

**Regular Board of Education Meeting  
August 26, 2025  
Thornton Fractional Center for Academics & Technology  
1605 Wentworth Ave.  
Calumet City, IL 60409  
MINUTES**



**1. Call to Order/Roll call**

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

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

**2. Pledge**

**3. Communication/Informational**

- A. Public Comments—Shamika Floyd, Jamika's mother read the letter she sent to the board and wants what is best for her daughter. Jamika Johnson, stated she regrets her actions, is an honor student, and apologized for her behavior. Barbara Dust shared with the board the history of the Rich Dust Fund for teacher innovation which is administered through the Local 683 Foundation and the work of the Golden Alumni Association.

**B. Freedom of Information Report**

DATE	REQUESTOR	REQUEST	DATE RESPONDED
7/31/25	Oshea Smith Records Retrieval Solutions	Electronic records for all purchase orders—or similar documents like vendor reports, accounts payable summaries, or check summaries—issued by Thornton Fractional Township High School District 215 from January 1, 2020 to June 30, 2025.	8/11/25
8/19/25	Justin Wenig	public records detailing financial transactions made by Thornton Fractional High School District 215, specifically: A report (such as a check register, expenditure report, or purchase order history) reflecting all transactions from January 1, 2022 to present date, including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purchase date</li> <li>• Vendor name</li> <li>• Description of goods/services purchased</li> <li>• Line item quantity</li> <li>• Line item price/amount</li> </ul>	8/22/25

- C. Future Meetings--August 28, 2025 Special meeting, September 10, 2025 Committee of the Whole, September 23, 2025 Regular meeting

- D. Building Reports—Principals gave reports highlighting three National Equity Lab awardees at TF South and one from TF North (graduate). Ms. Walker gave the Center report highlighting the September 6 automotive show.

- E. Acting Superintendent Report—Mr. Williams shared that he and Dr. O'Rourke met with SJJC to discuss programs/services. He updated the board on various activities and acknowledged Mr. Stephan and his team for the hurdles they worked on with the buildings at the start of school.

**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 and student discipline**

*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, collective bargaining and student discipline. This motion, made by Member Williams and seconded by Member Perkins, passed.*

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

*Member Myers moved, seconded by Member Williams that the Board of Education adjourn to open session at 7:56 p.m. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried.*

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**5. Consent**

*I move to approve the following consent agenda items as presented with removal of items 5F and 5G.  
This motion, made by Member Myers and seconded by Member Perkins, passed.*

A. Approve Minutes from the July 22, 2025 Open and Closed Sessions, August 13, 2025 Committee of Whole meeting, August 13, 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 Jessica Burt, Special Education Paraprofessional at T.F. North, effective May 30, 2025.
- 2) It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the report of the resignation of Dominic Lattanzi, Custodian at T.F. South, effective August 23, 2025.
- 3) It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the report of the retirement of Terri Bartlett, Culinary Arts Teacher at T.F. North, effective the last day of the 2028-2029 school term.
- 4) It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the report of the retirement of Ouida Dyer-Bradford, Science Teacher at T.F. South, effective the last day of the 2028-2029 school term.
- 5) It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the report of the retirement of Susan Gilhooly, Business Education Teacher at T.F. South, effective the last day of the 2028-2029 school term.
- 6) It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the report of the retirement of Danna Ready, Special Education Teacher at T.F. South, effective the last day of the 2028-2029 school term.
- 7) It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the report of the retirement of Robert Speski, Radio/TV Production Teacher at T.F. North, effective the last day of the 2028-2029 school term.
- 8) It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the report of the retirement of Steve Twietmeyer, Physical Education Teacher at T.F. South, effective the last day of the 2028-2029 school term.
- 9) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the employment of Alejandra Alvarez as a Bilingual Paraprofessional at T.F. South, effective August 27, 2025.
- 10) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the re-employment of Mozella Brown as Virtual Programming Teacher at T.F. South, effective September 15, 2025 through December 19, 2025.
- 11) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the employment of LaTonya Smith as Executive Assistant for Teaching and Learning, effective August 28, 2025.
- 12) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the reassignment of Regina Houston from Cafeteria Aide to Special Education Paraprofessional at T.F. North, effective August 27, 2025.
- 13) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve intermittent FMLA Leave for Hannah Berridge, Foreign Language Teacher at T.F. South, effective for the 2025-2026 school term.
- 14) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve intermittent FMLA leave for Samantha Cravens, District Truancy Social Worker at T.F. Center, effective for the 2025-2026 school term.
- 15) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve intermittent FMLA leave for Ayanna Dowd, Speech Pathologist at T.F. North, effective for the 2025-2026 school term.
- 16) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve FMLA leave for Jacob Gourley, English Teacher at T.F. North, effective August 13, 2025, through September 11, 2025.
- 17) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve intermittent FMLA leave for Regina Houston, Cafeteria Aide at T.F. North, effective for the 2025-2026 school term.
- 18) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve intermittent FMLA leave for Pamela Leonard, Math Teacher at T.F. South, effective for the 2025-2026 school term.
- 19) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve intermittent FMLA leave for Susan Lessner-Diversey, Science Teacher at T.F. South, effective August 6, 2025, through November 02, 2025.
- 20) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve FMLA leave for Jennifer Navarro, 10-Month Guidance Secretary at T.F. North, effective November 17, 2025, through February 20, 2026.
- 21) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve intermittent FMLA leave for Susan Olson, School Counselor at T.F. North, effective for the 2025-2026 school term.
- 22) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve intermittent FMLA Leave for Matthew Tiffy, Social Studies Teacher at T.F. North, effective for the 2025-2026 school term.
- 23) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following extra-curricular resignations and appointments:

