

**Regular Board of Education Meeting**  
**July 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 meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following roll call:

**Present:** Ballard, Jackson (left at 8:03 p.m.), Newman, Stepp, Terrazas, Townsend, Wilson **Absent:**

**2. Communication/Informational**

- A. Public Comments--none
- B. Freedom of Information Report--none
- C. Future Meetings--August 14, 2024 CoW Meeting; August 27, 2024 Regular Meeting
- D. Building Reports-- Reports were presented by Principals Ray Williams for T.F. Center, Lisa Bouler for T.F. South, Brian Rucinski, T.F. North.
  
- E. Superintendent's Report
  - 1) SRO—Superintendent Robinzine updated the Board that the Lansing PD is willing to provide a new well-trained school resource officer for TF South. They wish to do what is best for students and the district. This will require board approval as in the past. Discussion included utilizing Lynwood police which would have required rotation coverage, and it was uncertain if all of those on rotation would go through the SRO training. Board consensus is to go with Lansing who are also trained in restorative justice and conflict resolution. Having the SRO positive presence will help with culture of the school.
  - 2) TIF Agreement Status—Superintendent Robinzine shared administration is looking for consensus to proceed with the process, although not making an agreement to the TIF itself--was to work on drawing up agreement for distribution. District 215 doesn't want to be the one to say we are holding up progress and the district is getting something with the two-year agreement. Consensus is to move forward recognizing a couple of members have reluctance. Having a longer term would create a time issue.
  - 3) Special Education Support—Superintendent Robinzine referenced the job description and outline for support. He is asking for approval from the Board to move forward with posting the position. There is an approximate 10% increase in students requiring services and the regulations require more paperwork. The position would focus on instruction, strategies for individual students and implementation of IEPs. The consensus was to post the position.
  - 4) IBEW MOU—Superintendent Robinzine stated the value of keeping the program available and will be working on MOU for another three years. The district will pay 43% of salary and IBEW pick up rest. A legal review of the MOU will be done presenting for approval.
  - 5) Superintendent Robinzine showed the hats being purchased for students to purchase.
  - 6) Request is to show documents with discussion.

**3. Closed Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, independent contractors, specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body and litigation.**

I move to recess to closed session at 6:42 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, independent contractors, specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body and litigation. This motion, made by Member Wilson and seconded by Member Townsend passed.

**Upon Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes:** Ballard, Jackson, Newman, Stepp, Terrazas, Townsend, Wilson **Absent:**

*Member Newman moved, seconded by Member Townsend that the Board of Education adjourn to open session at 7:53 p.m. Upon voice vote, motion carried.*

#### **4. Consent**

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

- A. Approve Minutes from the June 25, 2024 Open and Closed Sessions, July 2, 2024 Special Meeting Open and Closed Sessions
- B. Approve Personnel Report
  - 1) It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the report of the resignation of Ericka Johnson-Jones, English Teacher at T.F. North, effective August 1, 2024.
  - 2) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the resignation of Tonja Perry, Special Education Paraprofessional at T.F. South, effective June 4, 2024.
  - 3) It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the report of the resignation of Ryan Richardson, Deans' Assistant at T.F. South, effective June 4, 2024.
  - 4) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the dismissal of Jacob Moore, Custodian at T.F. South, effective July 23, 2024.
  - 5) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the dismissal of LaJuan Townsend, Custodian at T.F. North, effective July 23, 2024.
  - 6) It is recommended that the Board of Education rescind the employment of Lucas Gunby as a Barbering Teacher at T.F. North, effective for the 2024-2025 school term.
  - 7) It is recommended that the Board of Education rescind the employment of Naomi Lugo as a Special Education Paraprofessional at T.F. South, effective August 12, 2024.
  - 8) It is recommended that the Board of Education rescind the employment of Joseph Williams III as a Deans' Assistant at T.F. South, effective August 12, 2024.
  - 9) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the employment of Lamar Blank as a Deans' Assistant at T.F. South, effective August 12, 2024.
  - 10) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the employment of Stephanie Cheers as a Music Teacher at T.F. North, effective for the 2024-2025 school term.
  - 11) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the employment of Helen Griffith as a Cafeteria Aide at T.F. South, effective August 12, 2024.
  - 12) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the employment of Alejandro Hernandez as a Math Teacher at T.F. North, effective for the 2024-2025 school term.
  - 13) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the employment of Mia Johnson as School Receptionist at T.F. North, effective July 25, 2024.
  - 14) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the employment of Rosalva Nieto as a World Language (Spanish) Teacher at T.F. North, effective for the 2024-2025 school term.
  - 15) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the employment of Kayenat Patil as Network & Security Engineer, effective August 6, 2024.
  - 16) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the employment of Jonathan Perez as a Cafeteria Aide at T.F. South, effective August 12, 2024.
  - 17) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the employment of Kimberly Richmond as a Cafeteria Aide at T.F. South, effective August 12, 2024.
  - 18) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the employment of Christina Sisson as Attendance Support Clerk at T.F. North, effective for the 2024-2025 school term.
  - 19) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the employment of Sherry Smith as a Custodian at T.F. North, effective August 5, 2024.
  - 20) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the employment of Adrian Vargas-Ibarra as a Math Teacher at T.F. South, effective for the 2024-2025 school term.
  - 21) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the re-employment of Kayla Vaughn as an English Teacher at T.F. North, effective for the 2024-2025 school term.
  - 22) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve a sixth assignment for Cynthia Krusza to teach Spanish at T.F. North for the 2024-2025 school term.



