

**Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of
Hawthorn Community Consolidated District #73, Lake County, Illinois
841 W. End Ct, Vernon Hills IL 60061
7:00 p.m. on the 18th day of June 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

President Robin Cleek called the Board of Education meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

George Fievet, Acting Board Secretary, called attendance, and the following members were present: George Fievet, Robin Cleek, Stephanie Peters, and Joel Finfer. Also in attendance were Asst. Supt. of Finance & Business Operations Ms. Jennifer Akin; Asst. Supt. of Student Services Ms. Alicia Corrigan; Asst. Supt. of Teaching & Learning Dr. Allison Stein; and Superintendent Dr. Pete Hannigan. Board members Michael Engle and Julie Clifford were not in attendance.

Karl Borchers entered the meeting at 7:15 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Treasurer of the Hawthorn PTO presented the Board with the PTO's annual contribution of \$36,000 to support students and schools. She shared that the PTO has expanded its programs, increased community involvement, and thanked the Board, district staff, and educators for their continued dedication to students. The Board expressed its appreciation for the PTO's ongoing partnership and generosity.

RECOGNITION

No recognition at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcement(s) at this time.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Cleek reminded the Board that the Board Retreat is scheduled for July 8, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office. President Cleek also asked Board members to notify her if they wished to change committee assignments for the upcoming school year so that committee appointments could be finalized. She noted that an additional Board member is needed to serve on the Policy Committee, noting that the committee requires a minimal time commitment.

ED-RED REPORT

Board Member Joel Finfer reported that the Illinois legislative session has concluded and the State budget has been signed. He noted that education funding remained below desired levels but avoided further reductions. Mr. Finfer also shared that the veto session will begin in November and encouraged continued advocacy to support legislation that strengthens public education and prioritizes student learning.

SEDOL REPORT

No report at this time.

SITE & FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

No report at this time.

WELLNESS COMMITTEE REPORT

No report at this time.

KEY TO 73 FOUNDATION REPORT

No report at this time.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Business Operations Jennifer Akin reviewed two items related to the business department. She presented the proposed five-year renewal of the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Lincoln Early Learning Center, which continues the partnership among Hawthorn School District 73, Mundelein School District 75, and Fremont School District 79. Ms. Akin explained that program costs are shared based on classroom utilization and that Mundelein School District 75 will continue to serve as the fiscal agent.

Ms. Akin also presented the Fiscal Year 2026–2027 Tentative Budget, noting that it reflects the District's current financial projections and will be refined throughout the summer before the public hearing in August and final adoption in September. She reported that revenues are projected to increase by just over 3%, while expenditures are expected to increase by approximately 2.75%, resulting in an estimated \$419,000 in operating capacity. The tentative budget continues the District's investment in students, staff, and facilities while maintaining healthy operating reserves, reducing long-term debt, and preserving long-term financial stability.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Dr. Hannigan thanked the Hawthorn Education Association (HEA) for awarding two \$500 scholarships to graduating Hawthorn students continuing their education after high school. Dr. Hannigan also shared that the Key to 73 Foundation/PTO Golf Outing, held on June 5 at White Deer Run, raised more than \$29,000. He noted that the proceeds will be equally shared between the Foundation and PTO to support District 73 students.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 6.1 Board Meeting Minutes: May 21, 2026
- 6.2 Expenditure Report: June 18, 2026
- 6.3 Amazon Expense Report: June 18, 2026
- 6.4 Mastercard Report: April 21, 2026
- 6.5 Treasurer's Report: April 2026
- 6.6 Personnel Report

New Hires: 8

Leaves of Absence: 2

Resignations: 10

Change of Status: 2

8 New Hires: Agnieszka Macoch, Building Assistant Supervisor, TL, 08/10/2026; Rocco Ferretti, PE/Health Teacher, EN, 08/17/2026; Isabelle Grace, 1st Grade Teacher, EN, 08/17/2026; Emilio Lopez, LBS1 Teacher, TL, 08/17/2026; Jacqueline Maravola, LBS1 Teacher, MN, 08/17/2026; Sucely Marcos, 2nd Grade Teacher, DL, 08/17/2026; Giselle Prado, 7th Grade Math Teacher, MN, 08/17/2026; Bridget Itter, Nurse, ES, 08/17/2026.

2 Leave of Absence: Kaitelyn Tseitlin, Kindergarten Teacher, HSYL, 12/8/2026; Casey Garcia, Administrative Assistant to Teaching & Learning, District, 08/18/2026.

