

**Special Board of Education Meeting  
August 7, 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.

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

**2. Public Comment—none**

**3. Closed Session—not convened**

**4. Approve Personnel Report**

*Move to approve the Personnel Report as presented. This motion, made by Member Newman and seconded by Member Ballard passed.*

- A. It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the report of the resignation of Da'Shun Brown, Lead IT Specialist at T.F. South, effective August 15, 2024.
- B. It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the report of the resignation of Diana Muhammad Hayden, Audio/Visual/Video Production Teacher at T.F. South, effective June 4, 2024.
- C. It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the report of the resignation of Malachi Peterson, Deans' Assistant at T.F. Center, effective June 4, 2024.
- D. It is recommended that the Board of Education rescind the employment of Samuel Joe, Jr. as a Deans' Assistant at T.F. Center, effective August 12, 2024.
- E. It is recommended that the Board of Education rescind the employment of Kayenat Patil as Network & Security Engineer, effective August 6, 2024.
- F. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the employment of Kelton Auston as a Deans' Assistant at T.F. Center, effective August 12, 2024.
- G. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the employment of Larry Bell as a Deans' Assistant at T.F. South, effective August 12, 2024.
- H. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the employment of John'Te Crawford as a Deans' Assistant at T.F. South, effective August 12, 2024.
- I. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the employment of Braquel Ford as a Deans' Assistant at T.F. Center, effective August 12, 2024.
- J. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the employment of Bruce Hill as a Custodian at T.F. North, effective August 8, 2024.
- K. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the employment of Robert Tucker as a Special Education Paraprofessional at T.F. South, effective August 12, 2024.
- L. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the employment of Alexander Vrbanoff as an English Teacher for first semester and a High School Teacher at T.F. South for second semester of the 2024-2025 school term.
- M. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the employment of Amir Wright as a Deans' Assistant at T.F. Center, effective August 12, 2024.
- N. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the re-employment of Walter Thomas as a Custodian at T.F. South, effective August 8, 2024.
- O. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve FMLA leave for Rena Fonville, Cosmetology Teacher at T.F. North, effective August 12, 2024 through September 19, 2024.
- P. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve FMLA leave for Robin Kosarko, Custodian at T.F. Center, effective August 27, 2024 through September 23, 2024.
- Q. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve FMLA leave for Jorge Navarrete, Automotive Collision Repair Teacher at T.F. Center, effective August 12, 2024 through August 30, 2024.

- R. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve intermittent FMLA leave for Michele Owens, Art Teacher at T.F. South, effective for the 2024-2025 school term.
- S. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve intermittent FMLA leave for Elvis Slaughter, Special Education Paraprofessional at T.F. South, effective for the 2024-2025 school term.
- T. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve intermittent FMLA leave for Lana Zentz, Chef at T.F. South, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.
- U. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following extra-curricular releases, resignations, and appointments for the 2024-2025 school term:

Resignations:

Kelli Herlitz, *Girls Track Assistant Coach*, T.F. South  
 Courtney Podgorski, *Girls Volleyball Assistant Coach*, T.F. South

Appointments:

Zachary Belin, *Football Volunteer Assistant Coach*, T.F. South  
 Hannah Berridge, *Dreamers Club Sponsor*, T.F. South  
 Lauren Bruntjens, *Art Club Sponsor*, T.F. South  
 Alejandra Garcia, *Latin Dance Crew Sponsor*, T.F. South  
 Tywania Griffin, *Senior Ambassadors Co-Sponsor*, T.F. South  
 Julie Kersaan-Potsic, *Contest Play Sponsor*, T.F. South  
 Julie Kersaan-Potsic, *Drama Assistant Sponsor*, T.F. South  
 BreAnne Podgorski, *Girls Volleyball Assistant Coach*, T.F. South  
 Kimberly Sands, *Senior Ambassadors Co-Sponsor*, T.F. South  
 Amir Wright, *Baseball Head Coach*, T.F. South  
 Sahed Yousef, *Anime Club Sponsor*, T.F. South

- V. 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. North* – David Hamilton, Centrese McGee, Adam Polensky, Frederick Schuldes, Richard Watson.
- W. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following 2024 Summer Camp staff:  
T.F. South  
*Boys' Basketball* – Corey Lockwood.
- X. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Substitute Teachers for the 2024-2025 school term: Anthony Epah, Capri Howard, Lester Hampton.
- Y. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Volunteers for the 2024-2025 school term: Janetta Goines.

**Upon Roll Call Vote:**

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

**5. Approve MOU with IBEW**

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

**Upon Roll Call Vote:**

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

**6. Approve restorative justice contract with Wise Works, LLC**

*I move to approve the restorative justice contract with Wise Works, LLC in the amount of \$3,499 as presented. This motion, made by Member Wilson and seconded by Member Newman, passed.*

**Upon Roll Call Vote:**

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

**7. Adjourn**

*I move to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 p.m. This motion, made by Member Townsend and seconded by Member Wilson, passed on voice vote.*

*Patricia Stepp*

President

*Merea Ballard*

Secretary

*[Signature]*

Recording Secretary