

Regular Board of Education Meeting
September 23, 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 6:02 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. Freedom of Information Report

DATE	REQUESTOR	REQUEST	DATE RESPONDED
9/5/25	Sheri Reid Data Acquisition Specialist SmartProcure	SmartProcure is submitting a commercial FOIA request to the Thornton Fractional Township High School District No. 215 for general purchasing records from 6/5/2025 to the current request date of 9/5/2025.	9/11/25

- C. Future Meetings--October 8, 2025 Committee of the Whole, October 28, 2025 Regular meeting
- D. Building Reports—Principals gave reports;
- E. Interim Superintendent Report
 - 1) New Teacher Recognition
 - 2) TF South Special Recognition

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—not convened

5. Consent

I move to approve the following consent agenda items as presented. This motion, made by Member Myers and seconded by Member Guyton, passed.

- A. Approve Minutes from the August 26, 2025 Open and Closed Sessions, August 28, Special meeting Open and Closed Session, September 10, 2025 Committee of Whole meeting, September 10, 2025 Special meeting
- B. Approve Personnel Report
 - 1) It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the report of the resignation of Houston Cantrell, Chef at T.F. Center, effective September 30, 2025.
 - 2) It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the report of the resignation of Aramis Singleton, Instructional Technology Support Specialist, effective September 19, 2025.
 - 3) It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the report of the resignation of Ta'Shara Tate, Student Services Coordinator at T.F. North, effective September 26, 2025.
 - 4) It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the report of the resignation of Joseph Williams, Deans' Assistant at T.F. South, effective September 18, 2025.
 - 5) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the employment of Anita Alvarado as Front Desk Receptionist at District office, effective September 29, 2025.
 - 6) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the employment of Joseph Fabian as a Special Education Teacher at T.F. South, effective September 29, 2025.
 - 7) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the employment of Leon Kozlowski as a Custodian at T.F. South, effective September 29, 2025.
 - 8) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the part-time temporary employment of Kimberly Carlos as a Music Program Clinician at T.F. North, effective September 24, 2025 through May 29, 2026 (\$3,000).
 - 9) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the part-time temporary employment of Tyler Darnall as a Music Program Clinician at T.F. South, effective September 25, 2025 through May 29, 2026 (\$7,500).

- 10) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the part-time temporary employment of Shelby Edwards as a Music Program Clinician at T.F. North, effective September 24, 2025 through May 29, 2026 (\$5,000).
- 11) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the part-time temporary employment of Alex Johnson as a Music Program Clinician at T.F. North, effective September 24, 2025 through December 20, 2025 (\$4,000).
- 12) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the part-time temporary employment of Anton Keys as a Music Program Clinician at T.F. North, effective September 24, 2025 through December 20, 2025 (\$4,000).
- 13) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the part-time temporary employment of Mary Kratochwill as a Music Program Clinician at T.F. North, effective September 24, 2025 through December 20, 2025 (\$3,500).
- 14) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the part-time temporary employment of Leiya Murphy as a Music Program Clinician at T.F. North, effective September 24, 2025 through December 12, 2025 (\$3,000).
- 15) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the part-time temporary employment of Adam Nigh as a Music Program Clinician at T.F. South, effective September 25, 2025 through May 29, 2026 (\$7,500).
- 16) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the part-time temporary employment of Joanne Pesavento as a Music Program Clinician at T.F. North, effective September 24, 2025 through December 20, 2025 (\$3,500).
- 17) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the part-time temporary employment of Omar Tlatelpa-Nieto as a Music Program Clinician at T.F. South, effective September 25, 2025 through May 29, 2026 (\$7,500).
- 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 4, 2025, through December 31, 2025.
- 19) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve intermittent FMLA Leave for Jennifer Gillespie, Special Education Teacher at T.F. North, effective for the 2025-2026 school term.
- 20) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve FMLA leave for Stephanie Kuchenbecker, Deans' Assistant at T.F. North, effective October 14, 2025 through November 25, 2025.
- 21) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve intermittent FMLA leave for Donald LaVette, Special Education Teacher at T.F. South, effective for the 2025-2026 school term.
- 22) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve intermittent FMLA leave for Deborah Murtaugh, English Teacher at T.F. South, effective for the 2025-2026 school term.
- 23) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve intermittent FMLA leave for Kelli McCullough, Science Teacher at T.F. South, effective for the 2025-2026 school term.
- 24) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the sixth assignment for Chester Hanson, IV to co-teach algebra at T.F. South, effective September 16, 2025 through the remainder of the 2025-2026 school term.
- 25) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following extra-curricular resignations and appointments for 2025-2026:

Resignations:

Justin Clark, *Wrestling Assistant Coach*, T.F. North
 Dion Crowder, *Wrestling Assistant Coach*, T.F. South
 Marc Holubec, *Girls' Tennis Assistant Coach*, T.F. North
 Josiah Luttjeboer, *Boys' Track Assistant Coach*, T.F. North
 Ivelin Roussev, *Girls' Basketball Assistant Coach*, T.F. North

Appointments:

Heaven Bones, *Speech Volunteer Assistant Coach*, T.F. North
 Shelby Edwards, *Drama Assistant Director*, T.F. North
 Michael Felder, *Band Assistant Director*, T.F. North
 Julia Hadler, *Boys' Bowling Assistant Coach*, T.F. North
 Catherine Hood, *Girls' Tennis Assistant Coach*, T.F. North
 Joseph King, *Speech Volunteer Assistant Coach*, T.F. North
 Kendi Young, *Football Volunteer Assistant Coach*, T.F. North.

