

**Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of
Hawthorn Community Consolidated District #73, Lake County, Illinois
841 West End Court, Vernon Hills, IL 60061
7:00 p.m. on the 13th day of April 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

President Robin Cleek called the Board of Education meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The Board Secretary called attendance and the following members attended: George Fievet, Michael Engle, Sonali Patil, Karl Borchers, Joel Finfer, Wes Polen and Robin Cleek. Also in attendance were Asst. Supt. of Business & Finance Ms. LeeAnn Taylor; Asst. Supt. of Teaching & Learning Dr. Allison Stein; Asst. Supt. of Student Services Ms. Alicia Corrigan; Asst. Supt. of Innovative Learning Dr. Karen Maturo; Asst. Supt. for Human Resources Mr. Adam Palmer; and Superintendent Dr. Pete Hannigan.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

RECOGNITION

Board member Karl Borchers spoke on behalf of the recognition committee to formally recognize three exceptional Hawthorn student-athletes. The IESA State wrestling tournament was held last month and the students who qualified to compete at this highest level of competition were presented with a Hawthorn Medal of Excellence and certificate.

Vice President Wes Polen also spoke on behalf of the recognition committee to formally recognize a student from Hawthorn Middle North for participating in the Illinois State K-8 Chess Championship at Illinois State University and placing 2nd out of 120 participants. In honor of his achievement, he was presented with a Hawthorn Medal of Excellence and a certificate.

Assistant Superintendent of Innovative Learning Dr. Karen Maturo presented the Board of Education with the final two time capsules in celebration of #HawthornHits100. Hawthorn Middle South and Hawthorn Middle North presented a short video explaining their unique school artifacts that were placed in their time capsule.

President Cleek issued a two minute recess. The meeting resumed at 7:14 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Announcements at this time.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Cleek reminded board members to check their email for the annual statement of economic interest form that must be completed. She asked the board members to email her if interested in attending the 8th grade graduation ceremonies on May 24. She also reminded the Board that the May 18 board meeting will take place at Middle School North. Additionally, she advised the Board that Board Member-Elect Julie Simpson has communicated to the Board that she will not be taking her seat when the Board is sworn in at the reorganization meeting on April 27, 2023. This will create a vacancy in that seat on April 27, and the Board will need to begin the process to fill the vacancy in accordance with the School Code at that time.

ED-RED REPORT

No report at this time.

SEDOL REPORT

Mr. Michael Engle reported that SEDOL's last governing board meeting was held on March 1, 2023. The last executive board meeting was held on April 6, 2023. The tentative budget was proposed for FY24 and will be presented at the next executive board meeting. If approved, the governing board will vote on June 7, 2023. The next executive board meeting will be held on April 27, 2023.

SITE & FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

No report at this time.

PRESENTATIONS

Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning Dr. Allison Stein provided the Board with an update on the district's development of a Guaranteed & Viable Curriculum (GVC) and implementation of new foundational resources. Dr. Stein reviewed the district's goals and the projects that are related to the development of a Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum and the implementation of foundational resources. She reviewed the series of training and development sessions that each GVC Leadership Team participates in to focus on advancing student growth and learning by prioritizing and aligning learning standards. To evaluate

the effectiveness of Hawthorn's GVC development and its impact on student learning, the district considers multiple measures. These measures include assessments aligned with the district's four student achievement goals, student performance on formative and summative assessments, as well as formal and informal observations of student learning.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Business Operations Ms. LeeAnn Taylor reviewed the one-year transportation contract. In February 2018, District 128, Libertyville 70, and Hawthorn 73 collaborated on a joint bid process for transportation services and awarded the contract to Lakeside. The contract was initially for three years, with an option for a negotiated renewal for the final two years. However, due to market uncertainty, it was decided that each district would individually renew their contracts instead of participating in a formal bid process, as permitted by school code. The business office was able to negotiate an increase of 14%. The initial increase presented was 16%. A contract extension for FY24 is attached in the board packet and it is recommended that it be presented for approval at the Board of Education meeting on April 27, 2023.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Pete Hannigan reviewed the communication timeline in regards to 23-24 student registration. As a reminder, 23-24 registration opened on March 17, 2023. Early registration helps the district plan and prepare for the academic year ahead. He shared the evening registration events for any families who need in-person assistance.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 7.1 Board Meeting Minutes from March 16, 2023
- 7.2 Closed Session Minutes from March 16, 2023
- 7.3 Final Calendar for FY23
- 7.4 Approval of FY24 Administrative Salaries
- 7.5 Approval of FY24 Building Assistant Supervisor Salaries
- 7.6 Approval of the FY24 Salaries for Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3, and Tier 4 Personnel
- 7.7 Personnel Report

4 New Hires:

5 Resignations:

3 Leaves of Absence:

1 Change of Status:

4 New Hires: Amunn Jaffery, Social Worker, MS; Joanna Peterson, Spanish Teacher, MS; Gladis Magarelli, Instructional Assistant, DL; Meenakshi Sharma, L/R Supervisor, ES.

