking information from the fiscal years 2020, 2010, and 2000; your "Request #4" sent on March 24, 2025, at 10:11 PM seeking information from the fiscal years 2021, 2011, and 2001; your "Request #5" sent on March 25, 2025, at 10:34 PM seeking information from the fiscal years 2022, 2012, and 2002; your "Request #6" sent on March 26, 2025, at 8:49 PM seeking information from the fiscal years 2023, 2013, and 2003; and your "Request #7" sent on March 28, 2025, at 7:44 AM seeking information from the fiscal years 2018, 2008, and 1998.	3/28/25 unduly burdensome per attorney
3/30/25 3/31/25	ad.cuius.bonum@proton.me	#9 the fiscal years <u>2016 and 2006</u> #10 the fiscal years <u>2017 and 2007</u>	4/4/25 unduly burdensome per attorney
4/11/25	Thomas Haley; Indiana, Illinois, Iowa Foundation for Fair Contracting (III FFC)	information regarding the Stadium Renovations at Thornton North High School Project: 1. Please provide a copy of the Notice to Proceed if available. 4. Please provide a copy of the signed contract between the School District and Complete Construction Resources. 5. Please provide a copy of Complete Construction Resource's bid package, including all documents submitted 7. Please provide copies of any communications and/or attachments between the School District or any entity representing the School District, with or about Complete Construction Resources, regarding the Stadium Renovations at Thornton North project.	4/14/25

D. Building Reports—Principals gave reports featuring TFN drama state champions, Skills USA students placed first in collision repair.

E. Superintendent's Report—Mr. Robinzine thanked principals for the busy month; that he admires the work done at the building levels and appreciate the board's support with the resources requested and appreciates the "yes and supporting the superintendent."

**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 6:32 p.m. 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. This motion, made by Member Terrazas and seconded by Member Townsend, passed.

**Upon Roll Call Vote:**

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

*Member Townsend moved, seconded by Member Terrazas that the Board of Education adjourn to open session at 8:06 p.m. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried.*

**Upon Roll Call Vote:**

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

**5. Consent**

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

- A. Approve Minutes from the March 25, 2025 Open and Closed Sessions (A and B) and April 9, 2025 Committee of the Whole
- B. Approve Personnel Report
  - 1. It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the report of the resignation of Monica Dixon, Cook at T.F. South, effective March 24, 2025.
  - 2. It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the report of the resignation of Braquel Ford, Dean's Assistant at T.F. Center, effective April 4, 2025.
  - 3. It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the report of the resignation of Radonja Novovic, Custodian at T.F. North, effective April 19, 2025.
  - 4. It is recommended that the Board of Education approved the probationary dismissal of Robert Sams, Custodian at T.F. South, as discussed in closed session.
  - 5. It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the report of the retirement of Anita Howard-Sobkoviak, Chief of Staff, effective June 30, 2026.
  - 6. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the employment of Kwantel Frazier as a Deans' Assistant at T. F. Center, effective May 5, 2025.
  - 7. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the re-employment of Mareno Myers as a Deans' Assistant at T. F. South, effective April 30, 2025.
  - 8. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve an addendum to the 2024-2026 employment contract for Anita Howard-Sobkoviak, Chief of Staff.
  - 9. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the reassignment of Robin Lee from Cafeteria Aide to Cook at T. F. South, effective April 30, 2025.
  - 10. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the discipline of Tynesha Cunningham, In-School Coordinator at T.F. North, as discussed in closed session.
  - 11. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the discipline of Tara Guerrero, Custodian at T.F. South, as discussed in closed session.
  - 12. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve intermittent FMLA Leave for Hannah Berridge, Spanish Teacher at T.F. South, effective March 26, 2025, through the remainder of the 2024-2025 school term.
  - 13. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve intermittent FMLA Leave for Cynthia McCraw, Math Teacher at T.F. North, effective March 13, 2025, through the remainder of the 2024-2025 school term.
  - 14. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve Extended Illness Leave for Lisha McAfee, Residency Coordinator, effective March 18, 2025, through June 18, 2025.
  - 15. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following extra-curricular releases, resignations, and appointments:

**Releases:**

Carolyn Hillard, *Girls' Basketball Assistant Coach*, T.F. South

**Resignations:**

Michael Kawa, *Boys' Bowling Assistant Coach*, T.F. North

Sheri Murawski, *Environmental Science Club Sponsor*, T.F. North

David Kutschke, *Baseball Assistant Coach*, T.F. South

Jordan Oliva, *Girls' Soccer Assistant Coach*, T.F. North

Carolina Ortiz, *Girls' Club Sponsor*, T.F. South

Cecelia Palmer, *Girls' Bowling Assistant Coach*, T.F. South

Appointments:

Cecilia Alba, *Girls' Soccer Volunteer Assistant Coach*, T.F. North

Jaaron Coleman, *Boys' Basketball Assistant Coach*, T.F. South

Raygan Dodd, *Cheerleading Volunteer Assistant Coach*, T.F. South

Robert Fortier, *Baseball Volunteer Assistant Coach*, T.F. North

Thaddeus Lockwood, *Boys' Basketball Assistant Coach*, T.F. South

Armando Urbina, *E-Sports Club Sponsor*, T.F. South

Rogelio Vargas Espinoza, *Girls' Soccer Assistant Coach*, T.F. North.

16. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Counseling Intern at T. F South for the 2025-2026 school term: Jessica Salazar.
17. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Student Workers for spring 2025: Brylen Hunt.
18. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Student Workers for summer 2025: Jermiyah McCoy, James Lemon, Joseph Weaver.
19. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Volunteers for the 2024-2025 school term: Morgan Colvin, Lauren Wilbon-Holt.

C. Approve/Accept the following Financial Items

1. Accept March 2025 FTD Monthly Financial Statements
2. Approve March 2025/April 2025 Payables, \$3,074,812.30

**Accounts Payable - List of Bills - March 2025/April 2025**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Education	1,778,701.35
Operations and Maintenance	351,904.75
Debt Service	9,839.72
Transportation	665,539.49
Capital Projects	262,751.69
Tort Liability	6,075.30
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,074,812.30</b>

3. Approve March 2025/April 2025 Activities Bills, \$17,214.06

**Student Activities - List of Bills - March 2025/April 2025**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>
TF North Activities	11,427.91
TF South Activities	5,786.15
Admin/TF Center Activities	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 17,214.06</b>

4. Approve March 2025 Payroll, \$3,199,427.13

**Payroll Report - March 2025**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Education	3,008,999.70
Operations and Maintenance	189,109.13
Transportation	1,318.30
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,199,427.13</b>

5. Approve March 2025/April 2025 Imprest, \$13,799.18



**Imprest - List of Bills - March 2025/April 2025**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Education	12,585.50
Operations and Maintenance	513.68
Tort Liability	700.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 13,799.18</b>

- D. Approve vendor contract with It's My Party in the amount of \$1,100
- E. Approve the vendor contract with Rosemary Wyche in the amount of \$2,000
- F. Accept Illinois Arts Council Foreign Language Implementation Grant Award for \$72,837

**Upon Roll Call Vote:**

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

**6. Action**

**A. Approve purchase of curriculum resources**

*I move to approve the purchase of French II, World History and AP African American Studies curriculum resources in the amount of \$163,476.03 as presented. This motion, made by Member Terrazas and seconded by Member Townsend, passed.*

**Upon Roll Call Vote:**

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

**B. Approve deans' assistant Letter of Agreement with Local 943**

*I move to approve the deans' assistant LOA with Local 943 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:**

**C. Approve coach sponsor Letter of Agreement with Local 943**

*I move to approve the coach sponsor Letter of Agreement with Local 943 as presented. This motion, made by Member Jackson and seconded by Member Townsend, passed.*

**Upon Roll Call Vote:**

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

**D. Approve purchase of stage curtains for TF North auditorium**

*I move to approve the purchase of TFN auditorium curtains from Four Point O, Inc. in the amount of \$36,996 as quoted. This motion, made by Member Guyton and seconded by Member Townsend, passed.*

**Upon Roll Call Vote:**

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

**E. Approve commencement of district-wide HVAC preventative maintenance bid process**

*I move to approve the commencement of district-wide HVAC preventative maintenance bid process as presented. This motion, made by Member Terrazas and seconded by Member Guyton, passed.*

**Upon Roll Call Vote:**

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

**F. Approve purchase of two John Deere tractors**

*I move to approve the quote from Shorewood Home & Auto in the amount of \$84,048 to purchase (two) 2 John Deere tractors with mower decks. This motion, made by Member Newman and seconded by Member, passed.*

**Upon Roll Call Vote:**

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

**G. Approve Student Discipline for Student 2024-25Q**

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

**Upon Roll Call Vote:**

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

**H. Approve Student Discipline for Student 2024-25R**

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

**Upon Roll Call Vote:**

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

**I. Approve Student Discipline for Student 2024-25S**

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

**Upon Roll Call Vote:**

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

**J. Approve Student Discipline for Student 2024-25T**

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

**Upon Roll Call Vote:**

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

**K. Approve Student Discipline for Student 2024-25U**

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

**7. Announcement of Results of April 1, 2025 election**

**2-year term**

Candidates	Percentage	Votes
Vanessa Calderon-Miranda	100.00%	4,121
Total:	100%	4,121

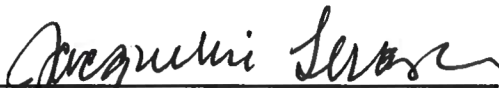
**4-year term**

Candidates	Percentage	Votes
Charlotte Rutledge-Guyton	15.50%	2,307
Millie Myers	12.67%	1,885
Cynthia Perkins	14.85%	2,210
Glenn G. Williams	12.89%	1,918

Diana Jackson	12.24%	1,822
Andrea Ballard	8.63%	1,284
Charles E Townsend	9.59%	1,427
Kisha Wells	8.45%	1,257
Benji Renee Lindsay	5.18%	771
Total:	100%	14,881

## 8. Adjourn

*I move to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. This motion, made by Member Townsend and seconded by Member Terrazas, passed on voice vote.*

  
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President

  
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Secretary

  
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Recording Secretary