

**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 11th day of March, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Sonali Patil called the CoW Meeting to order at 7:00p.m. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL – Already called in closed session prior to open meeting, 6 present, Matt Jacobs absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Ms. Kim McAuliffe informed the School Board and Administration of recent updates relating to SEDOL #825 and what has been shared with parents regarding programs, space and locations.

PRESENTATIONS – Art Abrego, Director of Bilingual Programs & ESL presented to the board the current plan for the Dual Language Program at the Middle Schools. He included information from the planning stages of the program, staffing allocations, funding challenges and outlined the programs current and future goals and the cost thereof. They are actualizing a program in a cost neutral way. The vision is to be able to offer 140 minutes of Bilingual Instruction, currently the budget and enrollment is driving everything involving the program. Additional staff is needed to fully implement the program. Board Member questions asked and answered. The Board requested continued assessment data of the 6th grade.

FINANCE – Custodian Bid information included with Action Item.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – John Langelund, announced that the Hawthorn Education Association made a donation to Prime PE. The funds will go towards purchasing gym bags and supplies.

DISCUSSION ITEMS – None

HUMAN RESOURCES – None

POLICY – None

TRANSPORTATION – None

RECOGNITION - None

ADJOURNMENT – Victoria Helander-Heiser *made a motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting, seconded by Wesley Polen; CoW meeting adjourned at 7:34p.m. Roll call, 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.*

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

CALL TO ORDER – Dr. Sonali Patil called the Regular Business Meeting to order at 7:34p.m.

ROLL CALL – Wesley Polen, Board Secretary, called the roll with the following Board of Education members answering present: Jayson Tran, George Fievet, Victoria Helander-Heiser, Robin Cleek, Wesley Polen and Sonali Patil. Also present were Interim Superintendents Dr. Mark Friedman, Dr. Joseph Porto and Abe Singh, CSBO, Director of Finance and Business Operations. Matt Jacobs was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No one chose to comment.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 3/11 13.1 Board Meeting minutes, 2/11/19
3/11 13.2 Personnel Report A-C

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Robin Cleek moved that the Board of Education approve the **consent agenda**, Wesley Polen seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Robin Cleek, Wesley Polen, Victoria Helander-Heiser, Jayson Tran, Sonali Patil and George Fievet.

Motion carried: 6 ayes; 0 nays, 1 absent

ACTION ITEMS:

14.1 Cost Reduction Recommendation

RECOMMENDED MOTION: George Fievet moved that the School Board approve the 2019-2020 budget reduction recommendations as presented on the chart entitled "Cost Reduction Recommendations", which includes a total budget reduction of \$1,072,321. Victoria Helander-Heiser seconded the motion.

Board Members requested that other cost saving options are collected and posted on our website. It was noted that all questions were addressed in closed session.

Roll Call Vote: Robin Cleek, Wesley Polen, Victoria Helander-Heiser, Jayson Tran, Sonali Patil and George Fievet.

Motion carried: 5 ayes; 1 nays, 1 absent

14.2 Resolution for Reduction in Force

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Sonali Patil moved that "the Board of Education approve the resolution authorizing honorable dismissal of full-time educational support personnel as presented." Jayson Tran seconded the motion.

Board Members commented that as a Board this was one of the hardest things that they have had to do, but in the interest of the School District and to reduce the deficit in light of the second referendum question not passing it was necessary to be done. All board questions regarding this motion were addressed in closed session.

Roll Call Vote: Robin Cleek, Wesley Polen, Victoria Helander-Heiser, Jayson Tran, Sonali Patil and George Fievet.

Motion carried: 5 ayes; 1 nays, 1 absent

14.3 Resolution Authorizing Emergency Bill Payment

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Wesley Polen moved that "the Board of Education adopt the resolution authorizing emergency bill payment" George Fievet seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Robin Cleek, Wesley Polen, Victoria Helander-Heiser, Jayson Tran, Sonali Patil and George Fievet.

Motion carried: 6 ayes; 0 nays, 1 absent

14.4 Kindergarten Building Bid Approvals

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Wesley Polen moved that "the Board of Education approve the contracts for the bidders and their proposed contract amounts as listed in the attached Letter of Bid Compliance, dated March 11, 2019, and authorize the Vernon Hills Park District to execute such contract." Robin Cleek seconded the motion.

It was noted that the project came in under budget. The Board mentioned that they would like a running track of the construction process available on our website.

Roll Call Vote: Robin Cleek, Wesley Polen, Victoria Helander-Heiser, Jayson Tran, Sonali Patil and George Fievet.

Motion carried: 6 ayes; 0 nays, 1 absent

REPORT – Custodian Sub-Contractor Bids, CSBO Abe Singh reported that the bids have been submitted. GCF was selected as the lowest responsible bidder. The preliminary information is available for review, we will vote on it at the next meeting. Any questions should be directed to Abe or Mike Christensen.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Dr. Sonali Patil congratulated students: Girls 6 & 7th Volleyball team for being the State Champions. Congratulations to Jack for being the State Champion in his wrestling category and the Boys 6 & 7th Volleyball Team won their Conference.

Victoria Helander-Heiser added that she had attended the most recent ED-RED meeting and will be attending monthly going forward, she will start to send the Board Members a summary of the meetings.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Dr. Mark Friedman updated everyone on the online registration program, it is performing as expected and over 250 kindergarten students have been registered thus far. Our Student Resource Officer is retiring in a week and has done an exceptional job mitigating some issues this year for us. There will be two replacement officers, Officer Foy and Lonergan will be with us for the remainder of the year and then a permanent SRO will be determined for the next school year.

No Board Meeting on March 21st, the next Regular Board Meeting will be on April 8, 2019. Please vote in the upcoming election on April 2nd or earlier.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. Media clips
2. Enrollment

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION –

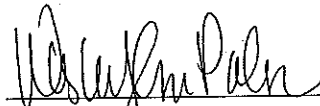
Robin Cleek moved that the Board of Education adjourn the Regular Business Meeting. Wesley Polen seconded. **All in favor.**

The Regular Business Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Elftmann



Dr. Sonali Patil, President


Wesley Polen, Secretary

Date Minutes Approved: Apr 8, 19