

MINUTES

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

March 8, 2023



Thornton Fractional
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 215
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President 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.

Roll Call

Present: Ballard, Dodd, Dust, Oberman, Waller, Wilson (arrived 6:02 p.m.)

Absent: Dodd, Jackson

1. Communication

- A. Public Comment—none

2. Buildings & Grounds/Safety Committee-Member Ballard

- A. Welcome New TFN Building Foreman—Mr. Stephen introduced Patrick Wyatt who will be starting Monday morning as the building foreman at North.
- B. Monthly Building Rental Update—One invoice is still outstanding, and efforts continue to obtain payment. Everyone has been made aware of change to fees.

3. Curriculum Committee-Member Dust

- A. Summer Program Offerings—Ms. Szuba shared that the offerings are similar to last year and in the next couple of months administration will be asking the board for staff hires. This is the last year summer program offerings will be offered at no cost due to ESSER funds. It was suggested this information be included on the registration form.
- B. CTE Program Labor Service Fee—Mr. Robinzine shared more of the CTE programs are providing services to the community. Administration is recommending adding a 5% fee to work that is done. This will also provide another skill set for students to learn the business aspect with invoices, research costs, etc. This will not apply to daycare.
- C. New Elective Courses—Administration is proposing expanding general electives with the addition of music technology which seems to be very popular with students. Many universities are offering similar courses and it might be possible to offer it as dual credit with JJC. Students do not need a music background and is open to all students. It will be offered at South first because space is available and there is an expensive cost up front. North will be focused on classrooms with freshmen academy being dissolved. Title funds will also be available. Offering this course will be in line with vision of tv production and a college degree could be music production, sound engineer, tv/radio stations. Additional staff are not needed. The board stressed that implementation is intentional for the entire district. Administration will ask to write curriculum and implement the 2024-25 school year. Theatre offerings will be expanded at North which have been offered at South for a few years.

4. Finance Committee-Member Dodd

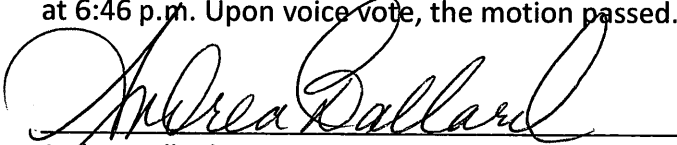
- A. Regular Education Bus Service 23/24-25/26 Bid Results—Ms. Bishop shared that she will be asking for approval at the next meeting. Because bus service is different than other bid processes, administration can consider the safety of students, reliability of services, etc. in making its decision. The district gets about 40% in transportation reimbursement. Ms. Bishop is interviewing

First Student. Although that bid was higher, Kickert service has steadily worsened with consistent lateness of up to ½ hour-45 minutes and there has been a lack of receiving truth and transparency. The impact to first period attendance is dramatic with it not being unusual for routes to not arrive until 8:45-9:00 a.m. and is affecting student attendance. First Student offers an app for parents/students that is helpful. Administration has a good rapport with First Student because of the services they currently provide to the district. First Student has routing software that is more efficient and compatible with what district has.

- B. Food Service Program Proposal—Dr. Jones has shared with the board the need to improve the food service program. The proposal includes hiring a food service director and remove that responsibility from principals, especially given there are new federal guidelines, and the district needs someone who can oversee this. Dr. Jones reviewed the proposal adding that no one will be terminated. Culinary arts students will be hired to work in the cafeteria. Discussion included the proposed stipend for the CSBO given it is an additional task for that position. The recommendation was to revise the CSBO job description and adjust the salary, not a stipend.

5. Adjourn

Member Waller moved, seconded by Member Dust, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m. Upon voice vote, the motion passed.



Andrea Ballard, Secretary



Rita Oberman, President



Anita Howard, Recording Secretary