

**Regular Board of Education Meeting  
 October 24, 2023  
 Thornton Fractional Center for Academics & Technology  
 1605 Wentworth Ave.  
 Calumet City, IL 60409  
 MINUTES**



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

President Stepp called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following roll call:  
**Present:** Ballard, Jackson, Newman, Stepp, Terrazas, Wilson **Absent:** none

**2. Pledge**

**3. Communication/Informational**

A. Public Comments--none

B. Freedom of Information Report

DATE	REQUESTOR	REQUEST	DATE RESPONDED
10/4/23	Sheri Reid	SmartProcure is submitting a commercial FOIA request to the Thornton Fractional Township High School District No. 215 for all purchasing records from 7/6/2023 to the current request date of 10/4/2023. Request details are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responsive reports include those containing the following details per purchase:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1 Unique Identifier (i.e. PO #, Invoice #, Check #, Encumbrance #, etc.)</li> <li>○ Purchase Date</li> <li>○ Line item details</li> <li>○ Line item quantity</li> <li>○ Line item price</li> <li>○ Vendor ID number, name, address, contact person and their email address</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	10/4/23
10/13/23	Allium Data	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A copy of the last property &amp; casualty insurance renewal summary for all lines of insurance purchased by the school district (general liability, auto, workers comp, professional, directors and officers, etc.) This document summarizes the insurance terms, limits, deductibles, premium and exclusions.</li> <li>2. A copy of the last employee benefits insurance renewal summary for health, dental and vision plans sponsored by the school district. This document shows plan options available to the district's employees and the pricing for employee, employee plus spouse, employee plus family.</li> </ol>	10/16/23

C. Monthly Suspension Reports

D. Future Meetings--November 8, 2023 Committee of the Whole; November 28, 2023 Regular meeting

E. Building Reports--Principals provided monthly reports. The President of the Student Action Team and Ms. Dowd invited the Board to the annual community Thanksgiving dinner.

F. Superintendent's Report/Program Spotlight—Mr. Robinzine introduced the CTE department in the first of series featuring the State of Departments. Improvements highlighted included the significant increase in the number of students enrolled in dual credit programs; making sure teach is maximizing usage of Naviance and students are saving a great deal of money through

the dual credit program. Students will be attending the ISU future teachers' conference and there will be a huge car show at TFS in September 2024.

**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.**

*I move to recess to closed session at 6:17 p.m. to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employee(s), specific independent contractors, specific volunteers, or District legal counsel and student discipline. This motion, made by Wilson and seconded by Terrazas, passed.*

**Upon Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes:** Ballard, Jackson, Newman, Stepp, Terrazas, Wilson **Nays:** none

*Member Newman moved, seconded by Member Wilson to reconvene to open session at 7:38 p.m. Upon voice vote, motion carried.*

**5. Consent**

*I move to approve the consent agenda as presented. This motion, made by Member Terrazas and seconded by Member Jackson, passed.*

- A. Approve Minutes from the August 22, 2023 Drivers Education Fee Hearing; September 26, 2023 Open and Closed Sessions and Budget Hearing; October 11, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting; October 18, 2023 Special meeting Open and Closed Sessions; and October 20, 2023 Special meeting Open and Closed Sessions.
- B. Approve Personnel Report
  - 1. It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the report of the retirement of Leo Bonin, Math Teacher at T.F. South, effective the last day of the 2025-2026 school term.
  - 2. It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the report of the retirement of Gretchen Hogan, School Nurse at T.F. North, effective the last day of the 2023-2024 school term.
  - 3. It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the report of the resignation of Kenya Lile, Deans' Assistant at T.F. South, effective October 27, 2023.
  - 4. It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the report of the resignation of Jason Richardson, Special Education Paraprofessional at T.F. North, effective September 26, 2023.
  - 5. It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the report of the resignation of Lavance Sams, Custodian at T.F. South, effective October 12, 2023.
  - 6. It is recommended that the Board of Education rescind the employment of Chastity Jackson as Purchasing Clerk, effective October 10, 2023.
  - 7. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the employment of Soledad Cisneros as Purchasing Clerk, effective October 18, 2023.
  - 8. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the employment of Natalie McCline as a Custodian at T.F. South, effective October 11, 2023.
  - 9. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the employment of Nieya Murphy as a Special Education Paraprofessional at T.F. North, effective October 25, 2023.
  - 10. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the employment of Eddie Thomas as a Cafeteria Aide at T.F. South, effective October 25, 2023.
  - 11. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the employment of Elanna Young as a Cafeteria Aide at T.F. South, effective October 25, 2023.



12. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the temporary, part-time employment of Jacob Ganzer as a Music Program Clinician at T.F. South, effective November 13, 2023 through May 31, 2024 (\$6,000).
13. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the temporary, part-time employment of Kirk Hickman as a Music Program Clinician at T.F. North, effective October 26, 2023 through December 22, 2023 (\$1,500).
14. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the temporary, part-time employment of Joanne Pesavento as a Music Program Clinician at T.F. North, effective October 26, 2023 through December 22, 2023 (\$1,500).
15. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the reassignment of Celeste Wiggins from Secretary to the Assistant Principal for Instruction at T.F. South to Pupil Personnel Services Secretary at T.F. North, effective October 30, 2023.
16. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following CTE Division Leader appointments, effective for the spring 2024 semester:
  - T.F. Center/T.F. South  
Jorge Navarrete
  - T.F. North  
Jennifer Donovan
17. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve extended illness leave for Julianne Tovey-Laschober, Math Teacher at T.F. South, effective November 15, 2023 through May 31, 2024.
18. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve FMLA leave for Carmen Akers, Registrar at T.F. South, effective October 9, 2023 through October 16, 2023.
19. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve intermittent FMLA leave for Juan Barraza Garcia, Sous-Chef at T.F. Center, effective October 3, 2023 through May 31, 2024.
20. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve intermittent FMLA leave for Leo Bonin, Math Teacher at T.F. South, effective for the 2023-2024 school term.
21. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve intermittent FMLA leave for Tajmar Carter, Social Worker at T.F. North/T.F. South, effective September 25, 2023 through May 31, 2024.
22. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve intermittent FMLA leave for Jean Flynn-Rozner, English Teacher at T.F. South, effective October 17, 2023 through January 19, 2024.
23. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve intermittent FMLA leave for Regina Houston, Cafeteria Aide at T.F. North, effective for the 2023-2024 school term.
24. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve intermittent FMLA leave for Allison Lukaszewski, Physical Education Teacher at T.F. North, effective September 5, 2023 through September 18, 2023.
25. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve intermittent FMLA leave for Cathleen Stadt, Physical Education Teacher at T.F. North, effective for the 2023-2024 school term.
26. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve intermittent FMLA leave for Dawn Walker, Assistant Principal at T.F. Center, effective October 13, 2023 through June 30, 2024.
27. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve intermittent FMLA leave for Celeste Wiggins, Secretary to the Assistant Principal for Instruction at T.F. South, effective August 3, 2023 through June 30, 2024.
28. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following extra-curricular releases, resignations and appointments for the 2023-2024 school term:
  - Resignations:  
Anthony Pignatiello, *Assistant Wrestling Coach*, T.F. North  
Douglas Smith, *Assistant Athletic Director (Winter)*, T.F. South  
Douglas Smith, *Assistant Athletic Director (Spring)*, T.F. South  
Douglas Smith, *Football Assistant Coach*, T.F. South
  - Appointments:  
Haley Corona, *Volunteer Assistant Softball Coach*, T.F. South  
Irem Hernandez, *Assistant Wrestling Coach*, T.F. North  
David Rivers, *Volunteer Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach*, T.F. South  
Michael Tisza, *Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coach*, T.F. South.

29. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Academic Recovery staff for the Fall 2023 semester:

T.F. South

Paraprofessional – Arielle Daniels

30. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Substitute Teachers for the 2023-2024 school term: Alicia Pettigrew.

31. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Substitute Deans Assistant for the 2023-2024 school term: Clifton Mansker.

32. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Student Workers at T.F. South for the 2023-2024 school term:

Ciera Pierce, Antonio Wright.

33. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Volunteers for the 2023-2024 school term: Jasclyn Coney, Marceau Cook, Kiera Gordon, Carla Griffin, Precious Hankison, Victoria Harris, Tiana Henderson, Latasha Henry, Terri Johnson, Tawana Jones, Swanzetta Lewis, Charlotte Robertson, Sarina Shane, Patricia Stepp, Paige Swan, Jacqueline Terrazas, Crystal Waters, Charles Wright, Hannah Yep, Allyson Yucuis.

