

**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 12th day of March, 2020

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 was already taken in the closed session prior to the board meeting, all present. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Pete Hannigan and Abe Singh, CSBO, Director of Finance and Business Operations.

RECOGNITION - The recognition committee asked principal Katie Waggoner to announce the five teachers who were recognized for completing their National Board Certification. Congratulations to Cara Hunwick, Hillary Marchel, Samantha McCabe, Alivia Polnow and Jenna Stern.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Kim McAuliffe thanked the Superintendent and School Board for all of their efforts during these unprecedented times. She said that parents were discussing ways to assist students and families who may be in need over the upcoming weeks. Dr. Hannigan responded that the social workers were meeting the following morning and she was welcome to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – None scheduled

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Dr. Hannigan reported that during this challenging time, we are trying to do everything possible regarding the coronavirus and its impact on our community, both internally and externally. Things are changing every minute, but the safety of students and staff are our highest priority. As of today the district has canceled all programs, closed the buildings to outside groups, with the exception of the PALS after school program. Currently facilities are following the winter break deep cleaning regimes. Thank you to Mike Labbe for all of his efforts to daily sanitize surfaces. Please follow the CDC guidelines if you are traveling to level 3 areas and self quarantine afterwards. Hawthorn does have five emergency days scheduled to utilize if needed. The district is following the guidelines of the Lake County Health Department and the Illinois State Board of Education. Updates will be shared on the district's website.

BOARD REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Robin Cleek said that she does not have a report at this time but wanted to wish everyone a safe, happy spring break, take good care of yourselves.

ED-RED – Vickey Helander-Heiser reported there are three brief items that might be of interest to the board. A lot of discussion around the property tax relief tax force, but there will be no decisions made from the general assembly until May. The House elementary and secondary ed committees are hosting hearings on the governor's 20/21 budget, it will include recommended changes to the evidence based funding formula. And the school construction task force, the full report on the ED-RED website, there are some big changes there.

SEDOL – Matt Jacobs indicated that the board met last week, it was not as contentious as the previous meeting. There were a handful of SEDOL staff who did come forward to reiterate their concerns. A task force has been established to try and work out their differences. Humanex presented to the SEDOL board and they highlighted some of the issues they have been brought up before. The meeting also went into closed session for a few items.

ADJOURNMENT – Joel Finfer *made a motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting, seconded by Matt Jacobs; CoW meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. **All in favor.***

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

March 12, 2020

CALL TO ORDER – Robin Cleek called the Regular Business Meeting to order at 7:15p.m.

ROLL CALL – George Fievet, called attendance with the following Board of Education members present: Joel Finfer, Sonali Patil, 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 additional public comment during the business meeting.

PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION – Ted Haug from Legat presented the EFMP for Elementary South: The Kindergarten center is nearing completion, Middle North construction is coming up, Elementary South is 3rd in line for completion in 2022. At ES, there will be some additional classrooms, they will be clearing out some current offices to open up that area. In that area they will be adding 2 classrooms, and also an art room, art & kiln room, student support addition along with other improvements. The budget of \$9.8 million dollars does have the same plan to include some alternates, and if bid friendly, we are hoping to be able to include as many of those as possible. We are starting earlier, so that there is more room to get things done. The philosophy to move the bidding up to December is because the contractors indicated that they like to have bids submitted sooner.

CSBO Abe Singh discussed the auditor contract for the next 3 years. Fees are increased by about 4% year over year which is within the range for our size district. Mr. Kevin Smith from Eder Casella has done a fine job for years. This contract will be available for approval at the next board meeting. A board member asked, if there any benefit to changing auditors after a certain amount of time? The answer: Not necessarily, because the auditing standards in place are very consistent.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 10.1 Board Meeting minutes, 2/27/20
- 10.2 Closed Session minutes, 2/27/20
- 10.3 Science Olympiad Donation
- 10.4 Personnel Report
 - 1 New Hire
 - 9 Resignations
 - 1 Leave of Absence

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Joel Finfer moved that the Board of Education approve the **Consent Agenda**, Wesley Polen seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried: 7 ayes; 0 nays

ACTION ITEMS: 11.1 Bridges Math Program

The Math program was not voted on this evening as the contract was not yet available.

11.2 2020/2021 Staffing Plan

MOTION: Sonali Patil moved that the Board of Education approve the **2020/2021 Staffing Plan**, Matt Jacobs seconded the motion.

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

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Motion carried: 7 ayes; 0 nays

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. Media clips
2. FOIA log, Dr. Hannigan reported that we have not received any new FOIA requests since the last board meeting; one previous request is in the process of being responded to as identified in Section 12.2 of the Board agenda.
3. Enrollment

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION:

- No topics for future discussion at this time.

ADJOURNMENT – Joel Finfer *made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Matt Jacobs, meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m. All in favor.*

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Elftmann

Robin Cleek, President

George Fievet, Secretary

Date Minutes Approved: _____