

**Regular Board of Education Meeting
January 23, 2024
Thornton Fractional Center for Academics & Technology
1605 Wentworth Ave., Calumet City, IL 60409
MINUTES**



1. Call to Order/Roll call

President Stepp called the committee of the whole meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Present: Ballard, Jackson, Newman, Stepp, Terrazas, Townsend, Wilson **Absent:** none

2. Pledge

3. Communication/Informational

3.A. Public Comments

- a. Sergio Hernandez—Mr. Hernandez stated he is hoping to get daughter back in school and their family really wants her back in school.
- b. IFT 683 Foundation—Mr. Stephan shared the foundation is raising funds to provide scholarships for students assist the homeless and those who face food insecurity. He commented that all three superintendents and boards have been great partnerships and thanked all for their assistance.

3.B. Freedom of Information Report

DATE	REQUESTOR	REQUEST	DATE RESPONDED
1/4/2024	Sheri Reid	<p>SmartProcure is submitting a commercial FOIA request to the Thornton Fractional Township High School District No. 215 for general purchasing records from 10/4/2023 to the current request date of 1/4/2024. Request details are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Our request is limited to readily available, fully electronic documents. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For the purpose of this request, "fully electronic" refers to dynamic PDF, Excel (csv., xlsx.), TXT or RTF files containing active text. ○ Files containing active text should allow the user to use their mouse/trackpad to highlight, select, copy and paste the text from the file. ● Responsive reports include those containing the following details per purchase: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1 Unique Identifier (i.e. PO #, Invoice #, Check #, Encumbrance #, etc.) ○ Purchase Date ○ Line item details ○ Line item quantity ○ Line item price ○ Vendor ID number, name, address, contact person and their email address 	1/5/2024

3.C. Monthly Suspension Reports

3.D. Future Meetings--February 14, 2024 Committee of the Whole; February 23, 2024 Regular Meeting

3.E. Building Reports--Principals gave their building reports.

3.F. Superintendent's Report—Mr. Robinzine shared the district is working with the Superintendents' Commission for the annual conference which benefits districts throughout the south suburbs. The gala raised over \$400,000. Ms. Bivens and Ms. Scaife have been nominated for awards at Chicago State University. He acknowledged Carol Brooks and Wendy Bivens for their work with CTE Showcase.

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 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 at 6:23 p.m. This motion, made by Member Wilson and seconded by Member Townsend, passed.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

Member Newman moved, seconded by Member Townsend that the Board of Education adjourn to open session at 8:55 p.m. Upon voice vote, motion carried.

5. **Consent**

I move to approve the consent agenda as presented, with the changes of item #4 of the personnel report resignation date to January 22, 2024 and to not accept the resignation of Dante Sampson (personnel report item 7.) This motion, made by Member Townsend and seconded by Member Wilson, passed.

5.A. Approve Minutes from the December 19, 2023 Open and Closed Sessions and January 10, 2024 Committee of the Whole

5.B. Approve Personnel Report

- a. It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the report of the retirement of Tracy Massucci, English Teacher at T.F. South, effective the last day of the 2025-2026 school term.
- b. It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the report of the retirement of Mary VanRoosendaal, World Language (French) Teacher at T.F. North, effective the last day of the 2025-2026 school term.
- c. It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the report of the resignation of Devon Cathcart, Deans' Assistant at T.F. South, effective December 22, 2023.
- d. It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the report of the resignation of Reginald Collins, Custodian at T.F. North, effective January 26, 2024.
- e. It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the report of the resignation of Colette Martin, Social Studies Teacher at T.F. South, effective the last day of the 2023-2024 school term.
- f. It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the report of the resignation of Dominique Richardson, Custodian at T.F. North, effective January 17, 2024.
- g. It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the report of the resignation of Dante Samson, Barbering Teacher at T.F. North, effective December 22, 2023.
- h. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the employment of Jessica Burt as a Special Education Paraprofessional at T.F. North, effective January 29, 2024.
- i. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the employment of James Diggs as a Custodian at T.F. North, effective February 8, 2024.
- j. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the employment of Rosa Jutzi as a Special Education Teacher at T.F. South, effective January 24, 2024.
- k. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the employment of Pauline Parker as a Special Education Paraprofessional at T.F. North, effective January 24, 2024.
- l. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the employment of Kayla Vaughn as a High School Teacher at T.F. North, effective January 24, 2024, through the last day of the 2023-2024 school year.
- m. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the temporary, part-time employment of Timothy Bales as a Music Program Clinician at T.F. North, effective January 24, 2024 through June 1, 2024 (\$2,500).
- n. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the temporary, part-time employment of Robert Frankich as a Music Program Clinician at T.F. North, effective January 24, 2024 through June 1, 2024 (\$4,000).
- o. 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 January 24, 2024 through June 1, 2024 (\$2,000).
- p. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the temporary, part-time employment of Mary Kratochwill as a Music Program Clinician at T.F. North, effective January 24, 2024 through June 1, 2024 (\$2,500).
- q. 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 January 24, 2024 through June 1, 2024 (\$6,000).
- r. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve discipline for Dawn Sosa, Culinary Arts/Business Teacher at T.F. Center, as discussed in closed session.
- s. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve intermittent FMLA leave for Wendy Bivins, Career Development Coordinator/Counselor at T.F. North, effective December 19, 2023 through February 13, 2024.
- t. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve FMLA leave for Daniel Cieslak, Maintenance Worker at T.F. South, effective January 8, 2024 through January 22, 2024.

