

**Minutes**  
**Regular Board Meeting      09/06.19**  
**Hawthorn Board of Education**  
**August 14, 2006**

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Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Hawthorn Community Consolidated School District Number 73, Lake County, Illinois, held in the Conference Room at 841 West End Court at 7:30PM on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 2006.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Bill Coli, President pro tem, at 7:33PM. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Debbie Limer called the roll, with the following members of the Board of Education answering present: Tom Boehm, Anne Hoffman, Tim Shanahan, Jose Hernandez, and Bill Coli.

**Public Comment period:** None

**Student and Staff Accomplishments, Recognitions:** None

**Staff Presentations:**

Bill Coli told the Board that the staff presentations tonight will be on this year's Summer School programs. Dr. Joe added that six to eight years ago we started our Summer School program. It has been very successful. There are now two programs at two sites. Robin O'Connor explained that the Summer School program this year had a new name. It was called the Hawthorn Enrichment Institute (HEI) and structured as an enrichment program. Differentiation was used to make sure that we reached each child. She stated that she researched universities and other existing programs. We wanted the program to stand out and grow. Glasser and UBD were also put into the program. There were 230 students enrolled this year. Most of the classes utilized technology. One of our goals was to reach every student. Ms. O'Connor pointed out that they built relationships between the younger and older students. She has gotten parental input that has included ideas, suggestions, and happy comments. Zachary Tran Scholarships allowed several students to attend who otherwise would not have been able.

Ms. O'Connor told the Board about the ACE volunteers. ACE stands for Academic Counselors of Enrichment. The volunteers were students from VHHS and Carmel High School. In return for their time, they received service hours. She introduced Lily Olsen, the coordinator. Ms. Olsen explained that there were 12 students. They worked between 55 and 100 hours during the five-week period. It was an opportunity for them to be involved in the community. The kids adored the high school students. Ms. O'Connor reported that the cost per student was between \$260 and \$270. That cost included a field trip or outside program.

Ms. O'Connor went over the plan for next year. Parents have said that they would like transportation. Libertyville has a program that picks the kids up after summer school and takes them to a camp program in the afternoon. The school is in the morning. The park district program is in the afternoon. She stated that her goal for next year is to work with the Park District for a full day program of choice. They are also looking into an early bird class for working parents who need the program to start earlier in the day. The Park District is looking to base their program around three EEE's. That would be enrichment, environment, and exploration. She stated that they are looking at out of the box classes, leveled learning, music, and art classes.

Ms. O'Connor told the Board that there was a wonderful review of the staff of the staff members who were teaching. More staff applied than they were able to use. With a full day program the enrollment will go up, and there will be a need for more staff. She then showed a movie made by the kids in the Summer School highlighting the programs at the Summer School. Anne Hoffman told Ms. O'Connor that she is honored to have this program as a part of the community. Tim Shanahan questioned who Ms. O'Connor is working with at the Park District. Ms. O'Connor responded Kelly; she is in charge of the day camps. Tim Shanahan asked how the proposed program will work for students who do not live in Vernon Hills. Ms. O'Connor stated that the Park District understands that the program will be open to all Hawthorn students at the same price. Dr. Joe added that if the student does not live in the District, the cost will be higher. Ms. O'Connor told the Board that people who do not live in the district came to them looking for the program. They paid higher fees just to participate.

Brian Greene told the Board that there were 222 students in kindergarten through seventh grade at Summer Scholars this year. Summer Scholars was a grant funded program for children not meeting academic standards. The students were provided with transportation, breakfast, and a snack. Volunteers from the HOSTS program were also there working with the kids one on one or one on two. The HOSTS volunteers ranged from high school students to adults. Mr. Greene offered a special thanks to Jackie McBride of Sodexo for the food program. For some of the students, the food is what they needed to get going. He also wanted to thank Dr. Zook, Bob Hudson, Joy Kane, Alan Hahn, and Dr. Joe for all of their help. There was a new curriculum this year that mapped out the five week Summer School program. The program provided consistency; which was the key. All of the teachers taught the exact same curriculum for each grade level. The end of the session testing was NWEA for students second grade through seventh grade, and DIBLES for students in kindergarten through second grade. He added that some students were not there for the testing the last week, but they were able to get basic results.