C. Approve/Accept the following Financial Items

1. Accept September 2023 FTD Monthly Financial Statements

2. Approve September/October Payables, \$2,869,158.32

**Accounts Payable - List of Bills - Sep 2023/Oct 2023**

<b>Fund</b>		<b>Amount</b>
Educational	\$	1,684,936.37
Special Education		
Operations and Maintenance	\$	415,016.17
Debt Service	\$	11,677.02
Transportation	\$	155,014.01
Capital Projects	\$	600,748.25
Tort Liability	\$	1,766.50
Total	\$	2,869,158.32

3. Approve September/October Activities Bills, \$26,487.99

**Student Activities - List of Bills - Sep 2023/Oct 2023**

<b>Activity Fund</b>		<b>Total</b>
TF North Activities	\$	8,799.15
TF South Activities	\$	17,003.13
Admin/TF Center Activities	\$	685.71
Totals	\$	26,487.99

4. Approve September Payroll, \$3,217,222.97

**Monthly Payroll Report—September 2023**

<b>Fund</b>		<b>Amount</b>
Education	\$	3,022,577.63
Operations and Maintenance	\$	193,401.66
Transportation	\$	1,243.68
Total	\$	3,217,222.97



- D. Approve Letter of Agreement with Local 683
- E. Approve Vendor Contract for Jake Ganzer for TFS Fall Musical Choreography in the amount of \$1,200
- F. Approve School Maintenance Grant Application
- G. Approve Revised Contract with Inclusion for a Better Future, Inc. (Savanna Flakes)
- H. Accept \$1,000 Donation from Ankin Law Offices, LLC for WGN Teacher of the Month Chris Jones
- I. Accept Donation of \$2,500 from Leadership Surge, LLC for Center Parent Engagement Activities
- J. Approve destruction of closed session recordings for April 26, 2022 in accordance with Policy 2:220

**Upon Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes:** Ballard, Jackson, Newman, Stepp, Terrazas, Wilson **Nays:** none

**6. Action**

- A. Approve Calumet City School Resource Officer Intergovernmental Agreement  
*I move to approve the Calumet City School Resource Officer Intergovernmental Agreement as presented. This motion, made by Wilson and seconded by Jackson, passed.*

**Upon Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes:** Ballard, Jackson, Newman, Stepp, Terrazas, Wilson **Nays:** none

- B. Approve Lansing School Resource Officer Intergovernmental Agreement  
*I move to approve the Lansing School Resource Officer Intergovernmental Agreement as presented. This motion, made by Wilson and seconded by Terrazas, passed.*

**Upon Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes:** Ballard, Jackson, Newman, Stepp, Terrazas, Wilson **Nays:** none

- C. Approve increase in Police Sports and Activities Pay  
*I move to approve the police pay for TFD215 sports and activities as presented. This motion, made by Jackson and seconded by Newman, passed.*

**Upon Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes:** Ballard, Jackson, Newman, Stepp, Terrazas, Wilson **Nays:** none

- D. Approve Purchase of Grant Funded Technology  
*I move to approve the purchase of technology through the 2023-24 Digital Equity Relief Grant as presented. This motion, made by Wilson and seconded by Terrazas, passed.*

**Upon Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes:** Ballard, Jackson, Newman, Stepp, Terrazas, Wilson **Nays:** none

- E. Approve updated contract with Be Well for Student Substance Abuse Counseling Services  
*I move to approve the revised contract with Be Well for student substance abuse counseling services as presented. This motion, made by Jackson and seconded by Terrazas, passed.*

**Upon Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes:** Ballard, Jackson, Newman, Stepp, Terrazas, Wilson **Nays:** none

- F. Approve Appointment to Fill Vacant Board of Education Position/Oath of Office  
*I move to appoint Charles Townsend to the vacant Board of Education position. This motion, made by Wilson and seconded by Terrazas, passed.*

**Upon Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes:** Ballard, Jackson, Newman, Stepp, Terrazas, Wilson **Nays:** none

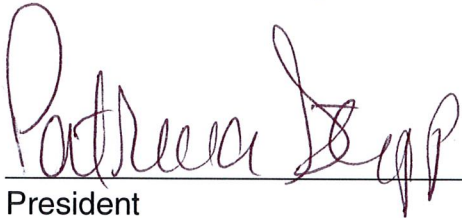
- G. Approve Student #2023-24A Alternative Placement  
*I move to approve the alternative placement for student 2023-24A as discussed in closed session. This motion, made by Wilson and seconded by Jackson, passed.*

**Upon Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes:** Ballard, Jackson, Newman, Stepp, Terrazas, Wilson **Nays:** none

**7. Adjourn**

*I move to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. This motion, made by Jackson and seconded by Newman, passed on voice vote.*

  
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President

  
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Secretary

  
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Recording Secretary