- u. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve intermittent FMLA leave for Julie Drewno, Building Control Secretary at T.F. South, effective January 9, 2024 through May 31, 2024.
- v. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve intermittent FMLA leave for John Haney, Music Teacher at T.F. South, effective January 8, 2024 through June 4, 2024.
- w. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve intermittent FMLA leave for Michelle Langston, Building Control Secretary at T.F. North, effective March 25, 2024 through May 22, 2024.
- x. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve intermittent FMLA leave for Lauri Like, School Counselor at T.F. North, effective January 8, 2024 through June 4, 2024.
- y. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve intermittent FMLA leave for Allison Lukaszewski, Physical Education Teacher at T.F. North, effective September 19, 2023 through March 11, 2024.
- z. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve intermittent FMLA leave for Brianna Rising, Registrar at T.F. North, effective January 8, 2024 through June 30, 2024.
- aa. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve Kerry Schuldes as Mentor Coordinator (Spring 2024) for the District's educator mentor program.
- bb. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Academic Recovery staff for the Spring 2024 semester:
 - T.F. North
 - Saturday Program Supervisors (rotating) –Christin Passarelli, Brian Rucinski, DeVale Stubbs, Mychael Webb
 - Virtual Learning Facilitators – Tynesha Cunningham, Taylor Galvin, Michelle Jones, Centrese McGee, Juanita Medina, Rebecca Watt
 - Secretaries (rotating) – Michelle Langston, Jessica Paez
 - Deans' Assistant – Joshua Moore
 - T.F. South
 - Saturday Program Supervisors (rotating) – Brian Berghold, Cassandra Brackenridge, Paula Nardi, John O'Rourke
 - Virtual Learning Facilitators – Jillian Altenburg, Tameka Fowler, Twana Frelix-Lloyd, Bonny Gaspar, Yasmie Hill, Chiralaine Natschke, Katherine Russo, Chelsea Taylor, Monica Townes-Hudson, Rae Williams
 - Deans' Assistant – Tywania Griffin
 - Paraprofessionals – Martez Hodges, Cecelia Palmer
 - Secretaries (rotating) – Carmen Akers, Leah Clancy.
- cc. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Credit Recovery teachers for the Spring 2024 semester:
 - T.F. North
 - English – Maria Ramirez
 - Math – Dwight DeRamus.
- dd. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Homework Center Tutors for the spring 2024 semester:
 - T.F. North – Joseph Faron, Gregory Longo, Sheri Murawski, Michelle Potter, Sheila Raja, Jennifer Ramos
 - T.F. South – Margaret Blahunka, Tracy Burt-Lydon, Martez Hodges, Kelli McCullough, Kimberly Praser, Gregory Rizzo, Lauren Senter, Nicole Streit.
- ee. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following extra-curricular releases, resignations and appointments for the 2023-2024 school term:
 - Resignations:
 - Matthew Brandt, *Football Assistant Coach*, T.F. South
 - Blake Ruiz, *Softball Assistant Coach*, T.F. North
 - Appointments:
 - Sade May, *Contest Play Director*, T.F. North.
- ff. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following staff as Student Safety Monitors for the Spring 2024 semester:
 - T.F. North – Bianca Gomez, Gregory Longo, Cynthia McCraw, Jessica Matlock, Centrese McGee, Megan Weber
 - T.F. South – Aaron Bugajski, Timothy Cocco, John Conrad, Brandi Green-Primus, Mary Reid-Kujawa, Jamie Sawyer, Jamey Wallace, Sahed Yousef.
- gg. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Volunteers for the 2023-2024 school term: Robin Bell, Patrick Cornelius, Aisha Cowley, Joanna Galloway, Schan Parker, Chad Pilcher, Terry Turner.

