

**Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of
Hawthorn Community Consolidated District #73, Lake County, Illinois
201 W. Hawthorn Pkwy, Vernon Hills, IL 60061
7:00 p.m. on the 18th day of May 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, 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

Elementary North student, Aarush Hattalli publicly commented on the successful event that took place on May 7th to honor the National Teacher Appreciation day. The HSS association provides a platform for students to recognize teachers and they were proud to announce that they had around 400 in attendance during their event.

RECOGNITION

The Recognition Committee welcomed Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Mr. Adam Palmer to formally recognize a group of staff members who completed Hawthorn's 2nd Leadership Academy. Mr. Palmer commented on the group's dedication and hard work. He presented them with a certificate of completion.

The Recognition Committee also welcomed Assistant Superintendent of Innovative Services Dr. Karen Maturo to formally recognize the Hawthorn Building Mentors. Dr. Maturo commented on the group's dedication and commitment to the new teachers. She presented them with a certificate of appreciation.

Vice President Wes Polen formally recognized the Boys Bowling Team from Hawthorn Middle South, as well as three bowlers from Middle North, for their appearance at the IESA State Bowling Tournament. She also congratulated coach Lisa Quaintance and Didi Andonova. In honor of their achievement, the students were presented with a Hawthorn Medal of Excellence and a certificate.

Board member Karl Borchers formally recognized the Science Olympiad teams from Middle South and Middle North. The Hawthorn Middle North team placed fourth out of the top 41 teams in the state, and the Middle South team placed 12th overall. In honor of their achievement, the students were presented with a Hawthorn Medal of Excellence and a certificate.

Vice President Wes Polen formally recognized the 8th-grade boys volleyball team from Hawthorn Middle North for their first-place finish in this year's conference tournament. She also recognized the 6th/7th-grade boys volleyball team from Hawthorn Middle North for their second-place finish at this year's conference tournament. In honor of their achievement, the students were presented with a Hawthorn Medal of Excellence and a certificate.

Finally, Board member Karl Borchers formally recognized eight Hawthorn students from Middle North and Middle South for their performance in the MathCON finals competition and the MathCounts state competition. In honor of their achievement, the students were presented with a Hawthorn Medal of Excellence and a certificate.

President Cleek issued a five minute recess. The meeting resumed at 7:28 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements were made at this time.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Cleek shared that she will be attending the Mundelein D120 feeder meeting on June 8th at 9am and is able to bring one more board member. She requested any interested board members to please get in contact with her. Additionally, she reminded the board members that 8th grade promotion will be hosted at Vernon Hills High School starting at 6pm for Middle South and 8pm for Middle North on May 24th. She briefly summarized the board committees for next year.

President Cleek was honored to announce that Megan Ruffner from Townline Elementary and Jake Scheuring from HSYL were nominated for the Prestigious Educator of the Year Award through Lake County on May 10th. She also announced that Jake Scheuring won the esteemed title of Lake County's Educator of the Year award in the category of Early Career Educator.

She ended her report by wishing the Hawthorn staff, students and families a safe and restful summer on behalf of the Board of Education.

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 May 25, 2023. SEDOL is currently in the process of gaining an extension of the current contract with Lakeside Transportation. The executive board approved the recommendation of the proposed budget to be presented at the next governing board meeting. The SEDOL negotiations team provided an overview of the proposed three year agreement to start the 2023-2024 school year between SEDOL support staff, Association, and school board. The next governing board meeting will be held on June 7, 2023 and the next executive board meeting will be held on June 22, 2023.

SITE & FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

No report at this time.

PRESENTATIONS

Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning Dr. Allison Stein introduced a team of presenters focused on the Dual Language Program. In attendance were Ms. Patricia Luna, Teaching & Learning Coordinator; Nikki Rodrigo, Principal at The School of Dual Language; Meghan Caby, Building Assistant Supervisor at The School of Dual Language; Jenna Stern, Assistant Principal at Hawthorn Middle School North; and the following School of Dual Language staff members: Brendan O'Brien, Laura Gitzinger, and Maggie Kirst. The team shared improvements made in alignment with the dual language program audit last year. They ended the presentation by sharing next steps, which include the analysis of spring student learning data and staff participation in specific professional development sessions.

President Cleek requested more frequent updates on the Dual Language Program throughout the year, and Vice President Polen asked for middle school dual language teachers to also present with the team.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Pete Hannigan reviewed the 23-24 student registration data. As of the morning of May 18, the district is at a 97.5% completion rate for returning students registration.

He was also honored to announce that several outstanding individuals from Hawthorn will be recognized at the Illinois State Board of Education's "Those Who Excel & Teacher of the Year" program on May 20th in Bloomington, Illinois. This program acknowledges educators who have made significant contributions to public education.

Dr. Hannigan also shared that the Governor's COVID-19 Disaster Declaration has expired, so the district will be sunsetting remote learning for students diagnosed with COVID-19 beginning with the 2023-2024 school year.

He informed the board members that the district will be able to provide an update on substitute staffing at the upcoming August board meeting. This update will include relevant data that will be available at the beginning of the school year.

He ended his report by thanking the staff for another successful school year. He wished everyone a relaxed and joyful summer.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 6.1 Board Meeting Minutes from April 27, 2023
- 6.2 Expenditure Report from May 18, 2023
- 6.3 Amazon Expense Report from May 18, 2023
- 6.4 Mastercard Report from March 21, 2023
- 6.5 Treasurer's Report from March 2023
- 6.6 Personnel Report

10 New Hires:

10 Resignations:

3 Leaves of Absence:

1 Change of Status:

3 Retirements:

10 New Hires: Kelli Cordes, Social Worker, MN; Elena Falkiner, 2nd/3rd Grade Teacher, DL; Jennifer Rojo-Ramirez, 3rd Grade Teacher, DL; Samantha Schoenfeld, LBS1 Teacher, ES; Phoebe Slocum, 4th Grade Teacher, ES; Shelby Soto, Bilingual Teacher, DL; Hannah Sternberg, 2nd Grade Teacher, DL; Victoria Velazquez, LBS1 Teacher, DO; Jordyn Zucker, Kindergarten Teacher, HSYL; Emily Carido, Nurse, MN

10 Resignations: Tracy Black, Instructional Assistant, MN, 05/30/2023; Laura Portera, Instructional Assistant, MN, 05/30/2023; Brianna Engstrom, 4th Grade Teacher, TL, 05/30/2023; Alyssa Floro, 1st Grade Teacher, DL, 05/30/2023; Cara Lara, 1st Grade Teacher, DL, 05/30/2023; Brian Modelski, 6th Grade Teacher, MN, 05/30/2023; Alison Pearl, Social Worker, TL, 05/30/2023; Patricia Rice, Occupational Therapist, Lincoln, 05/30/2023; Rick Sloma, PE Teacher, EN, 05/30/2023; Michael McFarlin, Coordinator of District Communications, DO, 05/19/2023

3 Leaves of Absence: Robert Collins, Principal, MN, 03/07/2023; Mayra Lanuza, Administrative Assistant Human Resources, DO, 05/08/2023; Hanan Qutaishat, Instructional Assistant, ES, 08/21/2023

1 Change of Status: Samantha Cook, Communications Specialist, DO, 05/22/2023

3 Retirements: Teri Boyer-Goldstein, Instructional Assistant, MS, 05/30/2023; Mary Sas, Bookkeeper, DO, 06/30/2027; Anita Sherling, Instructional Assistant, EN, 05/30/2023

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

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

Motion carried: 6 ayes; 0 nays

ACTION ITEMS

Superintendent Dr. Hannigan reviewed the PRESS Policy 110. On April 11, 2023, the policy sub-committee meeting took place and discussed policy updates across various departments. A total of 39 policies were reviewed and updated.

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 for the One Year Emergency Food Service Contract. The formal proposal from Quest Food Service is included in the board packet.

Additionally, the business department is seeking approval to name Ms. LeeAnn Taylor the Appointment of Treasurer for the 2023-2024 school year.

PRESS Policy 110

MOTION: Michael Engle moved that the Board of Education approve PRESS Policy 110; Wes Polen seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried: 6 ayes; 0 nays

One Year Emergency Food Service Contract

MOTION: Karl Borchers moved that the Board of Education approve the One Year Emergency Food Contract; Joel Finfer seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried: 6 ayes; 0 nays

Appointment of Treasurer for the 2023-2024 School Year

MOTION: Joel Finfer moved that the Board of Education approve LeeAnn Taylor as the Treasurer for the 2023-2024 School Year; Michael Engle seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried: 6 ayes; 0 nays

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Enrollment-Uploaded
 2. FOIA Log, Dr. Hannigan reported that there was one FOIA request since the last board meeting as identified in Section 8.2 of the Board agenda.
 3. Media Clips
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TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

No future topics at this time.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) President Cleek *read the motion(s) to adjourn to CLOSED SESSION for the purposes of:*

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 Karl Borchers.* The meeting *adjourned at 8:13p.m.* **All in favor? Yes.**

Motion carried: 6 ayes; 0 nays

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Flores

Robin Cleek, President

George Fievet, Secretary

Date Minutes Approved: _____