- 23) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve intermittent FMLA leave for Rebecca Adorno, Custodian at T.F. South, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.
- 24) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve intermittent FMLA leave for Regina Houston, Cafeteria Aide at T.F. North, effective for the 2024-2025 school term.
- 25) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve intermittent FMLA leave for Stacie Hunt, Dean of Students at T.F. North, effective for the 2024-2025 school term.
- 26) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve intermittent FMLA leave for Brianna Rising, Registrar at T.F. North, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.
- 27) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve FMLA leave for Dawn Sosa, CTE Teacher at T.F. Center, effective August 12, 2024 through November 8, 2024.
- 28) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following staff for 2024 Freshman Orientation:
- T.F. North  
*Facilitators* - Matthew Cervantes, Diane Miller-DeSoto, Joseph Faron, Jennifer Gillespie, Michelle Lencioni, Rindi Ortiz, Erik Perez, Ann Pittman, Shaunwell Posley, Elizabeth Stramaglia  
*Group Leaders* - Jennifer Biggs, Lisa Boersma, Jennifer Galvan, Bianca Gomez, Catherine Hood, Kimberly Isberg, Tareg Mansour, Samantha Rosell, Kerry Schuldes  
*Supervisors/Assistant Leaders* - Aaron Altenburg, Maria Chavez, Bobby Mattison, Maria Ramirez, Mary VanRoosendaal
- T.F. South  
*Facilitators* – Cynthia Benson, Holly Blair, Aaron Bugajski, Sarah McMahel, Gail Meyer, Joseph Napier, Jordan Oliva, Therese Pecora, Douglas Schlessler, Sahed Yousef  
*Group Leaders* – Hannah Berridge, Leo Bonin, Lauren Bruntjens, Dwight DeRamus, Jasmine Gardner, Shane Mosel, Deborah Murtaugh, Jesemin Onayo, Giena Palmer-Reed, Kimberly Praser, M. Suzette Sinda  
*Supervisors/Assistant Leaders* – Lourdes Angel, Dynecia Dixon, Carmencita Isby, Anthony Paulauski, Ronnie Petrey, Tammie Pitts, Danna Ready, Jill Ridgley, Lilliana Riordan, Gregory Rizzo, Christopher Roberts, Lauren Senter
- 29) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following New Educator Mentors for the District's 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 Educator Mentor Program: Samantha Rosell, Rebecca Watt.
- 30) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Driver Education Behind-the-Wheel Teachers for the 2024-2025 school term:  
*T.F. South* – Chester Hanson IV, Matthew Johnson, Alejandro Lagunas, Robert Padjen, Dale Pietranczyk, Chris Pruitt, Jamey Wallace.
- 31) It is recommended that the Board of Education release the following 2024 Summer Camp staff:  
T.F. North--Football – Chance Peggs
- 32) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following extra-curricular releases, resignations, and appointments for the 2024-2025 school term:  
Releases:  
 Chance Peggs, *Football Volunteer Assistant Coach*, T.F. North  
Resignations:  
 Ryan Richardson, *Senior Ambassadors Sponsor*, T.F. South  
Appointments:  
 Stephanie Cheers, *Band Director*, T.F. North  
 Dion Crowder, *Wrestling Assistant Coach*, T.F. South  
 BreAnne Podgorski, *Girls' Volleyball Volunteer Assistant Coach*, T.F. South  
 Kurt Rigsby, *Wrestling Assistant Coach*, T.F. South  
 Michael Tisza, *Wrestling Head Coach*, T.F. South
- 33) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Substitute Teachers for the 2024-2025 school term:  
 Yvette Anderson, Donald Brown, Mozella Brown, Ronald Chatmon, Monique Doyle, Patricia Ecton, Sarah Follenweider, Christel Franklin, Melanie Franks-Jones, Jayln Gales, Brandon

Gatewood, Marganice Gilbert, Lucas Gunby, Cherish Hall, Kyle Hallberg, Kenneth Karrson, Julie Kelly, Mary Kratochwill, Lydia Lopes, Justin Minor, Joaana Miranda, Michael Nieto, Robert Padjen, Jenette Pogvara, Kay Pyron-Harts, Berta Salazar, Angela Solomon-Echols, Tiffany Ward.

34) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Student Workers for Future Teacher 2024 Summer Academy:

Chikanyima Anene, Kamsiyochi Anene, Favor Babatunde, Trent Biegel, Natalia Espinoza, Natalie Gonzalez, Imani Henderson, Jada Johnson, Jayda Johnson, Rayne Jones, Bianca Loera, Kenan Maxey, Enoch Okpubigho, Jakeline Perez, Mariyah Reed, Vivica Rivera, Raheemson Saadah, Jada Sampson, Taylor Stephenson, Godiv Tordjo.

35) It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Volunteers for the 2024-2025 school term: Tiffany Dickson, Raymond Russell, Leslie Williams.

C. Approve/Accept the following Financial Items

- 1) Accept June 2024 FTD Monthly Financial Statements
- 2) Approve June 2024/July 2024 Payables, \$3,082,386.58

**Accounts Payable - List of Bills - June 2024/July 2024**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Educational	1,765,355.47
Special Education	-
Operations and Maintenance	625,914.83
Debt Service	3,036.38
Transportation	452,950.82
Capital Projects	67,420.63
Tort Liability	167,708.45
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,082,386.58</b>

- 3) Approve June 2024/July 2024 Activities Bills, \$5,965.01

**Student Activities - List of Bills - June 2024/July 2024**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>
TF North Activities	5,348.90
TF South Activities	616.11
Admin/TF Center Activities	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,965.01</b>

- 4) Approve June 2024 Payroll, \$892,191.91

**Payroll Report - June 2024**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Education	691,868.46
Operations and Maintenance	199,079.76
Transportation	1,243.69
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 892,191.91</b>

- 5) Approve Imprest June 2024/July 2024, \$12,606.98

**Imprest - List of Bills - June 2024/July 2024**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Educational	1,500.00
Special Education	-
Operations and Maintenance	2,466.34
Debt Service	8,640.64

Transportation	-
Capital Projects	-
Tort Liability	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 12,606.98</b>

- D. Approve vendor contract for Socorro Evans to serve as TF North Family Liaison
- E. Approve vendor contract for Tonya Reed to serve as TF North Family Liaison
- F. Approve vendor contract for Darvel Stinson to serve as TF South Family Liaison
- G. Approve vendor contract for Teresa Stegall-Henri to serve as TF South Family Liaison
- H. Approve TF North Spanish Honor Society Club
- I. Approve Academic Tutoring Contract for Staff SAT Prep

**Upon Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes:** Ballard, Jackson, Newman, Stepp, Terrazas, Townsend, Wilson **Absent:**

**6. Action**

- A. Approve Letter of Agreement with Local 683 regarding Subbing  
*I move to approve the Subbing LoA with Local 683 as presented. This motion, made by Member Newman and seconded by Member Wilson, passed.*

**Upon Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes:** Ballard, Jackson, Newman, Stepp, Terrazas, Townsend, Wilson **Absent:**

- B. Settlement Agreement with former employee  
*I move to approve the settlement agreement and release of claims with Janine Collins as presented. This motion, made by Member Newman and seconded by Member Townsend, passed.*

**Upon Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes:** Ballard, Jackson, Newman, Stepp, Terrazas, Townsend, Wilson **Absent:**

- C. **Closed Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, independent contractors, specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body.**  
*I move to recess to closed session at 7:54 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, independent contractors, specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body. This motion, made by Member Townsend and seconded by Member Wilson, passed.*

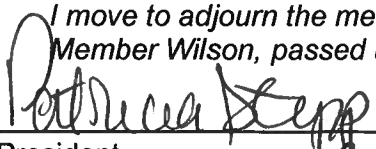
**Upon Roll Call Vote:**


**Ayes:** Ballard, Newman, Stepp, Terrazas, Townsend, Wilson **Nays:** Jackson **Absent:**

*Member Newman moved, seconded by Member Wilson that the Board of Education adjourn to open session at 8:35 p.m. Upon voice vote, motion carried.*

**D. Adjourn**

*I move to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m. This motion, made by Member Townsend and seconded by Member Wilson, passed upon voice vote.*

  
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President

  
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Secretary

  
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Recording Secretary