

Tuesday, October 27, 2020
6:00 p.m.

Virtual meeting only. Email public comments to dnewman@tfd215.org by noon

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	I.	Call To Order	
	II.	Roll Call	
	III.	Communication A. Freedom of Information Report B. Public Comment C. Building Reports	
	IV.	Superintendent's Report	
Action	V.	Future Meetings A. Committee of the Whole, Special Meeting: Weds., Nov. 18, 5:00 p.m. B. Regular Meeting: Tues., Nov. 24, 6:00 p.m.	
Action Action Action Action Action Action	VI.	Approval of Minutes – Open & Closed A. Regular Meeting: 9.22.20 B. Budget Hearing: 9.22.20 C. BINA Hearing: 9.22.20 D. Special Meeting: 10.14.20 E. Committee of the Whole Meeting: 10.14.20	Exhibit 1
Action Action Action Action Action Action	VII.	New Business A. Community & Economic Development Association Agreement B. Crisis Plan 2020-21 C. Letter of Agreement: Student Action Team & Connections Club D. Approved Activities List E. Land Transfer Resolution School District 158 F. Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$18,000,000 General Obligation Limited Tax School Bonds of the District for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund and refunding certain outstanding bonds of the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, authorizing the execution of an escrow agreement in connection therewith, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchasers thereof.	Exhibit 2 Exhibit 3 Exhibit 4 Exhibit 5 Exhibit 6 Exhibit 7
	VIII.	Closed Session A. Personnel: Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal for Specific Employees B. Pending Litigation C. Collective Bargaining Matters	

Action	IX.	Finance Report	Exhibit 8
Action	X.	Personnel Report	Exhibit 9
	XI.	Adjourn	



Thornton Fractional
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 215
BURNHAM • CALUMET CITY • LANSING • LYNWOOD

To: Dr. Sophia Jones-Redmond
Superintendent

From: Dr. Rena Whitten
Executive Director of Student Services

Date: 09/21/2020

Subject: CEDA Linkage agreement

Please recommend that the Board of Education approve the Linkage Agreement between Community and Economic Development Association of Cook County, Inc. (CEDA) and Thornton Fractional Township High School District 215.

The Linkage Agreement outlines the expectations of both parties as it relates to the Life Skills program. The program has a tentative start date of Monday, September 21, 2020, with a continued session in December of 2020. The Linkage Agreement is attached for your review.

LETTER OF AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THORNTON FRACTIONAL TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 215

AND

LOCAL #683 AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS

LANE PLACEMENT FOR STUDENT ACTION TEAM & CONNECTIONS

The Board of Education and Local #683 agree that the positions of "Student Action Team" Sponsor and "Connections Club" Sponsor will be placed on Lane B of the Activities, Clubs, and Non-Athletics Schedule of Payments in Appendix B of the current Agreement.

Michael Bolz, President (Date)
Board of Education

Joseph H. Stephan III, President (Date)
AFT/IFT Local #683

**Thornton Fractional
District 215**

Memo

To: Board of Education
From: Dr. Jones-Redmond
Date: 10.21.2020
Re: Revised Approved Activities List

The Approved Activities List, which was passed by the Board in August, mistakenly removed Powerlifting from the TFN list of approved activities. This revised Approved Activities List re-adds Powerlifting to an approved and paid activity.

OVERVIEW OF APPROVED ACTIVITIES: The student programs are divided into four areas:

Campus	Category I - Performance
N S	Scholastic Bowl # •
N S	Chess # •
N S	Drama
N S	Group Interpretation # •
N S	Mathletes •
N S	Speech # •
N S	Instrumental Music # •
N S	Choral Music # •
S	Contest Play # •
Campus	Category II - Co-Curricular
N S	Newspaper # •
N S	Yearbook # •
C	CAD Club @ N
C	CWT @ S
C	Auto Mechanics @ N
C	Auto Collision @ N
Campus	Category III - Special Interest
N	Freshman Class
S	Freshman / Sophomore Class
N	Sophomore Class
N S	Junior Class
N S	Senior Class
S	Art Club •
S	Drama Club
N S	Creative Arts / Literary Magazine •
N S	Environmental / Science •
N S	TV Production
N	Monogram
N S	Student Council •
N S	NHS •
S	Pep Club
S	SADD
S	Foreign Language / Cultural Exploration
N S	Best Buddies
N S	History Club
S	GSA Gay Straight Alliance
N	P.R.I.D.E.
N S	Peer Mediators
S	Senior Ambassadors
S	Mock Trial Team
S	Science/Forensics
N	Visual Arts •
S	Girls Club
N	Student Action Team
N	Connections
N	STARS Girls Club
N S	Future Teachers of America
N S	Equity Student Leadership Club
N	Powerlifting
Campus	Category IV - Non Paid -2 Year Probation
N	Brother 2 Brother (12.2018)
N	Dreamers Club (7.1.2019)
S	Latin Dance Crew (8.6.2019)
S	Dreamers Club (9.2019)

