Thornton Fractional
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 215
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September 22, 2026
Regular Board of Education Meeting
Immediately following Budget Hearing
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: Calderon-Miranda, Guyton, Myers, Terrazas, Williams **Absent:** Newman, Perkins

2. **Pledge**

3. **Communication/Informational**
   A. Public Comments- None
   B. Future Meetings--October 14, 2026 Committee of the Whole, October 27, 2026 Regular meeting
   C. Freedom of Information Report

DATE	REQUESTOR	DATE RESPONDED
8/20/26	Diana Peeples FOIA	8/31/26
8/24/26	Tom Wright FOIA	8/31/2026
8/28/26	Catarina Mascarenhas FOIA	8/31/26
8/28/26	Joe Stephan FOIA.1	9/4/26
8/30/26	Jeff Moos FOIA	9/29/26-Commercial
8/31/26	Michael Brennan FOIA.1	9/30/26-Commercial
9/9/26	Sunlight Access FOIA	10/8/26-Commercial
9/11/26	Joe Stephan FOIA.2.	9/18/26
9/11/26	Tim Sullivan FOIA	9/11/26
9/11/26	Starbridge FOIA	10/12/26-Commercial

Building Reports - Principals provided building reports.

D. Superintendent's Report – Mr. Williams reported that he served as a featured speaker at the Leadership Through Mentoring event. On September 22, 2026 forty students from the Center participated in Manufacturing Day, students visited local companies. He also noted that upcoming meetings have been scheduled with district principals to review and establish their administrative goals.

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; pending litigation**
I move to recess to Closed Session at 6:17 p.m. for the purposes to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employee(s), specific independent contractors, specific volunteers, or District legal counsel; student discipline; pending litigation. This motion, made by Member Guyton and seconded by Member Calderon-Miranda, passed on roll call vote.

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

Member Calderon-Miranda moved, seconded by Member Guyton that the Board of Education adjorn to open session at 7:30 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 Calderon-Miranda, passed on roll call vote.

A. Approve Minutes from the August 12, 2026 Committee of the Whole, August 12, 2026 Special Meeting Open and Closed Sessions, August 25, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Open and Closed Sessions meeting, September 9, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting

B. Approve Personnel Report

1. It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the **retirement** of **John Mladenovski, Maintenance** Worker at T.F. North, effective June 30, 2030.

2. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the **employment** of **Marcel Anderson** as Dean's Assistant at T.F. North, effective September 28, 2026.

3. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the **employment** of **Katy Clifton** as an Executive Assistant to the Principal at T.F. North, effective September 28, 2026.

4. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the **re-employment** of **Anita Howard Sobkoviak** as a part-time, temporary Superintendent Transition Support Specialist, effective September 2, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

5. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the **temporary employment** of **Alex Johnson** as a Part-Time Music Program Clinician at T.F. North, effective September 23, 2026, through December 18, 2026 ($3,000).

6. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the **temporary employment** of **Anton Keys** as a Part-Time Music Program Clinician at T.F. North, effective September 23, 2026, through December 18, 2026 ($3,000).

7. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the **temporary employment** of **Joanne Pesavento** as a Part-Time Music Program Clinician at T.F. North, effective September 23, 2026, through December 18, 2026 ($2,500).

8. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the **temporary employment** of **Kaiana Wilson** as **a** Part-Time Music Program Clinician at T.F. North, effective September 23, 2026, through December 18, 2026 ($2,500).

9. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve formal **discipline** for Deland Deere, Deans' Assistant at T.F. North, as discussed in closed session.

10. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve **intermittent FMLA leave** for **Muhummad Abdur-Rahim,** Dean's Assistant at T.F. South, effective for the 2026-2027 school term.

11. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve **intermittent FMLA leave** for **Emily Biegel,** Business Education Teacher at T.F. North, effective for the 2026-2027 school term.

12. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve **intermittent FMLA leave** for **Gwen Flood,** Science Teacher at T.F. North, effective August 14, 2026, through November 1, 2026.

13. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve **intermittent FMLA leave** for **Matthew Flood,** Social Studies Teacher at T.F. North, effective August 14, 2026, through November 1, 2026.

14. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve **intermittent FMLA leave** for **Regina Houston,** Special Education Paraprofessional 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 **Michelle Jones,** Math Teacher at T.F. North, effective for the 2026-2027 school term.

16. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve **intermittent FMLA leave** for **Rosalind Jones,** Early College Program Coordinator, effective for the 2026-2027 school term.

17. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve **intermittent FMLA leave** for **Sherry McElroy,** Cafeteria Aide 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 **Juanita Medina,** School Counselor at T.F. North, effective September 22, 2026, through November 23, 2026.

19. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve **intermittent FMLA leave** for **Deborah Murtaugh,** English Teacher at T.F. South, effective for the 2026-2027 school term.

20. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve **intermittent FMLA leave** for **Michele Owens,** Art Teacher at T.F. South, effective for the 2026-2027 school term.

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 2026-2027 school term.

22. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following **extra-curricular resignations and appointments** for the 2026-2027 school term:

Resignations:
Kelly Hasse, *Assistant Wrestling Coach,* T.F. North
Douglas Schlesser, *Drama Club Sponsor,* T.F. South

Appointments:
Blanca Alcantar, *Badminton Assistant Coach,* T.F. South
Jamie Brandon, *Boys' Basketball Co-Assistant Coach,* T.F. South
Aaron Bugjaski, *Chess Club Sponsor,* T.F. South
Nicole Burk, *National Honor Society Sponsor,* T.F. South
Tajmar Carter, *Girls' Club Sponsor,* T.F. South
Cornelius Deere, *Boys' Basketball Head Coach,* T.F. North
Deland Deere, *Boys' Basketball Assistant Coach,* T.F. North
James Deignan, *Choral Director*, T.F. North
Timothy Kirkwood, *Head Girls' Wrestling Coach,* T.F. North
DeAndre Lowery, *Boys' Basketball Assistant Coach,* T.F. North
Claudia Majercak, *Drama Club Sponsor,* T.F. South
Diane Miller-DeSoto, *PRIDE Club Sponsor,* T.F. North
Nieya Murphy, *Girls' Tennis Co-Assistant Coach,* T.F. North
James Newell, *Wrestling Assistant Coach,* T.F. North
Erik Perez, *Dreamers Club Sponsor*, T.F. North
Shaunwell Posley, *Drama Head Coach,* T.F. North
David Rivers, *Girls' Basketball Assistant Coach,* T.F. South
Frederick Schuldes, *Monogram Club Sponsor*, T.F. North
Joseph Stephan, *Spanish National Honor Society*, T.F. North
Shelley Tisza, *Girls' Wrestling Head Coach,* ~~T.F. North~~ **T.F. South**
Jason Warren, *Boys' Basketball Assistant Coach,* T.F. North
Quentin Wright, *Boys' Basketball Co-Assistant Coach,* T.F. South.

23. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following **Family Support Specialists** for the 2026-2027 school term: **Maria Vicki Torres** (*T.F. Center*), **Josefina Santos** (*T.F. North*), **Maria Alba & Christina Garcia** (*T.F. South*).

24. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following **Driver Education Behind-the-Wheel Teachers** for the 2026-2027 school term:

T.F. North:
David Hamilton, Centrese McGee, Adam Polensky, Frederick Schuldes, Richard Watson

T.F. South:
William Gillespie, Chester Hanson, Alejandro Lagunas, Robert Padjen, Richard Tarbunas, Jamey Wallace.

25. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following **Reimagine Grant-Funded Facilitators** for the 2026-2027 school term: **Tajmar Carter, Roshunda Cook, Lauri Like, Leiya Murphy, Thomasina Robinson-Torres.**

26. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following **Academic Recovery** staff for the fall 2026 semester:

T.F. North:
Administrators (rotating) – **Cassandra Brackenridge, Lauren Johnson, Christin Passarelli, Brian Rucinski, DeVale Stubbs, Chelsea Taylor**
Virtual Learning Facilitators – **Roshunda Cook, Cynthia Krusza, Rindi Ortiz, Kayla Vaughn**
Administrative Assistant – **Josefina Santos**
Deans Assistants – **Tina Freeberg, Demetris Hunter**
Paraprofessional – **Jacoyah Harrison**

T.F. South:
Administrators (rotating) – **Brian Bergthold, Marc Brewe, Joshua Humphrey, James Thurman, Rene Valdez**
Virtual Learning Facilitators – **Benjamin Faulkner, Jean Flynn Rozner, Tameka Fowler, Yasmie Hill**
Administrative Assistant (rotating) – **Carmen Akers, Leah Clancy**
Deans Assistants – **Tywania Griffin, Justin Leoni**
Paraprofessional – **LaShawn Steed.**

27. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following **Credit Recovery Teachers** for the fall 2026 semester:

T.F. North:
Algebra – **Tareg Mansour**
Biology – **Leiya Murphy**
English – **Bianca Gomez**

T.F. South:
Algebra – **Elissa Dust, Adrian Vargas**
Biology – **Leiya Murphy**
English – **John Conrad**
World History – **Kurt Jurgens.**

28. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following **Advanced Placement Coordinators** for the 2026-2027 school term: **Allison Braasch, Emily Pickett.**

29. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following **Summer Camp Coaches** for 2026: **Kendi Young** (*T.F. North Football*), **Ryan Marnell** (*T.F. South Baseball*).

30. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following **Substitute Teachers** for the 2026-2027 school term: **Leo Bonin, Lukas Isberg, Dr. Sheila Raja.**

31. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following **School Counselor Intern** at T.F. South for the 2026-2027 school term: **Jaheel Minor.**

32. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following **Social Worker Intern** at T.F. South for the 2026-2027 school term: **Alexis Clark.**

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following **Volunteers** for the 2026-2027 school term: **Rolando Alonso, Zacery Bills, Carla Castro Cazarez, Robert Clasby, Janeen Guajardo, Finesha Jones, Jade Maxwe**

C. Approve/Accept the following Financial Items

1. Accept August 2026 FTD Monthly Financial Statements
2. Approve August/September 2026 Payables, $3,555,031.73

Accounts Payable - List of Bills - August/September 2026	
Fund	**Amount**
10 - Education	2,014,722.08
12 - Special Education	
20 - Operations and Maintenance	275,106.19
30 - Debt Service	9,538.90
40 - Transportation	115,706.40
60 - Capital Projects	1,136,910.16
80 - Tort Liability	3,048.00
Total	**$ 3,555,031.73**

3. Approve August/September 2026 Activities Bills, $19,202.54

Student Activities - List of Bills - August/September 2026	
Fund	**Amount**
TF North Activities	5,878.90
TF South Activities	13,323.64
Admin/TF Center Activities	-
Total	**$ 19,202.54**

4. Approve August 2026 Payroll, $2,334,692.18

Payroll Report - August 2026	
Fund	**Amount**
10 - Education	2,082,395.60
20 - Operations and Maintenance	251,027.48
40 - Transportation	1,269.10
Total	**$ 2,334,692.18**

5. Approve August/September 2026 Imprest, $6,166.90

Imprest - List of Bills - August/September 2026	
Fund	**Amount**
Education	1,930.00
Special Education	-
Operations and Maintenance	445.00
Debt Service	-
Transportation	-
Capital Projects	-
Tort Liability	3,791.90
Total	**$ 6,166.90**

D. Approve MOU with Youth Guidance Becoming a Man (BAM) at TF North
E. Approve 2026-2027 Athletic Handbook
F. Appprove 2026-2027 Activities Handbook
G. Conduct First Reading of Press Policy Update 122
H. Approve Vendor contract for Christina Occhiuzzo Functional Behavior Assessment

I. Approve Vendor contract for Melissa Geel Technical Direction for Fall Musical Season
J. Approve 2026-2027 Attendance Truancy Procedures State reporting
K. Approve 2026-2027 Bullying Procedures State reporting

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

5. **Action**

A. Approve the 2026-2027 Budget
I move to approve the 2026-2027 Budget *as presented. This motion, made by Member Myers and seconded by Member Terrazas, passed on roll call vote.*
***Roll Call Vote**:*
***Ayes**: Myers, Terrazas, Calderon-Miranda, Guyton, Williams* ***Nays: Absent**: Newman, Perkins*

B. Approve Superintendent 2027 Goals
I move to approve the Superintendent 2027 Goals *as presented. This motion, made by Member Myers and seconded by Member Calderon-Miranda, passed on roll call vote.*
***Roll Call Vote**:*
***Ayes**: Myers, Calderon-Miranda, Terrazas, Guyton, Williams* ***Nays: Absent**: Newman, Perkins*

C. Approve MOU LMW Group Leadership and Empowerment
I move to approve the MOU LMW Group Leadership and Empowerment *as presented. This motion, made by Member Myers and seconded by Member Calderon-Miranda, passed on roll call vote.*
***Roll Call Vote**:*
***Ayes**: Myers, Calderon-Miranda, Terrazas, Guyton, Williams* ***Nays: Absent**: Newman, Perkins*

D. Approve Student Discipline for Student 2026-26A
I move to approve the Student Discipline for Student 2026-26A *as presented. This motion, made by Member Myers and seconded by Member Calderon-Miranda, passed on roll call vote.*
***Roll Call Vote**:*
***Ayes**: Myers, Calderon-Miranda, Terrazas, Guyton, Williams* ***Nays: Absent**: Newman, Perkins*

6. **Adjourn**
I move to adjourn the Board of Education meeting at 7:40 p.m. This motion, made by Member Meyers and seconded by Member Calderon-Miranda, passed on voice vote.

President

Secretary

Recording Secretary