5 Resignations: Genesis Vazquez, Principal Secretary, MN, 04/04/2023; Rachel Calacci, LBS1 Teacher, ES, 05/30/2023; Meghan Hibbs, Interventionist, TL, 04/14/2023; Jenna May, ELL Teacher, DL, 05/30/2023; Natalie Worden, 3rd Grade Teacher, ES, 05/30/2023

3 Leaves of Absence: Millie Naughton, 2nd Grade Teacher, DL, 04/05/2023; Kelsey Curran, Instructional Assistant, HSYL, 02/28/2023; Barb Nellans, Instructional Assistant, MN, 03/01/2023

1 Change of Status: Madeline Funderburg, Kindergarten Teacher, HSYL, 08/21/2023

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Wes Polen moved that the Board of Education approve the **Consent Agenda** items as presented; seconded by Joel Finfer.

Roll Call Vote: Sonali Patil, Wes Polen, Robin Cleek, Joel Finfer, George Fievet, Michael Engle and Karl Borchers.

Motion carried: 7 ayes; 0 nays

ACTION ITEMS

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Mr. Adam Palmer is seeking approval for the employment contracts of two administrators; Bill Fredricksen, Principal at Aspen, and Megan Goldman, Social, Emotional, Behavioral Coordinator. The purpose of these contracts is to align them with other administrator employment contracts, as both contracts will be transitioning from a 220-day to a 260-day contract.

Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Business Operations Ms. LeeAnn Taylor reviewed the action items listed on tonight's agenda that relate to the business department. The business department is seeking approval to transfer \$1 million from operating

funds to non-operating funds. The purpose of this transfer is to secure sufficient funds for the summer projects scheduled after the current fiscal year ends. These projects were already budgeted for in FY23. Additionally, as part of the yearly routine, the department is seeking to move funds from operating funds to debt services to cover lease payments. The total amount for this year's lease payments is \$544,381.79.

Approval of Administrator Employment Contracts

MOTION: Wes Polen moved that the Board of Education approve the Administrator Employment Contracts for Bill Fredricksen, Principal at Aspen, and Megan Goldman, Social, Emotional, Behavioral Coordinator; Karl Borchers seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Joel Finfer, Wes Polen, Sonali Patil, Robin Cleek, Michael Engle, George Fievet, and Karl Borchers.

Motion carried: 7 ayes; 0 nays

Resolution Transferring Funds from the Operations and Maintenance Fund to the Capital Projects Fund of the District

MOTION: Michael Engle moved that the Board of Education approve the Resolution Transferring Funds from the Operations and Maintenance Fund to the Capital Projects Fund of the District; Sonali Patil seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Joel Finfer, Wes Polen, Sonali Patil, Robin Cleek, Michael Engle, George Fievet, and Karl Borchers.

Motion carried: 7 ayes; 0 nays

Resolution Transferring Funds from the Educational Fund to the Debt Service Fund

MOTION: George Fievet moved that the Board of Education approve the Resolution Transferring Funds from the Educational Fund to the Debt Service Fund; Wes Polen seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Joel Finfer, Wes Polen, Sonali Patil, Robin Cleek, Michael Engle, George Fievet, and Karl Borchers.

Motion carried: 7 ayes; 0 nays

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Enrollment-Uploaded
2. FOIA Log, Dr. Hannigan reported that there were no FOIA requests since the last board meeting as identified in Section 9.2 of the Board agenda.
3. Media Clips

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

No future topics at this time.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) President Cleek *read the motion(s) to adjourn to CLOSED SESSION for the purposes of:*

Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21).

The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

With no further business to discuss, George Fievet made a motion to adjourn to Closed Session, seconded by Wes Polen. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. **All in favor? Yes.**

Motion carried: 7 ayes; 0 nays

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Flores

Robin Cleek, President

George Fievet, Secretary

Date Minutes Approved: _____