- SSC Conference Required # IHSA Competition @ N or S Bookkeeper

REVISED 10.27.20

**RESOLUTION FOR THE TRANSFER OF REAL ESTATE PURSUANT TO THE
ILLINOIS LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROPERTY TRANSFER ACT**

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Lansing School District 158, Cook County, Illinois (“School District 158 Board”) desires to use and improve a real property site located within real property (“Site”) owned by the Board of Education of Thornton Fractional Township High School District 215 (“School District 215 Board”); and

WHEREAS, the Site is approximately 0.25 acres located in Lansing, Illinois approximately 162 feet west of Greenbay Avenue, and approximately 69 feet south of Illinois Street at the northeast corner of real property owned by the School District 215 Board, the legal description of which is attached hereto in Exhibit A to this Resolution, and the boundaries of which are detailed in a property exhibit, attached hereto as Exhibit B to this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the *Illinois Local Government Property Transfer Act* (50 ILCS 605/0.01 *et seq.*) permits a School District to transfer real property to another School District under certain circumstances if the School Districts’ boundaries are adjacent to each other; and

WHEREAS, the Site is adjacent to the boundaries of real property owned by the School District 158 Board, and boundaries of real property owned by the School District 215 Board; and

WHEREAS, the School District 158 Board has declared by resolution that it is necessary or convenient for it to use, occupy, or improve the Site for a public purpose pursuant to Section 2 of the *Illinois Local Government Property Transfer Act* (50 ILCS 605/2), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit C; and

WHEREAS, a survey and title search have revealed that there are no “restrictions” on the Site, as that term is defined in the *Illinois Local Government Property Transfer Act*

WHEREAS, the School District 215 Board desires to transfer the Site to the School District 158 Board pursuant to Section 2(a) of the *Illinois Local Government Property Transfer Act*.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Thornton Fractional Township High School District 215, Cook County, Illinois as follows:

Section 1: That the foregoing recitals are determined to be accurate and incorporated into this Resolution by reference.

Section 2: That the School District 215 Board hereby declares by resolution that it shall transfer the Site by instrument of conveyance to the School District 158 Board pursuant to Section 2(a) of the *Illinois Local Government Property Transfer Act* (50 ILCS 605/2(a)).

Section 3: That any actions required to effectuate the transfer of the Site are the responsibility of the Superintendent and/or her designee with cooperation from the Superintendent of the School District 158 Board and/or his designee.

Member _____ moved for the adoption of the foregoing Resolution and

Member _____ seconded the motion.

Upon roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

Adopted this _____ day of October, 2020.

President, Board of Education

Attest: _____
Secretary, Board of Education

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF COOK)

CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES AND RESOLUTION

I, _____, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of Thornton Fractional High School District 215, Cook County, Illinois, and as that official, I am the keeper of the records and files of the Board of Education of the School District.

I do further certify that the foregoing Resolution for the Transfer of Real Estate Pursuant to the *Illinois Local Government Property Transfer Act* is a true, correct, and complete copy of that Resolution as adopted by the Board of Education of the School District at a meeting held on the _____ day of October, 2020.

I do further certify that the deliberations of the members of the Board of Education on the adoption of the Resolution were taken openly; that the vote on the adoption of the Resolution was taken openly; that the meeting was held at a specified time and place convenient to the public; that notice of the meeting was duly given to all newspapers, radio or television stations, and other news media requesting notice; and that the meeting was called and held in strict compliance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/1, *et seq.*, and the applicable provisions of the School Code of the State of Illinois and the this Board of Education has complied with all of the applicable provisions of that Act and Code and with all of the procedural rules of the Board of Education.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature, this _____ day of October, 2020.

Secretary, Board of Education

EXHIBIT A
(TO RESOLUTION FOR THE TRANSFER OF REAL ESTATE PURSUANT TO THE
ILLINOIS LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROPERTY TRANSFER ACT)

Legal Description of Site:

THAT PART OF LOTS 6, 7, 18, 19 AND THAT PART OF THE VACATED ALLEY LYING BETWEEN SAID LOTS 6, 7, 18 & 19 IN BLOCK 9 IN SCHULTZ HIGHLANDS, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 36 NORTH, RANGE 15 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 6 ALSO BEING A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF ILLINOIS STREET EXTENDED WESTERLY; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 04 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOTS 6 & 7 ALSO BEING THE WEST LINE OF GREENBAY AVENUE FOR A DISTANCE OF 71.21 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 56 SECONDS WEST, 169.83 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 04 SECONDS WEST, 71.16 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 19 ALSO BEING A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF ILLINOIS STREET EXTENDED WESTERLY; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 56 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID LINE, 169.83 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

CONTAINING 12,090 SQUARE FEET.

