

Hawthorn Board of Education

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MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING HAWTHORN BOARD OF EDUCATION AUGUST 23, 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 23rd day of August, 2004.

The meeting was called to order by Rich Paul, President, at 7:30 p.m., and upon the roll being called, the following members of the Board of Education answered present: Jayson Tran, Jose Hernandez, Tim Shanahan, Mary Jane Rattner, Bill Coli and Rich Paul. Absent: Annie Christie

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

Clavey Property Update

Dr. Yomtoob informed the Board of a recent meeting of the Village's Zoning Board as it related to the Clavey Property (Rt. 60 and Aspen). During said meeting he addressed concerns relating to: right-of-way of District cables connecting North and South Campuses; burm dividing District property from development; impact fees and proposed restaurant serving alcohol where children are walking to and from school. Site plans were also provided. The property, to be known as Aspen Pointe, will be developed with 6 buildings facing Route 60 to include: Walgreens, a bank, restaurant, offices, child care center and a lot for a proposed library. More than 500 parking spaces will be provided. It will also include the construction of 111, 2-3 bedroom townhouses ranging in price from \$375,000 - \$395,000. The Zoning Board is only of an advisory nature, with the Village Board expected to act upon this development in September. Construction could begin as soon as November 2004 with some retail open next summer or fall. Discussion was held concerning: serving of alcohol in a restaurant whose location is adjacent to schools; impact of townhouses on the district with expected student increase to be approximately 30, developers impact fee for proposed townhouses versus the District's receipt of taxes on these properties from homeowners (one year later); safety concern for students walking to school due to traffic impact from retail area and townhomes and installation of a fence surrounding the water retention pond. Mr. Coli inquired as to the amount of Impact Fees to be received by the District, noting that the District had received approximately \$2 - \$2.5 million from the Gregg's Landing development but spent 8 to 10 times this amount for new facilities to house the new students coming into the District. He further noted unless the amount of the Fee to be paid is increased considerably, the burden of the expense for facilities will fall on the taxpayers and residents. Further discussion was held concerning installation of a light on Route 60 from the retail area (other than the corner of Aspen) so that traffic could turn either east or west on 60.

Summer School

Joy Mullaney, Principal of Hawthorn's Summer School, reported 509 students participated in the program from June 14 - July 16, with 231 in the at-risk grant program and 278 enrolled in the enrichment program. Students participating in the grant program covered areas in reading, writing and math, with the enrichment program incorporating arts and crafts, ceramics, cooking, integrated technology, volley ball, tumbling, dance, rocketry, acting, brain games and more.

There were a few students in literature writing, math connections and Spanish. By adding to the K-2 grant program, 3rd through 7th grades were incorporated into this program. Cook Memorial provided library cards for students with the Bookmobile visiting the school every Friday. At-risk students participated in the Summer Reading Club. During the fourth and fifth weeks, grant students were tested to measure their growth areas. A parent survey was distributed seeking parent input for future classes focusing on student achievement with a high interest for courses of this nature noted through survey responses. We plan to provide more of a balance plus academic courses. There was the challenge of traffic at drop-off and pickup times, with new strategies addressed solving the problem. An i-movie was viewed highlighting summer school activities. Addressing a question

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pertaining to grant students, Mrs. Mullaney stated students appearing on the A and B lists and willing to attend Summer School were all accommodated as to their needs.

Construction Update

Tim Bickert, Project Manager, reported the Aspen Elementary School is substantially complete, with the District occupying the school. Final odds and ends to projects are being finalized. The Middle School will be substantially complete by the end of the week. This has been quite a challenge but is on schedule for completion, with furniture being moved into classrooms and offices. The Regional Office of Education walk-through is scheduled for Monday. The Townline Elementary building is coming along fine with precast wall panels being placed for the east gym. Steel is also being installed. Concrete foundation and footings will take a few weeks to complete. The Board was provided a budget update, with funds remaining at completion. Construction contingencies are ample for remaining work. In answer to a question concerning four classrooms for Powers, Dr. Yomtoob stated the classrooms belong to the District; in the future they will be available for lease by SEDOL. It is better to invest in classrooms instead of a stairwell to connect the new building to the Powers Center. In the future, the District could reap \$10,000 - \$40,000 per year for rental of classrooms to SEDOL, depending on services provided. The general conditions budget is being spent and anticipated to use amount noted. Pertaining to technology upgrades, \$400,000 will be used every year to supplement the Education Fund for the next six years. Mr. Coli stated his concern for a long range technology plan as we are now working on borrowed funds for technology upgrades.

Consent Agenda

Rich Paul entertained questions concerning items contained in the Consent Agenda, noting his inquiry as to 11% of payroll budget being spent in the Education Fund, as noted in the July Financial Report. Mr. Hahn noted teachers receive two months of pay in July (covering August salaries). The District fiscal year is July - June. Hearing no further questions, he entertained a motion.

- 08/04.19 Financial Report - July 2004
08/04.20 Expenditures Report - August 2004
08/04.21 Personnel Report:
Approval of two (2) certificated staff members
(A) Ms. Anne Moebius, 3rd Grade Teacher, Elementary South
(B) Lisa Riske, 1st Grade Teacher, Option School

Tim Shanahan moved and Jose Hernandez seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda items, as presented. Roll Call: Tim Shanahan, Jose Hernandez, Jayson Tran, Mary Jane Rattner, Bill Coli and Rich Paul voted aye. 6 ayes; 0 nays. Motion carried.

Action Items

Update Board Policy 4:170 to Include Use of Defibrillators

Dr. Yomtoob stated with the District providing a defibrillator for each building, the Board Policy relating to safety is in need of updating to reflect same. The proposed amendment was presented.

- 08/04.22 Jayson Tran moved and Mary Jane Rattner seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the first reading of the following amendment to Board Policy 4:170 Safety:
Automated External Defibrillator Use
The School District will provide an Automated External Defibrillator to each building within the district to provide a rapid response to sudden cardiac arrest for employees and students.

Discussion of said amendment was held with Jayson Tran stating he would broaden the language to include visitors to the buildings during school hours. Dr. Yomtoob stated the District would check with their attorney to determine appropriate language for same.

President's Report

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Superintendent's Report

Dr. Yomtoob reminded members of the board of the following dates/events: September 1, Open House at Aspen Elementary; September 2, District Staff Luncheon at the Junior High (noon) and Junior High Family Cook Out and Building Walk (5:30 p.m.); September 8, Informational Meeting for Choice School at the Junior High and September 18, Dedication of Aspen Elementary School.

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 Jose Hernandez moved and Bill Coli seconded the motion to adjourn. Voice Vote: 6 ayes; 0 nays. Motion carried.

The Board adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Paul, President
Rattner, Secretary

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