

**Minutes of the 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, Vernon Hills, IL 60061
at 7 p.m. on the 27th day of July 2009.**

Call to Order: Tim Shanahan, President, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Lisa Jay called the roll, with the following members of the Board of Education answering present: John Sonnenberg, Theresa Calabrese, Julie Weiler, Jeff Bard, Tim Shanahan and Lisa Jay.
Absent: Michelle Comitor
Also in attendance were Dr. Zook and Alan Hahn

Public Comment:

Aaron Lawler of Vernon Hills thanked the Board for past support he received as former Cook Memorial Public Library's Board President. He announced that he has been appointed as a Lake County Board Member and stated he looked forward to working with Hawthorn in his new role.

Student and Staff Accomplishments, Recognitions: None Scheduled

Consent agenda

07/09.1 Release of closed meeting minutes for public inspection
Item tabled until the August 10th COW meeting.

07/09.2 Meeting minutes, COW regular session, 07/13/09

07/09.3 Expenditure Report July 2009

07/09.4 2010-2011 Transportation Parent Fee Payment

07/09.5 Personnel report: A-G: Resignations: Reworked retirement letter:

A: Jeff Howat, 7th grade teacher, Middle School North;

B-G: Approval of six (6) certificated staff members

B: Sally Glenn, ESL/ELL teacher, Townline;

C: Nicole Joslyn, Kindergarten teacher, .5 at Elementary South, .5 at Elementary North;

D: Wendy McLaughlin, 1st grade teacher, Townline;

E: Jennifer Quall, early childhood teacher, Aspen/district;

F: Rebecca Staszak, .5 art teacher, Elementary North;

G: Jennifer Vazquez, ESL/ELL teacher, Elementary North.

Lisa Jay moved and John Sonnenberg seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda items as presented.

Tim Shanahan called for a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Therese Calabrese, Tim Shanahan, Jeff Bard, Julie Weiler, John Sonnenberg and Lisa Jay voted aye.

6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Action items

07/09.6 Tentative Budget 2009-2010

Therese Calabrese moved and Lisa Jay seconded the motion that the Board of Education accept the tentative budget as presented for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010, and that the budget be placed on file for public inspection from August 13, 2009 to September 14, 2009 at the District Office located at 841 West End Court, Vernon Hills, Illinois, and that a public hearing of said budget be held at 7:00 p.m. on September 14, 2009 in the District Office Board Room located at 841 West End Court, Vernon Hills, Illinois.

The Board discussed the Tentative Budget and clarified several documents contained in it. One major change in this budget is the inclusion of bond money to begin making repairs that were identified in the Reserve Study. The Reserve Study was commissioned by the Board to maintain the educational facilities of the district in a safe and healthy condition for the students, staff and community in the years to come. State grant money for pre-school programs may be cut by one-third and once that dollar amount is known, it will be reflected in the Final Budget. It is possible that grant money the state ran out of last year will be realized this year.

Alan Hahn explained the process for approving the budget. The law requires a notice be placed in the newspaper and that the budget be placed on file for public inspection. Also required is a public hearing, which will be at the September 14th Board meeting. Board action today was approval of a tentative budget that could be changed before a final budget is approved. The Final budget, by law, must be approved by the end of September.

Board Member, Jeff Bard, requested that due to our economic times, the Board set a time for further discussion of this budget. The next Committee of the Whole meeting agenda will reflect this.

Tim Shanahan called for a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Lisa Jay, Therese Calabrese, Tim Shanahan, Jeff Bard, Julie Weiler and John Sonnenberg voted aye.
6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Therese Calabrese moved and John Sonnenberg seconded the motion that the Board of Education publish the following legal notice in the Pioneer Press: 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, 2009 will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at the District Office located at 841 West End Court, Vernon Hills, Illinois, after 8:00 a.m. on the 13th day of August 2009. Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said budget will be held at 7:00 p.m. on the 14th day of September 2009, in the District Office Board Room located at 841 West End Court, Vernon Hills, Illinois.

There being no discussion, Tim Shanahan called for a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Lisa Jay, Therese Calabrese, Tim Shanahan, Jeff Bard, Julie Weiler, and John Sonnenberg voted aye.
6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

07/09.7 Right of First Refusal

John Sonnenberg moved and Lisa Jay seconded the motion that the Board of Education waive its right of first refusal and allow the sale to another party of the property next to its Tower Road Property.

The Board clarified for the audience that when the Maintenance Facility on Tower Road was purchased, Hawthorn had the option to purchase approximately 2 acres of adjacent property. The decision at that time was not to purchase the land parcel but included a right of first refusal in the event than an offer was made on that property. The price of the property has risen, therefore the vote to waive Hawthorn's right of first refusal and allow the sale to another party.

Tim Shanahan called for a roll call vote.

John Sonnenberg, Julie Weiler, Jeff Bard, Tim Shanahan, Therese Calabrese and Lisa Jay
6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

President's report - None

Superintendent's report

Dr. Zook stated the Enrichment Institute program has ended and Summer Scholars began today with 450 plus students in the program. The program is a grant-funded program and it is the first year incoming Kindergarteners were included.

Dr. Zook also thanked Board Members for the experience of professionalism and efficiency in her first meetings as Superintendent. A book titled, Taking the Mystery out of Illinois School Finance was distributed to Board Members.

Discussion items

- Committee reports – No items scheduled
- Unfinished business – No items scheduled
- New business – No items scheduled
- Announcements – No items scheduled
- Informational items
 1. 2008 tax distribution #4
 2. 2008 tax distribution #5
 3. Hawthorn in the News

Adjournment

Tim Shanahan requested a motion to adjourn. Lisa Jay moved and Tim Shanahan seconded the motion to adjourn.

Voice Vote: 6 ayes; 0 nays. Motion carried.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gloria Bentzen

Timothy Shanahan, President

Lisa Jay, Secretary