

Regular Board of Education Meeting
May 27, 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, Myers, Newman, Perkins, Williams, Terrazas **Absent:**

2. Pledge

3. Communication/Informational

- A. Public Comments—Jamie Matoyer, secretary to education foundation reminding the board to attend the Wendy's fundraiser on 5/28/25.
- B. Future Meetings--June 4, Special Meeting, June 24, 2025 Regular meeting
- C. Freedom of Information Requests

DATE	REQUESTOR	REQUEST	DATE RESPONDED
5/19/25	Kalah Love	All Lease / Purchase/ Meter Rental/ Maintenance Agreements for Mailing Equipment such as: postage meters, shipping and tracking software, folder/inserters, folding system, address printers, tabbers, addressing software, outsourcing invoices, etc.	5/20/25

- D. Building Reports—The principals provided updates and thanked the board for attending the graduations.
- E. Superintendent's Report
 - 1) Excellence Counts--Cy Sefton, retiring maintenance worker after 26 years.
 - 2) TFN drama team was recognized for its state championship.

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 6:21 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 Newman and seconded by Member Williams, passed.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Member Newman moved, seconded by Member Perkins that the Board of Education adjourn to open session at 8:28 p.m. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried.

Roll Call Vote:

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

5. Consent

I move to approve the following consent agenda items with the removal of item 9 of the personnel report for separate consideration as presented. This motion, made by Member Newman and seconded by Member Myers, passed.

- A. Approve Minutes from the April 29, 2025 Open and Closed Sessions, April 29, 2025

Reorganization meeting, May 14, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting and the May 14, 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 resignation of Lilliana Riordan, School Counselor at T.F. South, effective the last day of the 2024-2025 school term.
- 2) It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the report of the resignation of Latrice Shepherd, Cook at T.F. North, effective May 22, 2025.
- 3) It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the report of the resignation of David Klupchak, High School Teacher at T.F. South, effective May 16, 2025.
- 4) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the employment of Rebecca Champagne as a Science Teacher at T.F. North, effective for the 2025-2026 school term.
- 5) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the employment of Paris Jones as a Custodian at T. F. South, effective June 2, 2025.
- 6) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the employment of Krystal Perkins as a Custodian at T. F. North, effective June 2, 2025.
- 7) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the employment of Michelle Planer as a Custodian at T. F. South, effective June 2, 2025.
- 8) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the employment of Robinette Rice as a Science Teacher at T.F. North and T. F. South, effective for the 2025-2026 school term.
- 9) ~~It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the 2025-2027 employment contract of Nicolette Lesniak as Director of Special Education.~~ Pulled for separate vote.
- 10) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve intermittent FMLA leave for Ta'Shara Tate, Student Services Coordinator at T.F. North, effective April 1, 2025, through October 1, 2025.
- 11) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve intermittent FMLA leave for Rena Whitten, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, effective April 8, 2025, through July 11, 2025.
- 12) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve extended illness leave for Jeffrey Ortiz, Custodian, effective May 28, 2025, through July 25, 2025.
- 13) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve an unpaid educational leave of absence for Tynesha Cunningham, In-School Coordinator at T.F. North, effective August 13, 2025, through November 5, 2025.
- 14) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following extra-curricular resignations, and appointments:
 - i. Resignations:
 - ii. Tareg Mansour, *Esports Club Sponsor*, T.F. North
 - iii. Jesemin Onayo, *Literary Magazine Sponsor*, T.F. South
 - iv. Appointments:
 - v. Christopher Blankenship, *Girls' Basketball Assistant Coach*, T.F. South
 - vi. Michael Crawford, *Football Assistant Coach*, T.F. South
 - vii. Micaiah James, *Cheerleading Assistant Coach*, T.F. North
 - viii. Tierra Munson, *Head Cheerleading Coach*, T.F. North
 - ix. Brandon Terry, *Football Volunteer Assistant Coach*, T.F. South.
- 15) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Curriculum Writing Team Members for summer 2025 and the 2025-2026 school term: Margaret Blahunka, Michael Furmanek, Christopher Jones, Ronnie Petrey, Jill Ridgley, Lauren Senter, Elizabeth Stramaglia.
- 16) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following staff members to serve on a Teacher Interview Committee:
 - T.F. Center
 - i. Samantha Cravens
 - ii. Kurt Jurgens
 - T.F. North
 - iii. Sabreena Ball
 - iv. Ayanna Dowd
 - v. Jennifer Galvan
 - vi. Jennifer Gillespie
 - vii. Sara McCarthy
 - viii. Diane Miller-DeSoto
 - ix. Kelly Mundy
 - T.F. South
 - x. Dwight DeRamus
 - xi. Matthew Gallagher