5C. Approve/Accept the following Financial Items

- i. Accept December 2023 FTD Monthly Financial Statements
- ii. Approve December 2023/January 2024 Payables, \$4,292,048.53

Accounts Payable - List of Bills - Dec 2023/Jan 2024

Fund	Amount
Education	1,896,831.12
Operations and Maintenance	821,023.51
Debt Service	14,396.02
Transportation	391,735.72
Capital Projects	798,977.16
Tort Liability	369,085.00
Total	\$ 4,292,048.53

- iii. Approve December 2023/January 2024 Activities Bills, \$25,702.15

Student Activities - List of Bills - Dec 2023/Jan 2024

Fund	Amount
TF North Activities	13,488.67
TF South Activities	10,875.59
Admin/TF Center Activities	1,337.89
Total	\$ 25,702.15

- iv. Approve December Payroll, \$5,098,391.34

Payroll Report - December 2023

Fund	Amount
Education	4,798,778.96
Operations and Maintenance	297,746.86
Transportation	1,865.52
Total	\$ 5,098,391.34

- v. Approve Imprest December 2023/January 2024, \$3,169.50

Imprest - List of Bills - Dec 2023/Jan 2024

Fund	Amount
Education	782.00
Operations and Maintenance	2,160.00
Tort Liability	227.50
Total	\$ 3,169.50

- D. Approve Vendor Contract for Cody Albrecht to not exceed \$1,500
- E. Authorize scheduling of Drivers Education Fees Public Hearing
- F. Approve budget preparation calendar 2024/2025
- G. Accept Bond Post Issuance Compliance Report
- H. Approve 2025 TF South Yearbook Proposal from Walsworth Publishing Company in the amount of \$7,259.

- I. Approve destruction of closed session recordings for June 28, 2022 Regular Meeting and July 26, 2022 Regular Meeting in accordance with Policy 2:220

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

6. **Action**

6.A. Appoint John Robinzine as Superintendent for 2024-2026 and Approve Contract

I move to appoint John Robinzine as Superintendent for 2024-2026 and approve such contract as presented. This motion, made by Member Wilson and seconded by Member Townsend, passed.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

6.B. Accept FY2022/23 audited financial statements

I move to accept the 2022-23 audited financial statements as presented.

This motion, made by Member Jackson and seconded by Member Townsend, passed.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

6.C. Accept Roofing Bids for TF North and TF South

I move to approve the roofing bids to Knickerbocker Roofing & Paving Co. in the amount of \$513,000 for TF North and to L. Marshall Inc. in the amount of \$648,000 for TF South as presented.

This motion, made by Member Terrazas and seconded by Member Townsend, passed.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

6.D. Approve purchase of HVAC unit for the Center

I move to approve the purchase of a replacement HVAC unit for the Center in the amount of \$497,600 as presented.

This motion, made by Member Terrazas and seconded by Member Wilson, passed.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

6.E. Approve commencement of bid process for Elevator Modernization project and TF South HVAC replacement project

I move to approve commencement of the bid process for the Elevator Modernization projects at TFS, TFN, & TFC and the HVAC replacement project at TFS as presented.

This motion, made by Member Townsend and seconded by Member Jackson, passed.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

6.F. Approve Student 2023-24G Alternative Placement

I move to approve the alternative placement for student 2023-24G as discussed.

This motion, made by Member Wilson and seconded by Member Jackson, passed.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

6.G. Approve Student 2023-24H Alternative Placement

I move to approve the alternative placement for student 2023-24H as discussed.

This motion, made by Member Terrazas and seconded by Member Townsend, passed.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

6.H. Approve Student 2023-24I Alternative Placement

I move to approve the alternative placement for student 2023-24I as discussed.

This motion, made by Member Townsend and seconded by Member Wilson, passed.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

6.I. Approve Student 2023-24J Alternative Placement

*I move to approve the alternative placement for student 2023-24J as discussed.
This motion, made by Member Townsend and seconded by Member Terrazas, passed.*

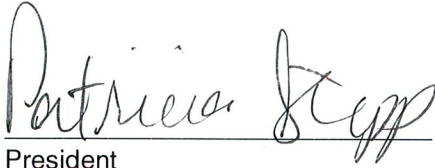
Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

7. Adjourn

I move to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

This motion, made by Member Wilson and seconded by Member Terrazas, passed on voice vote.



President



Secretary



Recording Secretary