

# Hawthorn Board of Education

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## MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING HAWTHORN BOARD OF EDUCATION AUGUST 9, 2004

MINUTES of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Hawthorn Community Consolidated School District Number 73, Lake County, Illinois, held in the Board Room of said School District at 7:30 p.m. on the 9th day of August, 2004.

The meeting was called to order by Bill Coli, Vice President, at 7:37 p.m., and upon the roll being called, the following members of the Board of Education answered present: Jayson Tran, Jose Hernandez, Tim Shanahan, Annie Christie, Mary Jane Rattner, and Bill Coli. Absent: Rich Paul

### Public Comment Period

There were no matters of this nature on the agenda.

### Student and Staff Accomplishments/Recognitions

There were no matters of this nature on the agenda.

### Staff Presentations

There were no matters of this nature on the agenda.

### Consent Agenda

Bill Coli entertained questions concerning items contained in the Consent Agenda. Hearing none, he requested a motion.

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| 08/04.11 | Meeting Minutes, Regular Session, 7/26/04, as corrected  |
| 08/04.12 | Personnel Report:<br>(A) Approval of one (1) certificated staff member: Erin Tanchez, 7/8th Grade Science Teacher, Junior High<br>Resignation of two (2) certificated staff members:<br>(B) Dawn Borucki, part-time LD Teacher, Elementary South<br>(C) Elizabeth Corcoran, 7th Grade Science Teacher, Junior High |

Annie Christie moved and Jose Hernandez seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda items, with correction noted in Minutes of 7/26/04. Voice Vote: 6 ayes; 0 nays. Motion carried.

### Action Items

#### Locating Fiber Optic Cable

The district has installed fiber optic cable on public right of way property to connect the network between the North and South campuses of the District. Due to the amount of digging that takes place along this right of way, we must assure protection of our cables against damage. JULIE will not locate our cable pipes for the District; however, the Village of Vernon Hills locates and marks its underground pipes whenever JULIE is called. The Village is willing to enter into an intergovernmental agreement to provide this locating service for the District for a cost of \$3,700.00 per year. Discussion ensued with Jose Hernandez questioning should the District independently incur the expense of marking pipes, how often would such an expense be incurred? Alan Hahn stated the Village was called over 100 times for digging that would occur along the eastern border of the strip mall for one purpose or another. Robert Hudson stated in the development of the Clavey Property, movement of utilities may be required along the west to east side of the property. The proposed intergovernmental agreement is for one year with the dollar amount fixed for two years. The agreement can be terminated with 60 days notice. Hearing no further discussion, Bill Coli entertained a motion:

08/04.13 Annie Christie moved and Mary Jane Rattner seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for Underground Conduit for Fiber Optic Cable Locating with the Village of Vernon Hills at an annual cost for the first two years of \$3,700.00. Roll Call: Annie Christie, Mary Jane Rattner, Jayson Tran, Jose Hernandez, Tim Shanahan and Bill Coli voted aye. 6 ayes; 0 nays. Motion carried.

### **Tentative Budget**

Dr. Yomtoob stated this evening a budget presentation was made to the Board during a meeting of the Committee of the Whole. A public hearing on said budget will be held September 27, 2004. With Dr. Yomtoob recommending acceptance of the tentative budget, Bill Coli requested motions.

08/04.14(a) Mary Jane Rattner moved and Tim Shanahan seconded the motion that the Board of Education accept the tentative budget, as presented, for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005; and that the budget be placed on file for public inspection from August 10, 2004 to September 27, 2004, at the District Office located at 841 West End Court, Vernon Hills, Illinois, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.; and that a public hearing of said budget be held at 7:35 p.m. on September 27, 2004 in the District Office Board Room located at 841 West End Court, Vernon Hills, Illinois. Roll Call: Mary Jane Rattner, Tim Shanahan, Jayson Tran, Jose Hernandez, Annie Christie and Bill Coli voted aye. 6 ayes; 0 nays. Motion carried.

08/04.14(b) Jose Hernandez moved and Jayson Tran seconded the motion that the Board of Education publish the following legal notice in the Pioneer Press or the Daily Herald:

Notice is hereby given by the Board of Education of School District 73 in the County of Lake, State of Illinois, that a tentative budget for said school district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at the District Office located at 841 West End Court, Vernon Hills, Illinois, in this school district from and after 8:00 a.m. on the 10th day of August 2004. Notice is further hereby given a public hearing on said budget will be held at 7:35 p.m. on the 27th day of September 2004, in the District Office Board Room located at 841 West End Court, Vernon Hills, Illinois.

### **Renaming of Schools**

Mary Jane Rattner, Annie Christie and Tim Shanahan, comprising the Board's sub-committee for the naming of schools, reported on their recent meeting and presented their final recommendation. Mary Jane Rattner stated the meeting was productive during which they took into consideration eight to nine months of work headed by Mr. Jim Batson. She noted two items contained in community surveys and noted by Jim Batson: (1) it seemed important to the community to retain the Hawthorn name, and (2) identification of north and south was important. The committee discussed a number of various name options, however, recommended the following: Hawthorn Elementary School North; Hawthorn Elementary School South; Hawthorn Middle School North; Hawthorn Middle School South, Hawthorn Aspen Elementary School (Option School) and Hawthorn Townline Elementary School (new school of choice). The committee utilized geographic boundaries for names.