10 Resignations: Christina Bushala, 1st Grade Teacher, EN, 06/02/2026; Charanne Campbell, LBS1 Teacher, EN, 06/02/2026; Jamie Esperson, 2nd Grade Teacher, ES, 06/02/2026; Emma McGee, LBS1 Teacher, TL, 06/02/2026; Saddaf Raheel, Psychologist, ES, 06/02/2026; Allison Walger, Math Teacher, MN, 06/02/2026; Gail Kersten, Lunch/Recess Supervisor, TL/DL, 05/15/2026; Tiffany Platt, Instructional Assistant, HSYL, 06/02/2026; Judy Russell, Lunch/Recess Supervisor, EN, 06/02/2026.

2 Change of Status: Melissa Sabin, Building Assistant Supervisor, HSYL, 08/10/2026; Tamara Glamocak, 2nd Grade Teacher, EN, 08/18/2026.

Dr. Hannigan presented Ms. Melissa Sabin as the proposed candidate for the newly created Building Assistant Supervisor position at Hawthorn School for Young Learners. He shared that the position attracted 22 applicants and that, following a comprehensive interview process involving district administrators and building staff, Ms. Sabin was identified as the recommended candidate. Dr. Hannigan highlighted her 25 years of service in Hawthorn School District 73 as a classroom teacher and instructional coach, noting her experience supporting educators across the district.

Dr. Hannigan also presented Ms. Agnieszka Macoch as the proposed candidate for the Building Assistant Supervisor position at Townline Elementary. He reported that the position attracted 20 applicants and that, following the same comprehensive interview process involving district administrators and building staff, Ms. Macoch was identified as the recommended candidate. Dr. Hannigan noted her experience as a bilingual educator and her commitment to student-centered leadership, collaboration, and supporting all students.

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

Roll Call Vote: Karl Borchers, Robin Cleek, George Fievet, Stephanie Peters, and Joel Finfer.

Motion carried: 5 ayes; 0 nays

Following Board approval, Ms. Melissa Sabin addressed the Board and expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to serve as Building Assistant Supervisor at Hawthorn School for Young Learners. She reflected on her 25-year career in Hawthorn School District 73, serving as a classroom teacher and instructional coach, and shared her appreciation for the relationships she has built throughout the District. Ms. Sabin expressed her excitement to join the Hawthorn School for Young Learners community and thanked the Board and District leadership for their support.

President Cleek noted that Ms. Agnieszka Macoch was unable to attend the meeting due to a prior commitment. On behalf of the District, she welcomed her to the Hawthorn community and expressed enthusiasm for her joining the Townline Elementary leadership team.

Jennifer Akin reviewed the two action items for Board consideration related to the business department. Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Business Operations Jennifer Akin recommended Board approval of the five-year renewal of the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Lincoln Early Learning Center, continuing the partnership among Hawthorn School District 73, Mundelein School District 75, and Fremont School District 79. Ms. Akin also recommended Board approval for the Resolution Transferring Funds from the Educational Fund to the Debt Service Fund for Copier Lease Payments in the amount of \$40,770.46. She explained that the transfer is necessary to properly account for the District's copier lease obligations and ensure compliance with accounting standards, financial reporting requirements, and audit guidelines.

ACTION ITEMS

Lincoln Intergovernmental Agreement Renewal

MOTION: Stephanie Peters moved that the Board of Education approved the Lincoln Intergovernmental Agreement Renewal; George Fievet seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Karl Borchers, Robin Cleek, George Fievet, Stephanie Peters, and Joel Finfer.

Motion carried: 5 ayes; 0 nays

Resolution Transferring Funds from the Educational Fund to the Debt Service Fund for Copier Lease Payments

MOTION: Karl Borchers moved that the Board of Education approve the Resolution Transferring Funds from the Educational Fund to the Debt Service Fund for Copier Lease Payments; George Fievet seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Karl Borchers, Robin Cleek, George Fievet, Stephanie Peters, and Joel Finfer.

Motion carried: 5 ayes; 0 nays

INFORMATION

1. Enrollment
2. FOIA Log, Dr. Hannigan reported that the District has received six FOIA requests since the last board meeting and has been responded to as identified in Section 8.2 of the Board agenda.
3. Media Clips

TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

No topics for future meetings at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Joel Finfer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Karl Borchers. The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m. **All in favor? Yes.**

Motion carried: 5 ayes; 0 nays

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Flores

Robin Cleek, President

Julie Clifford, Secretary

Date Minutes Approved: _____