PART OF P.I.N. #30-31-414-025



MEMORANDUM

Date: October 20, 2020

To: Dr. Sophia Jones-Redmond
Superintendent

From: Teresa A. Bishop
Executive Director of Finance/CSBO

Subject: Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$18,000,000 General Obligation Limited Tax School Bonds of the District for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund and refunding certain outstanding bonds of the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, authorizing the execution of an escrow agreement in connection therewith, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchasers thereof

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the attached resolution to issue bonds.

NOTE

Mr. James Rachlin of Meristem Advisors will be in attendance at the board meeting to address any questions.

**Thornton Fractional Township High Schools
District 215
Tuesday, October 27, 2020
Financial Items**

1. List of Bills

Fund	Regular Bills	Imprest Bills
Educational	\$ 1,102,424.73	\$ 50.97
Special Education		
Operations and Maintenance	\$ 175,650.91	
Debt Service		
Transportation	\$ 32,547.71	
Capital Projects		
Tort Liability	\$ 27,368.25	
Totals	\$ 1,337,991.60	\$ 50.97

Recommended Motion:

That the Board of Education approve the payment of Regular Bills in the amount of **\$1,337,991.60** and Imprest Bills in the amount of **\$50.97**

2. Payroll

Monthly Payroll Report

Fund	
Education	\$ 2,595,117.46
Operations Building Maintenance	\$ 162,779.87
Transportation	\$ 1,076.92
Total	\$ 2,758,974.25

Recommended Motion:

That the Board of Education accept the Monthly Payroll Report for the month of September, 2020 in the amount of **\$2,758,974.25** and approve payment for the month of November, 2020.

3. Consultant/Vendors

Company/Club	Purpose/Item	Amount
Dr. Teresa A. Lance	Represent District 215 in court proceedings	\$ 3,565.35
Reka Basemore	Cosmetology/Barber Program Consultant	\$ 1,250.00

Recommended Motion:

That the Board of Education approve the above listed contract(s) for the 2020-21 school year.

4. Grants, Gifts and Donations

<u>Company/Club</u>	<u>Purpose/Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Elementary and Secondary Relief - Digital Equity Grant	To purchase chromebooks for students	\$ 223,243.00

Recommended Motion:

That the Board of Education accept the above Grant(s)/Donation(s) for the 2020-21 school year.

5. Disposal of Obsolete Property

Recommended Motion:

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to dispose items of surplus or obsolete property not needed for school purposes.

Please see attached.

6. Commence the Bid Process - Roofing & Interior Doors North and South

Recommended Motion:

That the Board of Education approve to move forward with the bid process for the proposed roofing work and interior door replacement discussed during the Committee of the Whole meeting on October 14, 2020.

See attached memo.

**PERSONNEL REPORT
OCTOBER 27, 2020**

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| 1. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the revised 2020-2021 employment contract of Dr. Rena Whitten as Assistant Superintendent of Student Services & Equity. | ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACT
DR. RENA WHITTEN |
| 2. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following sixth assignments, based on T.F. North Math Teacher James Lick's leave of absence:

Meghan Csoke, effective 10/13/2020 through 11/13/2020;
Carol Horak, effective 10/13/2020 through 11/13/2020;
Tareg Mansour, effective 10/06/2020 through 11/13/2020;
Sheila Raja, effective 10/07/2020 through 11/13/2020;
Cathleen Stadt, effective 10/06/2020 through 11/13/2020. | SIXTH ASSIGNMENTS |
| 3. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve intermittent FMLA leave for Juan Barraza Garcia, Sous-Chef at T.F. Center, effective September 25, 2020 through the remainder of the 2020-2021 school term. | FMLA LEAVE (INTERMITTENT)
JUAN BARRAZA GARCIA |
| 4. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve intermittent FMLA leave for Yolanda Robinson, Cafeteria Aide at T.F. North, effective for the 2020-2021 school term. | FMLA LEAVE (INTERMITTENT)
YOLANDA ROBINSON |
| 5. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve intermittent FMLA leave for William Steinbach, Custodian at T.F. North, effective August 16, 2020 through the remainder of the 2020-2021 school term. | FMLA LEAVE (INTERMITTENT)
WILLIAM STEINBACH |
| 6. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following staff for the 2020-2021 Behind-the-Wheel Driver's Education Program:
<u>T.F. South</u>
Chester Hanson | BEHIND-THE-WHEEL DRIVER'S
EDUCATION PROGRAM |
| 7. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following extra-curricular releases, resignations and appointments, effective immediately:

<u>T.F. South</u>

<u>Resignations:</u>
Christopher Roberts, <i>Mock Trial Sponsor</i> | EXTRA-CURRICULAR RELEASES,
RESIGNATIONS & APPOINTMENTS |
| 8. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Substitute Teacher for the 2020-2021 school term:
Gabriela Acero. | SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS |