



Thornton Fractional
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 215
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Regular Board of Education Meeting

August 25, 2026

6:00 PM

Thornton Fractional Center for Academics & Technology

1605 Wentworth Ave.

Calumet City, IL 60409

MINUTES

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

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

2. **Pledge**

3. **Communication/Informational**

A. Public Comments

- Wendy Bivins - Local 683 Vice President, stated she filed a complaint several months ago and is still waiting for a response to her complaint.
- Bobby Mattison - District 215 teacher, stated he filed a complaint months ago and has not received a response. He's asking the school board to look into his complaint.
- Barbara Dust - Is an Alumni of District 215. Would like to make teachers aware of the Thornton Fractional Golden Alumni. They would like to support the students of District 215
- Emily Biegel - District 215 teacher, stated she has filed several complaints and has not received a response.
- Joe Stephan- President for Local 683 stated, there has been inconsistent communication from the School Board and Superintendent. He has concerns that board policies are not being enforced. Asking all to act with urgency.

- B. Future Meetings--September 9, 2026 Committee of the Whole, September 22, 2026 Regular meeting

- C. Freedom of Information Request- None

- D. Building Reports - Principals provided reports.

- E. Superintendent Report - Mr. Williams acknowledged that several staff members stepped up to assist during the recent storms. There will be more discussion regarding the student board. The ISBE Bullying Policy will be presented during the September meeting.

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, collective bargaining

I move to recess to Closed Session at 6:37 p.m. for the purposes of to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employee(s), specific independent contractors, specific volunteers, or District legal counsel, collective bargaining.

This motion, made by Member Perkins and seconded by Member Guyton, passed on roll call vote.

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

Member Newman moved, seconded by Member Guyton that the Board of Education adjourn to open session at 7:40 p.m. Upon roll call vote, motion carried

5.Consent

I move to approve the consent agenda as presented. This motion, made by Member Myers and seconded by Member Guyton, passed on roll call vote

A.Approve Minutes from the July 28, 2026, Open and Closed Sessions

B.Approve Personnel Report

1. It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the **retirement** of **Cynthia Krusza**, World Language Teacher at T.F. North, effective the last day of the 2026-2027 school term.
2. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the **dismissal** of **Brandon Story**, Deans' Assistant at T.F. North, as discussed in closed session.
3. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the **employment** of **Esmeralda Alvarez** as a Bookstore Manager at T.F. North, effective September 8, 2026.
4. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the **re-employment** of **Cynthia Holsapple** as a part-time, temporary Business Office Clerk, effective August 27, 2026 through October 14, 2026.
5. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the **employment** of **Kimberly Judkins** as a Special Education Paraprofessional at T.F. North, effective August 31, 2026.
6. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the **employment** of **Erica Kemp** as a Custodian at T.F. North, effective August 31, 2026.
7. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the **re-employment** of **David Klupchak** as a Digital Learning Program Facilitator at T.F. South, effective August 26, 2026, through December 18, 2026.
8. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the **employment** of **Leonardo Marin Urbina** as a Digital Learning Program Teacher at T.F. North, effective August 26, 2026, through the remainder of the 2026-2027 school term.
9. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the **employment** of **Mindy Scott** as a Custodian at T.F. North, effective August 31, 2026.
10. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the **employment** of **Ashley Smoldt** as a Deans' Assistant at T.F. South, effective August 31, 2026.
11. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the **employment** of **Samuel Szala** as a Custodian at T.F. South, effective August 31, 2026.
12. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the **employment** of **Ethan Turner** as a Custodian at T.F. Center, effective August 31, 2026.
13. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the **reassignment** of **Julianne Simo**, Special Education Paraprofessional, from T.F. South to T.F. North, effective August 26, 2026.
14. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve **intermittent FMLA leave** for **Rebecca Champagne**, Science Teacher at T.F. North, effective for the 2026-2027 school term.
15. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve **intermittent FMLA leave** for **Samantha Cravens**, District Truancy Social Worker, effective for the 2026-2027 school term.
16. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve **intermittent FMLA leave** for **Ayanna Dowd**, Speech & Language Pathologist at T.F. North, effective for the 2026-2027 school term.
17. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve **intermittent FMLA leave** for **Pamela Leonard**, Math Teacher at T.F. South, effective for the 2026-2027 school term.
18. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve **intermittent FMLA leave** for **Tracy Burt-Lydon**, Special Education Teacher at T.F. South, effective August 6, 2026, through December 18, 2026.
19. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve **intermittent FMLA leave** for **Maria Vicki Torres**, Administrative Assistant at T.F. Center, effective August 20, 2026, through June 30, 2027.
20. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve an **unpaid educational leave of absence** for **Robert Tucker**, Special Education Paraprofessional at T.F. South, effective August 24, 2026, through December 11, 2026.
21. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following **extra-curricular appointments** for the 2026-2027 school term:

Appointments:

Johnus Greenlee, Band Assistant Director, T.F. North
Oswaldo Mendoza, Assistant Boys' Soccer Coach, T.F. North
Erik Perez, Dreamers Club Sponsor, T.F. North
Sierra Schassburger, Co-Assistant Girls' Tennis Coach, T.F. North
Frederick Schuldes, Monogram Club Sponsor, T.F. North
Grace Taheny, Volunteer Assistant Cheerleading Coach, T.F. South.

22. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following **Hall Duty Supervisors** for the Fall 2026 semester:

T.F. Center:

Raymond Smith

T.F. North:

Bryan Evancho, Shaunwell Posley, Stacie Hunt

T.F. South:

Jennifer Gillespie, Joseph Napier, Christopher Simich, Monica Townes-Hudson.

23. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following **Homework Center Tutors** for the 2026-2027 school term:

T.F. North:

Jennifer Biggs, Joseph Faron, Bianca Gomez, Carrie Hood, Michael Kawa, Gregory Longo, Tareg Mansour, Cynthia McCraw, Diane Miller-DeSoto, Sheri Murawski, Rindi Ortiz, Michelle Potter, Rebecca Watt

T.F. South:

Margaret Blahunka, John Conrad, Elissa Dust, Michael Fox, Claudia Majercak, Kelli McCullough, Gail Meyer, Streit Nicole, Ronnie Petrey, Gregory Rizzo.

24. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following **Reimagine Grant-Funded Case Manager** for the 2026-2027 school term: **Lori Knox-Lindsay.**
25. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following **Substitute Teachers** for the 2026-2027 school term: **Avery Crudup, Jalen Fields, Melanie Franks-Jones, Natalie Heilmann, Llona Lewis.**
26. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following **Student Worker** at T.F. South for the 2026-2027 school term: **Olivia Hall.**
27. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following **Student Teacher** at T.F. South for the Fall 2026 semester: **Robert Tucker.**
28. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following **Social Worker Interns** at T.F. South for the 2026-2027 school term: **Sonia Ashford-Davis, Chloe Withers.**
29. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following **Volunteers** for the 2026-2027 school term: **Tierra Patterson.**

C. Approve/Accept the following Financial Items

1. Accept July 2026 FTD Monthly Financial Statements
2. Approve July/August 2026 Payables, \$3,832,449.83

Accounts Payable - List of Bills - July/August 2026	
Fund	Amount
10 - Education	1,448,041.85
12 - Special Education	-
20 - Operations and Maintenance	165,650.72
30 - Debt Service	9,599.23
40 - Transportation	86,340.20
60 - Capital Projects	1,807,580.83
80 - Tort Liability	315,237.00
Total	\$ 3,832,449.83

3. Approve July/August 2026 Activities Bills, \$18,977.88

Student Activities - List of Bills - July/August 2026	
Fund	Amount
TF North Activities	4,929.22
TF South Activities	14,034.67
Admin/TF Center Activities	13.99
Total	\$ 18,977.88

4. Approve July 2026 Payroll \$833,727.20

Payroll Report - July 2026	
Fund	Amount
10 - Education	648,358.39
20 - Operations and Maintenance	184,099.71
40 - Transportation	1,269.10
Total	\$ 833,727.20

5. Approve June/July 2026 Imprest \$1,854.00

Imprest - List of Bills - June/July 2026	
Fund	Amount
Education	1,854.00
Special Education	-
Operations and Maintenance	-
Debt Service	-
Transportation	-
Capital Projects	-
Tort Liability	-
Total	\$ 1,854.00

D. Approve Promulgation Statements with Lansing and Calumet City Police Departments for TF North, South, Center/CAL

I move to approve the Promulgation Statements with Lansing and Calumet City Police Departments for TF North, South, Center/CAL as presented. This motion, made by Member Myers and seconded by Member Terrazas, passed on roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

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

E. Approve 2026-2027 Urban Male Network

I move to approve the 2026-2027 Urban Male Network as presented. This motion, made by Member Myers and seconded by Member Terrazas, passed on roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

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

6. **Action**

A. Approve 2026-2027 Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Lansing Standby Emergency Ambulance Services

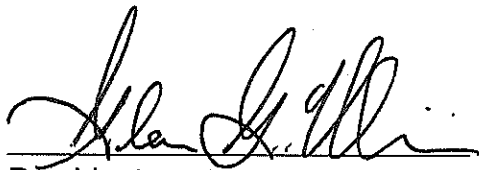
I move to approve the 2026-2027 Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Lansing Standby Emergency Ambulance Services as presented. This motion, made by Member Myers and seconded by Member Terrazas, passed on roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

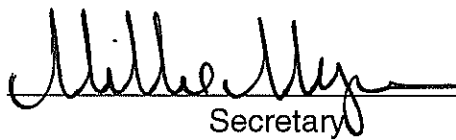
Ayes: Myers, Terrazas, Perkins, Guyton, Newman, Williams **Nays: Absent:** Calderon-Miranda

7. Adjourn

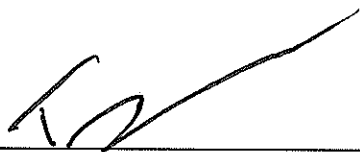
I move to adjourn the Board of Education meeting at 7:49 p.m. This motion, made by Member Myers and seconded by Member Terrazas, passed on voice vote.



President



Secretary



Recording Secretary