Resignations:

Nia Brown, *Drama Assistant Coach*, T.F. North

Jeremy Day, *Band Assistant Director*, T.F. North

Dynecia Dixon, *Badminton Head Coach*, T.F. South  
Dynecia Dixon, *Wrestling Assistant Coach*, T.F. South  
Mark McDaniel, *Girls' Tennis Head Coach*, T.F. North

Appointments:

Marcus Castrejon, *Girls' Volleyball Assistant Coach*, T.F. South  
Bryan Evancho, *Hall Duty Supervisor (AM-Fall)*, T.F. North  
Taylor Galvin, *Assistant Athletic Director (Fall)*, T.F. North  
Mark Holubec, *Girls' Tennis Assistant Coach*, T.F. North  
Jamel Hill, *Girls' Basketball Assistant Coach*, T.F. North  
Stacie Hunt, *Hall Duty Supervisor (PM-Fall)*, T.F. North  
Tareg Mansour, *Esports Club Sponsor*, T.F. North  
Shane Mosel, *Chess Club Sponsor*, T.F. South  
Sheri Murawski, *Girls' Tennis Head Coach*, T.F. North  
Shaunwell Posley, *Hall Duty Supervisor (PM-Fall)*, T.F. North  
Christopher Simich, *Hall Duty Supervisor (AM-Fall)*, T.F. South  
Raymond Smith Jr., *Hall Duty Supervisor (PM-Fall)*, T.F. Center  
William Spakowski III, *Drama Head Coach*, T.F. North  
Chelsea Taylor, *Hall Duty Supervisor (PM-Fall)*, T.F. South  
Monica Townes-Hudson, *Hall Duty Supervisor (AM-Fall)*, T.F. South.

- 24) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Academic Recovery Virtual Learning Facilitators for the fall 2025 semester: T.F. South, Jillian Altenburg, Tameka Fowler, Yasmie Hill, Chiralaine Natschke.
- 25) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Driver Education Behind-the-Wheel Teachers for the 2025-2026 school term:  
T.F. North  
David Hamilton, Centrese McGee, Adam Polensky, Frederick Schuldes, Richard Watson  
T.F. South  
Chester Hanson IV, Matthew Johnson, Alejandro Lagunas, Robert Padjen, Dale Pietranczyk, Michael Tisza, Jamey Wallace.
- 26) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Homework Center Tutors for the 2025-2026 school term:  
T.F. North  
Joseph Faron, Jennifer Galvan, Bianca Gomez, Alejandro Hernandez, Catherine Hood, Gregory Longo, Rindi Ortiz, Michelle Potter, Rebecca Watt  
T.F. South  
Holly Blair, Margaret Blahunka, Nicole Burk, John Conrad, Jean Flynn-Rozner, Gina Helbling, Kelli McCullough, Gail Meyer, Ronnie Petrey, Danna Ready, Gregory Rizzo, Lauren Senter, Nicole Streit.
- 27) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Advanced Placement Coordinator at T.F. South for the 2025-2026 school term: Emily Pickett.
- 28) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Student Safety Monitors for the Fall 2025 semester:  
T.F. Center  
Tameka Fowler, Melody Marcotte  
T.F. North  
Allison Braasch, Michael Furmanek, Bianca Gomez, David Hamilton, Michael Kawa, Cynthia McCraw, Frederick Schuldes, Megan Weber, William Weber  
T.F. South  
Aaron Bugajski, Nicole Burk, Kathleen Clemons, John Conrad, Dwight DeRamus, Gina Helbling, Matthew Jancich, Alejandro Lagunas, Paul Massat, Ronnie Petrey, Gregory Rizzo, Jamie Sawyer, Eric Valiska, Jamey Wallace, Nancy Welker.
- 29) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Substitute Teachers for the 2025-2026 school term: Tiffany Burnett, Anthony Epah, David Klupchak, Katrina Sloss-Nichols, Olivia Speller, Trinity Wilson.
- 30) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Student Worker at T.F. North for Fall 2025: Lyanis Carrillo Reyna.
- 31) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Volunteer for the 2025-2026 school term: Ariel Willams.