Bill Coli stated this seems consistent with other schools in the area. Annie Christie thanked everyone for taking the time for their input, adding she appreciated consensus of the committee to present school names not connected to a person. Jayson Tran felt the Board was missing an opportunity to be creative for our schools. The naming of the schools do not seem uniform; seems to separate older from newer schools, differentiating between traditional schools and schools of choice. The names did not make sense geographically (Aspen and Townline), as other schools are located on Aspen. Bill Coli stated it is difficult to please all with Mary Jane Rattner adding this matter was discussed at the committee level. Creative ideas that came up caused many questions of reasoning for names. Mrs. Christie added we did not wish to change existing names of Elementary North and South as the community identifies with these names. Jose Hernandez stated inconsistency exists in the structure of names and agreed with Jayson Tran; we are not taking advantage of a window of opportunity for creativity. We are taking the least course of resistance. Mr. Coli stated recommended names keep tradition in the community. Mary Jane Rattner stated the committee tried to take into account all conversations held and determine how creative we wanted to get yet be flexible and retain as much historical information as possible. It was

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the consensus of all in attendance the name is not the building; it's what goes on within that building that is important.

Bill Coli stated the Board could spend another three months coming up with other names; there will always be arguments with proposals of this nature. Dr. Yomtoob added an advantage to these names is, if someone became creative sometime in the future, there is no problems to changing the name of a school at that time. Jayson Tran responded stating that opportunity is now. Tim Shanahan noted a school can create its own identity from which a name can be derived. Bill Coli stated with the District having two campuses, they must be identified in some way. He did not wish to extend this process any further and entertained a motion.

08/04.15 Annie Christie moved and Tim Shanahan seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the naming of our schools as follows:

Hawthorn Elementary School North (effective 2004/05)  
Hawthorn Elementary School South (effective 2004/05)  
Hawthorn Middle School North (effective 2005/06)  
Hawthorn Middle School South (effective 2005/06)  
Hawthorn Aspen Elementary School (effective 2004/05)  
Hawthorn Towline Elementary School (effective 2005/06)

Roll Call: Annie Christie, Tim Shanahan, Jose Hernandez, Mary Jane Rattner and Bill Coli voted aye. Nay: Jayson Tran. 5 ayes; 1 nay. Motion carried.

#### **President's Report**

There were no matters of this nature on the agenda.

#### **Superintendent's Report**

There were no matters of this nature on the agenda.

#### **Discussion Items**

There were no matters of this nature on the agenda.

#### **Committee Reports**

There were no matters of this nature on the agenda.

#### **Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business to come before the Board.

#### **New Business**

There was no new business to come before the Board.

#### **Announcements**

There were no matters of this nature on the agenda.

#### **Informational Items**

Items were made available to the Board for informational purposes.

#### **Adjournment**

Having no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was entertained Annie Christie moved and Jose Hernandez seconded the motion to adjourn. Voice Vote: 6 ayes; 0 nays. Motion carried.

The Board adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

**Regular Meeting Reconvened**

Following motions to reconvene, Bill Coli called the Board to order at 8:14 p.m. for the purpose of further considering the naming of schools and the original motion. Bill Coli stated committee members spent a good amount of time providing a recommendation, with Tim Shanahan stating proposed amended names still reflect the Hawthorn name. Mary Jane Rattner noted the Board appointed a sub committee to come forward with a recommendation; it is only respectful to accept same. She added she does not feel the proposed amended names improve upon those previously presented. Bill Coli requested a motion to withdraw the original approved motion and present proposed amended names.

08/04.16 Annie Christie moved and Jose Hernandez seconded the motion to change the original motion pertaining to the naming of schools. Voice Vote: 6 ayes; 0 nays. Motion carried; original motion stands.

08/04.17 Tim Shanahan moved and Jayson Tran seconded the motion to amend the previous motion, and that the renaming of schools be as follows:

Hawthorn Elementary School North  
Hawthorn Elementary School South  
Hawthorn Middle School North  
Hawthorn Middle School South  
Hawthorn Elementary School Aspen  
Hawthorn Elementary School Townline

Roll Call: Tim Shanahan, Jayson Tran and Jose Hernandez voted aye. Nay: Annie Christie, Mary Jane Rattner and Bill Coli. 3 ayes; 3 nays. Motion defeated.

**Adjournment**

Hearing no further discussion on this matter, Bill Coli requested a motion to adjourn. Annie Christie moved and Jayson Tran seconded the motion to adjourn. Voice Vote: 6 ayes; 0 nays. Motion carried.

The Board adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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William Coli, Vice President  
Rattner, Secretary

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