- 26) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Academic Support Center Teachers for JASI [Junior Academic Scholars Institute] at T.F. Center for the Fall 2025 semester: Matthew Bugajski, Twana Frelix-Lloyd, Kurt Jurgens, Giena Palmer-Reed.
- 27) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Academic Recovery staff for the Fall 2025 semester:

T.F. North

Administrators (rotation) – Joshua Humphrey, Christin Passarelli, Brian Rucinski, DeVale Stubbs, Mychael Webb
Virtual Learning Facilitators – Aaron Altenburg, Roshunda Cook, Joseph Faron, Cynthia Krusza, Rindi Ortiz
Paraprofessional – Maria Alba
Secretary – Josefina Santos
Deans' Assistants – Demetris Hunter, Joshua Moore.

T.F. South

Administrator – Cassandra Brackenridge
Virtual Learning Facilitators – Jillian Altenburg, Tameka Fowler, Chelsea Taylor, Yasmie Hill
Paraprofessional – Capri Howard
Secretaries (rotation) – Carmen Akers, Leah Clancy
Deans' Assistants – Lamar Blanks, Tywania Griffin

- 28) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Credit Recovery Teachers for the Fall 2025 semester:

T.F. North

Biology – Twana Frelix-Lloyd

English – Bianca Gomez, Maria Ramirez

T.F. South

English - John Conrad

World History – Timothy Sullivan.

- 29) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Family Support Specialists for the 2025-2026 school term:

T.F. Center – Maria V. Torres

T.F. North (split) – Jennifer Navarro, Josefina Santos

T.F. South – Christina Garcia.

- 30) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Advanced Placement Coordinator at T.F. North for the 2025-2026 school term: Allison Braasch.

- 31) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Substitute Teachers for the 2025-2026 school term: Andre Kilpatrick, Kyle Ruckert.

- 32) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Student Workers at T.F. South for Fall 2025: Marcus Hunt (*Bookstore*), Joseph Weaver (*PPS*).

- 33) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Volunteers for the 2025-2026 school term: Laura Bello, Heaven Bones, Jeffrey Boyd, Jacqueline Butler, Alexis Clark, Kendall Godfrey, Finesha Jones, Stephanie Kohn, Carmano Lane, Andrew Moravec, Muriel Nelson-Godfrey, Rebecca Oviedo, LeShawn Sanders, Victoria Sevier, Danielle Terry, Autumn White

C. Approve/Accept the following Financial Items

1. Accept August 2025 FTD Monthly Financial Statements

2. Approve August/September 2025 Payables, \$5,024,745.74

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

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
10 - Education	2,035,853.07
12 - Special Education	
20 - Operations & Maintenance	354,076.30
30 - Debt Service	9,657.09
40 - Transportation	217,831.43
60 - Capital Projects	2,384,761.40
80 - Tort Liability	22,566.45
Total	\$ 5,024,745.74

3. Approve August/September 2025 Activities Bills, \$4,039.12

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

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
TF North Activities	2,440.12
TF South Activities	105.00
Admin/TF Center Activities	1,494.00
Total	\$ 4,039.12

4. Approve August 2025 Payroll, \$2,156,732.48

Payroll Report - August 2025

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
10 - Education	1,958,885.58
20 - Operations & Maintenance	196,614.76
40 - Transportation	1,232.14
Total	\$ 2,156,732.48

5. Approve Imprest bills, \$10,973.29

Imprest - List of Bills - August 2025/September 2025

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
10 - Education	4,312.00
20 - Operations & Maintenance	256.29
80 - Tort Liability	6,405.00
Total	\$ 10,973.29

- D. Approve TF North vendor contract for Enrique Arroyo for DJ services in the amount of \$2,075
- E. Accept cosmetology/barbering supplies donation from ORS for Lavish Studio
- F. Approve MOU with Gloria Taylor Foundation for mentoring services

- G. Approve MOU with Urban Male Network for mentoring services at TF Center
- H. Approve MOU with Youth Guidance Becoming a Man (BAM) at TF North
- I. Approve 2025-26 agreement with ProCare for student services
- J. Approve 2025-26 agreement with Continuum for student services
- K. Approve TF South out-of-state senior field trip
- L. Approve Promulgation Statements with Lansing and Calumet City Police Departments for TF North, South, Center/CAL
- M. Approve 2025-26 Activities Handbook
- N. Approve 2025-26 Athletics Handbook
- O. Conduct First Reading of PRESS 119 Policies

Roll Call Vote:

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

6. Action

- A. Approve the 2025-26 Budget

I move to approve the 2025-26 Budget as presented. This motion, made by Member and seconded by Member, passed.

Roll Call Vote:

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

- B. Approve contract for elevator modernization at North and Center

I move to approve the contract with Complete Construction Resources for elevator modernization at TF North and Center in the amount of \$650,000 as presented. This motion, made by Member and seconded by Member, passed.

Roll Call Vote:

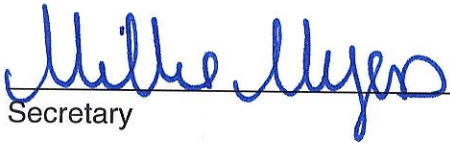
Ayes: Calderon-Miranda, Guyton, Myers, Terrazas, Williams **Nays:** **Absent:** Newman, Perkins

7. Adjourn

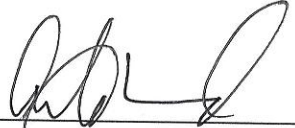
I move to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. This motion, made by Member Myers and seconded by Member Williams, passed on voice vote.



President



Secretary



Recording Secretary