

Minutes  
Regular Board Meeting  
Hawthorn Board of Education  
March 23, 2007

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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 8:40AM on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2007.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Mary Jane Rattner, President, at 8:40AM. 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, Donna Gaidamak, Anne Hoffman (via phone), Tim Shanahan, Bill Coli, and Mary Jane Rattner.

**Public Comment period:** None

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

**Staff Presentations:**

Mary Jane Rattner stated that James McDonough from Legat Architects was here to discuss the proposed Elementary North office renovations. Mr. McDonough explained that he was here to figure out what the proposed space could look like. There are a couple of ideas. He introduced Jason Lepke. Mr. Lepke reported that he met with Principal Greene. The goals discussed were security, functionality, and a sense of entry. There were three options presented. The first, C1, provides a secure entry, a revamp of the offices, and a moved corridor. The moved corridor connects two currently unconnected corridors to relieve congestion. Tom Boehm asked about how HAC would enter the building with the proposed changes. Mr. Lepke stated that there would be an extra card reader installed to eliminate the need to go through the office. Bill Coli asked about the old teachers' lounge. Mr. Lepke explained that it becomes general office space. Mr. McDonough commented that we are at the beginning stages of the design. Mr. Lepke pointed out that with this design the speech rooms lose their windows, but the art room would get natural lighting. With C2 the corridor is straight rather than curved and the offices are shifted differently than in C1. Donna Gaidamak questioned if the electrical and storage spaces designated on the plans are existing spaces. Mr. Lepke stated that they are. In C3 the corridor is not connected in order to save money and space. Bill Coli wanted to know if a canopy is included in C3. Tom Carrino of IHC commented that it is not included in this design. It is only included in C2. Donna Gaidamak asked if there is a loss of classroom space. Mr. Lepke reported that there is no space lost. Bill Coli pointed out that there is none added either.

Mr. Lepke commented that a canopy is included in C2. That can be removed. Tom Carrino stated that the cost of the canopy is about \$70K. Mr. McDonough told the Board that they need to look at the 3D aspects and talk to Principal Greene again. They want to analyze the use of the space and the visual look of the addition. Donna Gaidamak asked how realistic the numbers are based on the fact that we would not go out to bid until January. Tom Carrino reported that he included a 6% increase in the numbers. Donna Gaidamak asked if there is money in the budget. Alan Hahn responded that the District has money to work with. Bill Coli stated that the levy can be adjusted. Tim Shanahan commented that he liked the strong presentational front of the building and the corridor connection. Donna Gaidamak stated that she agreed with Tim Shanahan. It is a lot of money to spend. \$1.3M with no classroom additions makes her a little anxious. She reported that she would like to see the cost come down a bit. Tom Boehm stated that he likes option C1. He suggested dealing with the canopy later. The school would look nicer with the addition. Bill Coli commented that he thinks the addition would help everyone. It would create a more orderly environment. It will help the people who work in the building that would in turn help the students. The office space is very crowded now. He added that he is torn between C2 and C3. He would like to see a reasonable price. The money is there. Mary Jane Rattner reported that cost is an issue. She would like to see the entrance more identifiable. She would like to see Elementary North have a more pleasant environment. Mr. McDonough commented that what he has just heard from the Board is that they like the connection, architectural look and the ability to solve some functional issues. He will take this information and refine the design. Bill Coli commented that it is function, cost, and shape in that order.

Mary Jane Rattner stated she would like to see the costs come down. She suggested that he come back on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. McDonough reported that the date is fine for him. Bill Coli asked about the upgrades of service. Tom Carrino commented that they are included already.

**Consent Agenda:**

Donna Gaidamak moved to approve the consent agenda. Tom Boehm seconded the motion.

03/07.73 Board Minutes, closed session, 2/26/07

03/07.74 Expenditure Report, March 2007

03/07.75 Establish 5/4/07 Board Meeting

03/07.76 Establish 5/14/07 Board Meeting

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03/07.77 Personnel Report

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Gaidamak, Boehm, Shanahan, Coli, Rattner  
Nays: None  
Absent: Hernandez, Hoffman  
Motion carried – 5– 0

Mary Jane Rattner referred to Alan Hahn's memo regarding canvassing election results.

**Superintendent's Report:**

Dr. Yomtoob stated that the addition at Elementary North will be our last building to improve. We tried to cut corners when we built Middle School South; we are paying for that now. We should do right by the students and the community on this new project.

**President's Report:**

Mary Jane Rattner reported that we are about to start a transition with the administration and the Board. In the Closed session after this meeting we will lay out the transition plan with the administration. Press releases will inform the community, and letters will be sent out to parents. There will be a transition of the Board after the election. Mary Jane Rattner announced that she is resigning her seat as President effective today. For the remainder of her term she will hold a board position. Bill Coli announced that he is resigning his seat as Vice President effective today. For the remainder of his term he will hold a board position. Tim Shanahan announced that he is resigning his seat as Secretary effective today. Mary Jane Rattner stated that we have to elect new officers. She elected Bill Coli as President Pro Tem.

**Action Items:**

Bill Coli brought up the position of School Board President. Donna Gaidamak moved to elect Tim Shanahan as President of the School Board. Tom Boehm seconded the motion. Motion was carried by voice vote.

Bill Coli brought up the position of School Board Vice President. Tom Boehm moved to elect Donna Gaidamak as Vice President of the School Board. Mary Jane Rattner seconded the motion. Motion was carried by voice vote.

Bill Coli brought up the position of School Board Secretary. Donna Gaidamak moved to elect Anne Hoffman as Secretary of the School Board. Tom Boehm seconded the motion. Motion was carried by voice vote.

**Discussion Items:** None

**Committee Reports:** None

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Announcements:** None

**Informational Items:**

Tim Shanahan mentioned Alan Hahn's memo on election canvas.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, Tim Shanahan requested a motion to go into Closed Session. Bill Coli moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting and move into Closed Session. Tom Boehm seconded the motion. Voice Vote: 5 ayes: 0 nays. Motion carried

Regular Meeting Adjourned at 9:20AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debbie Limer

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Timothy Shanahan, President

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Anne Hoffman, Secretary