C. Approve/Accept the following Financial Items

1. Accept July 2025 FTD Monthly Financial Statements

2. Approve July 2025/August 2025 Payables, \$2,673,067.57

**Accounts Payable - List of Bills - July 2025/August 2025**

<b><u>Fund</u></b>	<b>Amount</b>
10 - Education	1,218,437.27
12 - Special Education	-
20 - Operations and Maintenance	278,890.15
30 - Debt Service	9,475.24
40 - Transportation	97,409.14
60 - Capital Projects	1,060,740.41
80 - Tort Liability	8,115.36
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,673,067.57</b>

3. Approve July 2025/August 2025 Activities Bills, \$8,124.16

**Student Activities - List of Bills - July 2025/August 2025**

<b><u>Fund</u></b>	<b>Amount</b>
TF North Activities	4,731.44
TF South Activities	3,063.45
Admin/TF Center Activities	329.27
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,124.16</b>

4. Approve July 2025 Payroll, \$888,996.54

**Payroll Report - July 2025**

<b><u>Fund</u></b>	<b>Amount</b>
10 - Education	694,667.42
20 - Operations and Maintenance	193,096.98
40 - Transportation	1,232.14
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 888,996.54</b>

5. Approve Imprest bills, \$1,452.20

**Imprest - List of Bills - July 2025/August 2025**

<b><u>Fund</u></b>	<b>Amount</b>
Education	1,283.83
Special Education	-
Operations and Maintenance	168.37
Debt Service	-
Transportation	-
Capital Projects	-
Tort Liability	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,452.20</b>

D. Accept \$3,000 donation from Calumet City Police FOP

E. Approve Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with Lansing Public Library

- ~~F. Approve 2025-26 Activities Handbook~~ removed from agenda
- ~~G. Approve 2025-26 Athletics Handbook~~ removed from agenda
- H. Approve vendor contract for Cameron Stephens for fall season photography
- I. Approve vendor contract for Melissa Geel for TFS fall musical direction

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**6. Action**

- A. Approve appointment of Raymond Williams as Interim Superintendent  
*I move to approve the appoint/contract for Raymond Williams as Interim Superintendent through June 30, 2026. This motion, made by Member Myers and seconded by Member Williams, passed.*

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

- B. Approve Academic Tutoring Contract  
*I move to approve the academic tutoring and test prep contract in the amount of \$21,738.11 as presented. This motion, made by Member Myers and seconded by Member Guyton, passed.*

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

- C. Approve MOU/accept grant from the Southland Juvenile Justice Council  
*I move to approve the MOU and accept the grant for \$50,000 from the Southland Juvenile Justice Council as presented. This motion, made by Member Williams and seconded by Member Myers, passed.*

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

- D. Approve the Inclusion for a Better Future/Savanna Flakes contract  
*I move to approve the Inclusion for a Better Future/Savanna Flakes contract as presented. This motion, made by Member Perkins and seconded by Member Guyton, passed.*

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

- E. Approve agreement with Milestone Therapy, LLC for OT/PT services  
*I move to approve the annual agreement with Milestone Therapy, LLC for OT/PT services as presented. This motion, made by Member Myers and seconded by Member Guyton, passed.*

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

- F. Approve agreement with AB Staffing Solutions for OT services  
*I move to approve the agreement with AB Staffing Solutions to provide OT services as presented. This motion, made by Member Williams and seconded by Member Guyton, passed.*

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

- G. Approve Student Discipline for Student 2024-25BB



*I move to approve the discipline for student 2024-25BB as discussed in closed session. This motion, made by Member Calderon-Miranda and seconded by Member Guyton, passed.*

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**H. Approve student discipline for student 2024-25CC**

*I move to approve the discipline for student 2024-25CC as discussed in closed session. This motion, made by Member Williams and seconded by Member Myers, passed.*

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**I. Approve student discipline for student 2024-25DD**

*I move to approve the discipline for student 2024-25DD as discussed in closed session. This motion, made by Member Calderon-Miranda and seconded by Member Guyton, passed.*

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**7. Adjourn**

*I move to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. This motion, made by Member Myers and seconded by Member Guyton, passed on voice vote.*

  
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President

  
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Secretary

  
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Recording Secretary