Committee of the Whole
October 9, 2024
Thornton Fractional Center for Academics & Technology
1605 Wentworth Ave.
Calumet City, IL 60409
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### 1. Welcome/Roll Call

President Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Ballard, Jackson, Newman, Terrazas, Townsend, Wilson Absent:

### 2. Communication/Public Comment

# 3. Buildings Grounds/Safety Committee--Member Townsend

- A. Construction Project Update
  - i. South HVAC work—one HVAC system has arrived, and the second is in transit; Mr. Stephan added that there have been a series of issues with the contractor, however we haven't missed a swim meet.
  - ii. South Roof project—The project is being cleaned up and went well. The roofing consultant oversaw the project which played a major factor in how smooth it went.
  - iii. North Roof project—Went well and the project is mostly done.
  - iv. North Turf/Track project—Working on drawings and the civil engineer, hope to be out to bid in November.
  - v. CAT Center Roof Top Unit Installation—It took three different days to get the unit on the roof and tomorrow is the official start of unit
- B. Building Usage Report—Thunderbolts are interested in renting again and owes us \$1,600. We won't rent to them until receive payment for past usage.

#### 4. Finance Committee--Member Jackson

- C. School Maintenance Grant—This is a \$50,000 grant and as long as a district applies for it, it is awarded. Will ask for board approval at October meeting.
- D. Stronger Connections and Cops Grants—District was awarded \$198,310 for Safer Communities grant and \$500,000 through COPS Grant. Our focus is student safety and a friendly environment. We will have stakeholders involved, including board representation and target July 1, 2025 start up. There are protocols and procedures that must be adhered to, and we have been meeting with other schools who have implemented such systems. Mr. Robinzine stated we will be developing specific messaging and give students opportunities to practice with entrances, etc. There are a lot of logistics to determine. Discussion included that no building will be excluded and that the systems are portable and can be used at any large event. There will be extensive training.

#### 5. Curriculum Committee--Member Ballard

- E. AP Psychology Resources—Based on need for AP Psychology—approval presented in October.
- F. Schoology Rollout Update—The system is fully implemented and has been an over two-year process for a common place for digital curriculum. Teachers use it to varying degrees based on needs; it is not required but everyone must do a syllabus and lesson plan if out. It will simplify the e-learning process, and the district is not mandating assignments or curriculum. Feedback from teachers has been collected through surveys at end of trainings regarding training and product. Trainings have been modified based on the feedback. There will always be staff who like it and some who don't, but it does simplify access to resources. The team looks at criticisms and tries to address them. There are identified staff at each campus who can assist if there are questions.

### 6. Behavior Intervention/Parent-Teacher Advisory Committee--Member Newman

a. Student Supports MOU's—The principals presented their plans to the board and this year has a mental health focus. There are exciting events and work planned for all programming including a

Cotillion, the expansion of BAM and substance abuse assistance through the Southland Juvenile Justice Council.

TFS had to shift to digital ID system because couldn't print IDs. The Five Star program was in place so the shift was made. It is expansive in what it can do and can also be used for reports which supports the school improvement plans.

## 7. Adjourn

I move to adjourn the meeting at 6:41p.m. This motion, made by Member Townsend and seconded by Member Terrazas, passed on voice vote.

President

Recording Secretary