- xii. Chelsea Taylor.
- 17) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following New Educator Mentors for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 Educator Mentor Program:
- T.F. North
- i. Jennifer Galvan
 - ii. Michael Kawa
 - iii. Gregory Longo
 - iv. Erik Perez
 - v. Maria Ramirez
 - vi. Elizabeth Stramaglia
- T.F. South
- vii. Matthew Cherry
 - viii. Matthew Gallagher
 - ix. Alejandra Garcia
 - x. Gina Helbling
 - xi. Sarah McMahel
 - xii. Deborah Murtaugh
 - xiii. Jordan Oliva
 - xiv. Timothy Sullivan.
- 18) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Reimagine Grant-Funded Case Manager for summer 2025: Lori Knox-Lindsay.
- 19) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Summer Advanced Placement (AP) Boot Camp staff for summer 2025: Michelle Jones, Sara McCarthy.
- 20) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following 2025 Summer Camp staff:
- T.F. North
- i. *Band* – Stephanie Cheers, Jordan Banks, Jeremy Day, Anton Keys, Alex Johnson
 - ii. *Baseball* – Tyler Fortier, Shaquan Bowens, Dorian Giles, Jeremiah Williams
 - iii. *Boys' Basketball* – Timothy Bankston, Deland Deere, Jason Warren
 - iv. *Girls' Basketball* – Centrese McGee, Brittany Whitfield, Ivelin Roussev, Jalisa Olive, Imani Carey
 - v. *Cheer* – Tierra Munson, Micaiah James
 - vi. *Cross Country/Track* – Erik Perez, Rebecca Watt, Mariah Gomez
 - vii. *Drama* – Sadé May, Nia Brown
 - viii. *Football* – Anthony Pignatiello, Michael Anaclerio, Matthew Cervantes, Tyler Fortier, William Johnson, Travis Newsome, Artie Rogers, Frederick Schuldes, Carmen Pignatiello, Cameron Stephens, Antoine Jamison, Justin Clark
 - ix. *Boys' Soccer* – Alejandro Lagunas, Edson Gonzalez, Raymond Kobus, Julian Lagunas
 - x. *Girls' Soccer* – Aaron Zambrano, Amaris Gonzalez, Edson Gonzalez, Jordan Oliva
 - xi. *Girls' Tennis* – Mark McDaniel, Sheri Murawski
 - xii. *Volleyball* – Eva Garcia, Jose Antonio Gonzalez Jr, Brianna Rising
- T.F. South
- xiii. *Badminton* – Dynecia Dixon, Lilliana Riordan, Mary Reid-Kujawa
 - xiv. *Band* – John Haney, Tyler Darnall, Adam Nigh, Joseph Ogunbode, Abigail Pintoy, Steven Traversa
 - xv. *Baseball* – Amir Wright, Maurey Garrett, Matthew Potacki
 - xvi. *Boys' Basketball* – Joseph Napier, Jaaron Coleman, Corey Lockwood, Thaddeus Lockwood
 - xvii. *Girls' Basketball* – Eric Bryce, Christopher Blankenship, David Klupchak, Darrion Payne, David Rivers
 - xviii. *Drama* – Douglas Schlessner
 - xix. *Football* – Trent Jensen, Michael Crawford, Antonius Finch-Ell, Jalyn Gales, Chester Hanson, Jesse Kikkert, Darrion Payne, Brandon Terry, Michael Tisza
 - xx. *Tennis* – Matthew Jancich, Ouida Dyer-Bradford, Sheri Murawski
 - xxi. *Volleyball* – Kimberly Sands, Susan Arvay, Mark Misch, Breanne Podgorski
 - xxii. *Wrestling* – Michael Tisza, Dion Crowder, Dynecia Dixon, Kurt Rigsby.
- 21) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following 9th Grade Summer Bridge 2025 Program staff:
- T.F. North
- i. *Cafeteria Aides* – Michael Haygood, Nanci Perez-Gomez, Sheryl Spikner
 - ii. *Deans' Assistants* – Deland Deere, Joshua Moore

T.F. South

- iii. *Cafeteria Aides* – Maria Hernandez, Sherry McElroy, Nicole Ramstrom
- 22) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Future Teacher 2025 Summer Academy:
- i. *Coordinators*: Wendy Bivins, Susan Lessner-Diversey.
 - ii. *Reflective Leaders*: Alejandra Garcia, Sheri Murawski.

C. Approve/Accept the following Financial Items

- 1. Accept April 2025 FTD Monthly Financial Statements
- 2. Approve April 2025/May 2025 Payables, \$2,071,600.79

Accounts Payable - List of Bills - April 2025/May 2025

Fund	Amount
Education	1,408,320.61
Special Education	-
Operations and Maintenance	147,361.19
Debt Service	10,254.22
Transportation	422,625.17
Capital Projects	81,962.10
Tort Liability	1,077.50
Total	\$ 2,071,600.79

3. Approve April 2025/May 2025 Activities Bills, \$34,964.75

Student Activities - List of Bills - April 2025/May 2025

Fund	Amount
TF North Activities	24,154.67
TF South Activities	10,810.08
Admin/TF Center Activities	
Total	\$ 34,964.75

4. Approve April 2025 Payroll, \$3,350,606.28

Payroll Report - April 2025

Fund	Amount
Education	3,147,288.73
Operations and Maintenance	201,999.25
Transportation	1,318.30
Total	\$ 3,350,606.28

5. Approve April 2025/May 2025 Imprest, \$13,761.50

Imprest - List of Bills - April 2025/May 2025

Fund	Amount
Education	12,536.50
Tort Liability	1,225.00
Total	\$ 13,761.50

- D. Accept \$500 Donation to TF North from Cook County Dept. of Public Health
- E. Approve Athletic Trainer Vendor Agreement with Trademark Performance 2025-2026
- F. Approve Strength Training Vendor Agreement with Trademark Performance 2025-2026
- G. Accept Cook County Southland Juvenile Justice Council Reimagine Grant
- H. Approve When Girls Get Together MOU
- I. Approve MOU with Urban Male Network
- J. Approve TFD 215 PaCE Framework
- K. Approve purchase of child care textbooks
- L. Approve the purchase of Business Writing and Tech Concepts eBook license
- M. Conduct First Reading of PRESS Policy Update 118

Roll Call Vote:

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

I move to approve the 2025-2027 employment contract of Nicolette Lesniak as Director of Special Education. This motion, made by Member Newman and seconded by Member Williams, passed.

Roll Call Vote:

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

6. Action

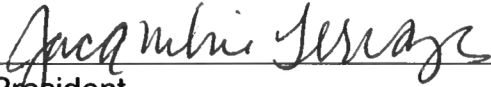
- A. Approve Village of Lansing Intergovernmental Agreement for SRO services
I move to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Lansing for SRO services for FY 2025/2026. This motion, made by Member Newman and seconded by Member Myers, passed.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Calderon-Miranda, Guyton, Myers, Newman, Perkins, Williams, Terrazas **Nays:** **Absent:**
- B. Approve City of Calumet Intergovernmental Agreement for SRO services
I move to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Calumet for SRO services for FY 2025/2026. This motion, made by Member Williams and seconded by Member Myers, passed.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Calderon-Miranda, Guyton, Myers, Newman, Perkins, Williams, Terrazas **Nays:** **Absent:**
- C. Approve School Employee Loss Fund (SELF) Workers Compensation Pool Proposal of Insurance 2025-2026
I move to approve the School Employee Loss Fund (SELF) Workers Compensation Pool Proposal of Insurance 2025-2026 as presented. This motion, made by Member Perkins and seconded by Member Williams, passed.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Calderon-Miranda, Guyton, Myers, Newman, Perkins, Williams, Terrazas **Nays:** **Absent:**
- D. Accept the bid for HVAC Systems Preventative Mechanical Maintenance Services
I move to accept the bid for HVAC Systems Preventative Mechanical Maintenance Services from Quality Mechanical, Inc. for three years in the amount of \$398,600 as presented. This motion, made by Member Newman and seconded by Member Perkins, passed.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Calderon-Miranda, Guyton, Myers, Newman, Perkins, Williams, Terrazas **Nays:** **Absent:**

- E. Approve additions to Avigilon Alta access control system
I move to approve additions to the Avigilon Alta access control system district-wide in the amount of \$110,075 as presented. This motion, made by Member Myers and seconded by Member Perkins, passed.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Calderon-Miranda, Guyton, Myers, Newman, Perkins, Williams, Terrazas **Nays:** Absent:
- F. Approve purchase of concealed weapons detection system
I move to approve the purchase of a concealed weapons detection system from CEIA USA, LTD. in the amount of \$348,409.00, as presented. This motion, made by Member Williams and seconded by Member Perkins, passed.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Calderon-Miranda, Guyton, Myers, Newman, Perkins, Williams, Terrazas **Nays:** Absent:
- G. Approve purchase of brandished weapons detection system
I move to approve the five year agreement with Omnilert for brandished weapons detection in the amount of \$244,660.00 as presented. This motion, made by Member Myers and seconded by Member Perkins, passed.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Calderon-Miranda, Guyton, Myers, Newman, Perkins, Williams, Terrazas **Nays:** Absent:
- H. Approve Student Discipline for Student 2024-25V
I move to approve Student Discipline for Student 2024-25V as discussed in closed session. This motion, made by Member Myers and seconded by Member Perkins, passed.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Guyton, Myers, Newman, Perkins, Williams, Terrazas **Nays:** Calderon-Miranda
Absent:
- I. Approve Student Discipline for Student 2024-25W
I move to approve Student Discipline for Student 2024-25W as discussed in closed session. This motion, made by Member Myers and seconded by Member Newman, passed.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Calderon-Miranda, Guyton, Myers, Newman, Perkins, Williams, Terrazas **Nays:** Absent:
- J. Approve Student Discipline for Student 2024-25X
I move to approve Student Discipline for Student 2024-25X as discussed in closed session. This motion, made by Member Myers and seconded by Member Perkins, passed.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Calderon-Miranda, Guyton, Myers, Newman, Perkins, Williams, Terrazas **Nays:** Absent:
- K. Approve Student Discipline for Student 2024-25Y
I move to approve Student Discipline for Student 2024-25Y as discussed in closed session. This motion, made by Member Williams and seconded by Member Guyton, passed.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Guyton, Myers, Newman, Perkins, Williams, Terrazas **Nays:** Calderon-Miranda
Absent:
- L. Approve Student Discipline for Student 2024-25Z
I move to approve Student Discipline for Student 2024-25Z as discussed in closed session. This motion, made by Member Myers and seconded by Member Guyton, passed.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Calderon-Miranda, Guyton, Myers, Newman, Perkins, Williams, Terrazas **Nays:** Absent:

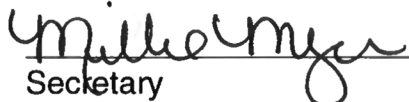
- M. Approve Student Discipline for Student 2024-25AA
*I move to approve Student Discipline for Student 2024-25AA as discussed in closed session.
This motion, made by Member Myers and seconded by Member Guyton, passed.*
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Calderon-Miranda, Guyton, Myers, Newman, Perkins, Williams, Terrazas **Nays:** Absent:

7. Adjourn

I move to adjourn the meeting 8:43 p.m. This motion, made by Member Williams and seconded by Member Guyton passed on voice vote.



President



Secretary



Recording Secretary