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Mr. Greene went over the test results comparing the end of the school year scores to the end of the Summer School program scores. Of the kindergarten and first grade students, 35% of them met/exceeded the standards at the end of the school year. At the end of Summer Scholars that percentage went to 44%. The next analysis was for the second through seventh graders. In reading there was an 11% increase in students meeting their cut score. There was an 8% increase in students meeting their target score. In math there was a 10% increase in students meeting their cut score. There was a 6% increase in students meeting their target score. He explained that the cut score is where a student should be. The target score is an individual number based on student growth. He added that the numbers do not reflect students who made improvements, but still did exceed their cut or target scores.

Mr. Greene reported that they had a group of at-risk students who were happy and smiling when they got off the bus in the morning. They were happy to be there. The staff was very energetic. It was amazing to see the students all working. Overall, the students improved. His recommendation for next year is to move the program to the beginning of the new school year rather than at the end of the current year. That would provide a jump start for the coming year. It was a great program with a lot of parent buy-in. He was glad that he had the opportunity to be the principal.

Bill Coli questioned how it was determined who improved. Mr. Green stated classroom monitoring, DIBELS, and NWEA. Bill Coli asked about the kids who did not make their cut scores. Mr. Greene reported that all of the principal will get the scores for each student. Bill Coli questioned if there is any way to look at more of the data for students who still do not meet/exceed. Jose Hernandez asked for scores at the beginning of the program and scores at the end of the program. Mr. Greene indicated that can be done. Everything will be put into Just Five Clicks. Jose Hernandez asked if everyone improved. Mr. Greene stated that not everyone improved. He explained that attendance was an issue for some of the students. There were a few students who digressed. He stated he will get the Board the percentages. Tim Shanahan asked if five weeks are enough. Dr. Joe stated that we want to allow some time for vacation. Mr. Greene indicated five to six weeks is good. Year round would be the best.

Bill Coli stated that it was mentioned that consistency in the curriculum is the key. He wanted to verify that there is consistency in the curriculum during the regular school year as well. Dr. Zook stated that the curriculum is the same for every student at every grade level at every school. She added that the new curriculum guide will be coming out this fall. It will be more specific and communicate more clearly. She commended Robin O'Connor and Brian Greene. Usually Summer School principals are hired in September. They were hired in January. They really worked hard to make their programs work.

**Consent Agenda:**

Anne Hoffman moved to approve the consent agenda. Tim Shanahan seconded the motion.

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08/06.10 Financial Statements, June 2006

08/06.11 Personnel Report

Voice vote: 5 ayes: 0 nays. Motion carried

**Action Items:**

Bill Coli brought up the subject of the Wellness Policy. Dr. Joe stated that we have to have this by law by September. There was a first reading at the last meeting. Anne Hoffman reported that the entire community got together on this from the administration to the students. Jose Hernandez moved to approve the Wellness Policy as presented. Anne Hoffman seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Boehm, Hoffman, Shanahan, Hernandez, Coli

Nays: None

Motion carried – 5– 0

**President's Report:** None

**Superintendent's Report:** None

**Discussion Items:** None

**Committee Reports:** None

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Announcements:** None

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**Informational Items:**

Bill Coli brought up the informational items that are in the packet. Questions should be submitted to Alan Hahn.

Alan Hahn told the Board that for their information the bus drivers will be out this week running their routes. Friday will be a mock school day for drivers. Brochures went out this week to all kindergarten parents. August 21<sup>st</sup> will be the dress rehearsal for Kindergartens who are new to the District and one parent. They will all ride the bus to school, meet the principal, and then go home. August 22<sup>nd</sup> will be another dry run for the bus drivers. Alan Hahn added that the hot line number (990-4280) will start on August 21<sup>st</sup>. Dr. Joe stated that there will be one person in charge of calls. The hotline will be manned until October 16<sup>th</sup>. Because there will be more than one call at a time all of the secretaries in the District Office will be trained on how to take bus problem phone calls. New students will have to find existing stops on existing routes until the third week of school. At that time we can reevaluate on an individual basis. Alan Hahn told the Board that drivers have their routes now, if a new student comes in it alters the situation. That has to be looked at carefully. Bill Coli reported that if a parent picks a stop, he or she needs to notify the District. The District then needs to notify the bus company. Alan Hahn stated we need to make sure the buses do not get overcrowded. He added that he wanted to acknowledge his secretary, Gloria Bentzen, for all of her hard work with all of the busing issues.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, Bill Coli requested a motion to adjourn. Jose Hernandez moved to adjourn the meeting. Tom Boehm seconded the motion. Voice Vote: 5 ayes: 0 nays. Motion carried

Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 8:25PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Limer

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Mary Jane Rattner, President

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Timothy Shanahan, Secretary