

MINUTES

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

September 14, 2022



Thornton Fractional
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 215
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President Rita Oberman called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the TF Center for Academics and Technology in Calumet City, IL.

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call:

Present: Ballard, Dodd, Dust, Jackson, Oberman, Waller, Wilson **Absent:** none

Public Comment: none

PUBLIC COMMENT

Buildings & Grounds/Safety-Member Ballard

**BUILDINGS &
GROUNDS
SAFETY**

- A. Parking Lot Repair—Mr. Stephan shared there was a mistake in the amount of what was approved last month and the board is being asked to rectify it in the special meeting.
- B. Sports Fields Renovations—Mr. Stephan updated the board on the plan to prep this fall to be ready for spring. He stated the proposed work will be to the two softball fields at North and the varsity baseball field at South. The upgrade in materials will be more in line with professional fields. Discussion included that the park district is still involved, but the agreement went back to 1994 and the contract expired 2-3 years ago. Both entities' lawyers are now talking to each other. He added that the district uses the fields 90% of time and the work needs to be done.
- C. South Auditorium Renovations—Mr. Stephan shared that previously the auditorium work at both campuses was put out to bid. It was agreed to do only the North auditorium because of high bids. After scaling back some of the work for South, it can be put out for bid in October and hope to start in April. He cautioned that supply chain is still a challenge, the district has grant money for the \$460,000, and it will not include a bathroom remodel or flooring.
- D. Summer 2023 Project Update—Mr. Stephan shared the anticipated projects for summer 2023 include:
 - i. Renovation of the South auditorium,
 - ii. Replacing the AC in the gray gym and the gym roof at South adding that once that is done, every roof will be under warranty,
 - iii. Turf work at both campuses,
 - iv. Renovate North bathrooms in the old building which go back to 1935 and will need new pipe,
 - v. Tie childcare room back into the school which is being required by the state by 2024 for CTE classes creating accessibility for all students (a grant is being applied for to support this),
 - vi. Everything is grant funded or in capital outlay.
- E. September Building Rental Update--fyi

CURRICULUM

Curriculum Committee-Member Dust

- A. Final Exams—Ms. Szuba shared, during the pandemic, teachers were allowed to provide alternatives to final exams if they sought the authorization. Many districts are re-evaluating the "final exam" model and District 215 is looking into that also. Feedback and data are needed, and the discussion will be in the district curriculum committee. The goal is to work with each curriculum content team to develop assessments more applicable and feasible as opposed to multiple choice exams. The calendars/schedules would not change.
- B. Academic Program Data—A shared form has been developed for a more consistent data platform between campuses--not sure that last year's data was accurate. Discussion included if students are being given special incentive if they go to homework center and they are not.

Finance-Member Dodd

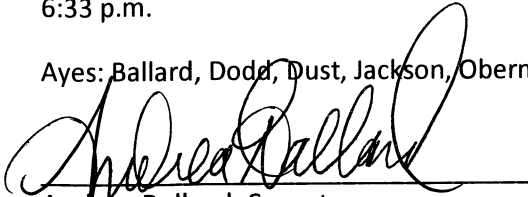
FINANCE

- A. School Maintenance Grant FY2023—Ms. Bishop shared the grant was in place for many years and the 2023 application cycle has opened. The board is required to approve it and will be brought on the September agenda.
- B. Intergovernmental Agreements for School Resource Officer Services FY 2023—Both Lansing and Calumet City police departments are requesting an increase based on negotiated agreement. This will be funded through ESSER 2+3 and be on the September agenda for approval.
- C. Contract Placement on Board Agenda—Ms. Bishop stated that unless there is opposition, any action under \$25,000 will be listed on the consent agenda and over \$25,000 will be separate action items.

ADJOURN

Member Dodd moved, seconded by Member Waller, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

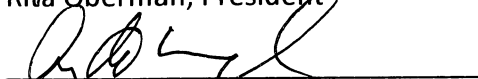
Ayes: Ballard, Dodd, Dust, Jackson, Oberman, Wilson Nays: None Abstained: None



Andrea Ballard, Secretary



Rita Oberman, President



Anita Howard, Recording Secretary