

**Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting and the Business Meeting of the
Board of Education of Hawthorn Community Consolidated District Number 73, Lake County, Illinois
held in the Board Room at 841 West End Court, Vernon Hills, IL 60061 at**

7:00 p.m. on 17th day of October, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

President Robin Cleek called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 7:00p.m. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Attendance already taken in preceding closed session; all School Board members present. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Pete Hannigan and Abe Singh, CSBO, Director of Finance and Business Operations.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Stephanie Jimenez, Sarah Grover and Heather Rabbitt addressed the School Board individually to discuss their concern with the IASB Resolution allowing arming teachers at Illinois Public schools. All three residents were opposed to such legislation being approved.

RECOGNITION – School Board President Robin Cleek congratulated Emma F. and Clara S. who will be continuing to state in the IESA State Cross Country Championship.

DISCUSSION TOPICS – PRESS Issue 101, discussed ensued regarding the subcommittee recommendations of the majority of the issue. It was a light, maintenance issue. There are a few questions which need to be answered to approve: 2:230, 4:20 & 6:340. Dr. Patil asked about the report mentioned in updated policy 2:140, it will be reviewed in more detail and answered before voting on Issue 101 at the next BOE meeting on 11/13/19.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Dr. Hannigan mentioned a couple of math program pilots, Eureka and the Bridges program. As part of a "going green" initiative, student reports/ test scores will now be available on Power School Vault. He was recently interviewed at the Hawthorn School for Young Learners by Channel 4, the interview will be available there as well as through links via Hawthorn Highlights and social media. The Board Room will be somewhat re-organized for the next School Board meeting to see if an updated configuration offers better seating.

BOARD REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – President Robin Cleek reported that the IASB Resolutions packet have been received, please review them so that it may be discussed in November. Also we need a volunteer for the delegate assembly for the Triple III Conference. The "Board Norms" have been received from Reatha Owen at the IASB.

ED-RED – Vickey Helander-Heiser reported that ED-RED is off to a flying start, there are three Ad-Hoc committees, school finance, mandates, funded and non-funded and their impacts. There is a group practitioner legislative team which will be utilized as go-to sources as ED-RED need arises. She will serve on the mandate committee but will report to us on all three groups.

SEDOL – Matt Jacobs stated that SEDOL will meet in December. Dr. Hannigan added that SEDOL has added an additional Asst. Principal, additional staff members and another Student Resource Officer.

ADJOURNMENT – Dr. Sonali Patil *made a motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting, seconded by Wesley Polen; C/oW meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. All in favor.*

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

CALL TO ORDER – Robin Cleek called the Regular Business Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL – George Fievet, called attendance with the following Board of Education members present: Sonali Patil, Joel Finfer, Victoria Helander-Heiser, Wesley Polen, Matt Jacobs, George Fievet and Robin Cleek. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Pete Hannigan and Abe Singh, CSBO, Director of Finance and Business Operations.

PUBLIC COMMENT – No one chose to comment.

RECOGNITION – No additional recognition from the School Board.

PRESENTATIONS – Elizabeth Hennessy, Managing Director at Raymond James, gave a presentation on referendum bond financing. She discussed the options that were reviewed at the Sept. 12 board meeting and responded to the Board's follow up questions. She primarily reviewed four options, evaluated the benefits of issuing the bonds in three pieces versus five pieces, and the benefits of repaying the bonds over 24 years versus 21 years. The Board will vote on the bond option at the November meeting.

Legat Presentation for Middle School North: Ted Haug & Robin Randall from Legat talked about the next steps in construction at MN. Plans were submitted to the village for approval before bid in January with some minor tweaks, after meetings with teachers for adjustments due to concerns. He went over the plan renovations, 2 STEM labs. On all additions solar panels are recommended, as well as outdoor classroom learning. Alternate plans were discussed, (while at it, kind of stuff) building is low on storage space, they would like to build 2 Stem labs instead of 1 if possible. Regarding the brick match, still looking.

GSF, Custodial Services Presentation: General Manager Kurt Kuempel, Scott Mackall Director of Ed Svcs & Luis Tovar Area Manager distributed company packets. They discussed the transition of providing the custodian services here at Hawthorn. they retained 10 employees here. Employee training and the cleaning schedule was explained, Board Member questions asked and answered.

Proposed Tax Levy Recommendations for Levy Hearing on 11/13/19: Abe Singh, Director of Finance and Business Operations, gave a presentation on the 2019 tax levy. The 2019 estimated tax levy is less than a 5% increase from the 2018 extension. The Board has been requested to approve the resolution estimating the 2019 levy at the next School Board meeting. The levy must be certified and filed by the last Tuesday in December.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS: We are making a presentation to the School Board to hire John Reid as the Director of Technology. 28 applicants applied, Allison Stein and Adam Palmer selected the candidates for interview, those candidates met with two teams. Three finalists were determined, and John Reid was selected, he has been employed here since 2006.

John Reid thanked the School Board and Dr. Hannigan and everyone in attendance for supporting him. He is pleased to support the children of the district and is looking forward to doing so in his new role.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 11.1 Board Meeting minutes, 9/26/19
- 11.2 Closed Session minutes, 9/26/19
- 11.3 Expenditure Report October, 2019
- 11.4 AM EX Report September, 2019
- 11.5 Kindergarten Cost Log October, 2019
- 11.6 Treasurer's Report July, 2019
- 11.7 Treasurer's Report August, 2019
- 11.8 Personnel Report

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Joel Finfer moved that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented, Matt Jacobs seconded the motion. All in favor.

Motion carried

CSBO Abe Singh discussed the age and necessity of replacing the walk-in cooler at Middle School South.

ACTION ITEMS: **12.1 Middle School South walk-in cooler – RAC refrigerations systems approval.**

RECOMMENDED MOTION: George Fievet moved that the Board of Education approve the **RAC refrigeration's systems approval** Matt Jacobs seconded the motion.

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Roll Call Vote: Robin Cleek, Sonali Patil, Wesley Polen, Victoria Helander-Heiser, Joel Finfer, Sonali Patil, and Matt Jacobs.

Motion carried: 7 ayes; 0 nays, 0 absent.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

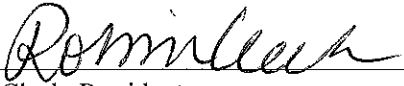
1. Enrollment
2. FOIA log, Dr. Hannigan reported that we did not have any FOIA requests this month.
3. Media clips

Robin Cleek mentioned that the IASB sent us an updated certificate it will be on display at the District Office. Please remember that the Veteran's breakfast will be hosted at Middle School South at 8am on Friday, November 8th.

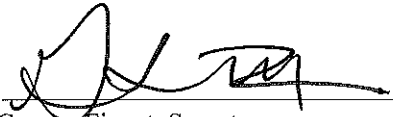
TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION: What is the recommended kindergarten start time? The PD and village will have input as well as the transportation company, we should know before January.

ADJOURNMENT – Joel Finfer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Matt Jacobs' meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m. **All in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Elftmann



Robin Cleek, President



George Fievet, Secretary

Date Minutes Approved: 11/13/19