

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 7:00PM on the 11th day of August 2008.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Tim Shanahan, President, at 7:00PM. 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: Jeff Bard, Michelle Comitor, John Sonnenberg, Donna Gaidamak, Tim Shanahan.

| List of tasks | Due date |
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| 8/15/08 bring to Board for the handbook | |
| RFP Audit review | Completed |
| Revised evaluation for superintendent | Meeting next week, 8/19/08 |
| Survey of high school students | Survey in February |
| Working on; mid September distribution | |
| ECRA Presentation | 11/24/08 |
| On-Line Board of Education communication | Working on |
| Board minutes posted after approval | Completed |
| Web casting – audio | Starts 9/15/08 |
| Simplified Budget | Completed |
| Review of financial support needs | Completed |
| Press Update | Completed |
| Review of building security | Completed |
| SEDOL financing decision | Completed |
| HAC sponsor, RFP | November |
| Agendas on-line before Board Meeting | Completed |
| Budget on-line | Completed |
| Outdoor Education replacement discussion | 8/25/08 |
| Dress Code/Handbook changes | 8/11/08 |

Building/district level:

1. Reserve Study Presentation
 - All school buildings are in good physical shape
 - No surprises in Reserve Study
 - According to report, schools have good maintenance record
 - Future roofing replacements make up majority of facility needs over next ten years
 - Conversation about bond issue to cover capital needs
 - Discussion of bond issue to continue on 8/25/08
 - Public Hearing for the 2008-2009 budget on 9/8/08
 - Budget needs to be approved two weeks later

Communication:

1. Town Hall Meeting
 - Town Hall will be November 3rd
 - Doug Reeves will present on accountability
 - February Town Hall will discuss reactions and ECRA survey results
 - Town Hall Meetings will have same set up as last year's including free babysitting

Finance:

1. Budget Review
 - Simplified budget has 4 categories: simplified budget, overview, supporting information, detail of the budget
 - The largest cost is teachers' salaries
 - Discussion of school safety officer and possible alternatives
 - Majority of revenue for schools is property taxes
 - Discussion of adding 22 additional parking places at Townline
 - Conversation about the Board of Education receiving simplified budget versus detailed line item budget

Lisa Jay arrived at 8:40PM

Human Resources:

1. Pay for substitute teachers
 - New proposed rate for substitutes will save the District money due to removing bonus system and less record keeping
 - Rate increase will compete with area districts and attract highly qualified teachers
 - Vote on proposal will be 8/25/08

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55PM. The meeting reconvened at 10:00PM.

Finance: cont.

Budget Review

- Discussion about whether or not to build the proposed maintenance building
- Board asked for a justification of the needs of maintenance building for next meeting
- Discussion will continue on 8/25/08 on maintenance building and additional parking spaces at Townline

2. Technology

- Discussion of the District's vision for the future, different philosophies, needs, options, accountability, and Pioneer program
- Conversation about the concerns regarding the Pioneer Program and a further explanation of the program by administration
- Discussion of Pioneer Teams at each school and plan to expand program over the next three years

Policy:

1. Press updates
 - Postponed

SEDOL:

1. None scheduled

Transportation:

1. None scheduled

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Tim Shanahan requested a motion to adjourn.

John Sonnenberg moved to adjourn the meeting. Lisa Jay seconded the motion. Voice Vote: 6 ayes: 0 nays. Motion carried.

Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 11:00PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Limer

Timothy Shanahan, President

Anne Hoffman, Secretary