

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
of Hawthorn Community Consolidated District Number 73, Lake County, Illinois
held in the Board Room at 841 West End Court, Vernon Hills, IL 60061
at 7:00 p.m. on the 25th day of January 2010.**

CALL to ORDER

Tim Shanahan, President called the Regular meeting to order at 7:03 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, Julie Weiler, Jeff Bard, Michelle Comitor, Tim Shanahan, Theresa Calabrese and Lisa Jay. Also in attendance were Dr. Zook and Alan Hahn.

PUBLIC COMMENT - No one from the public chose to provide comment.

STAFF RECOGNITION – None Scheduled

PRESENTATION/QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

21st Century/Trailblazer Update and Presentation – Lisa Cerauli, Karen Olker and Jim Batson

Lisa Cerauli, Director of Student Achievement and 21st Century Learning, Karen Olker, Coordinator of Staff Development, and Jim Batson, Manager of Tech Services gave an update of the 21st Century initiative that began last year. The Trailblazers have participated in Staff Development activities to reinforce effective teaching strategies related to 21st Century Learning, which includes the integration of higher-order thinking skills and planning while utilizing technology tools. The team stated they saw a good mix of teachers using the 21st Century skills with an emphasis on collaboration, differentiation and higher-order thinking. This makes the classrooms more engaging and effective for students. Technology does not overshadow literature or textbooks; the two components compliment each other.

Looking at assessing this program, the learning strategies and practices, the question of how opportunities are offered for our students and if there are any changes that need to be made. The pioneers did write a goal and that template has now been modified using the UbD framework. Karen Olker explained the importance of having what the Trailblazers need, the staff development resources and support and for all teachers and staff to be able to come to the sessions.

Lisa Cerauli described some of the instruction that has been led by teachers and staff members, with increased involvement by Tech Facilitators. Bruce Ahlborn, an Apple Distinguish Education, is working with us. Bruce has met with individual teams to help in planning their curriculum and instruction, and has taught lessons with our students.

When asked how the financial piece fits into this program, Jim Batson stated that the program is very cost effective. Computers already on hand are being used. All resources are being maximized. The 1:1 Pilot program includes the District team that is collaborating with the building tech and the teacher, giving each student a laptop to take home. A parent meeting will be held next week. The District is working on coordinating Internet access for students who do not have that tool at home.

The next step is to develop ways to assess students learning in these areas. This data will help district administrators to expand the program to more teachers and classrooms every year. The ultimate goal would be to be able to extend the classroom walls so students can expand on what happens in school with learning opportunities available 24 hours; and to have all teachers using technology and resources to its full potential to enhance the students learning, stated Karen Olker.

The District team articulates with all three high schools, keeping them abreast of this program. Vernon Hills high school is looking into virtual learning and different ways to address the students needs to enhance their curriculum. Members of the Board agreed that Hawthorn will be presenting our high schools with the best students because we are raising the bar of excellence.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 01/25.53 Approval of Minutes, CoW/Regular Session, 1/11/10
- 01/25.54 Expenditure Report for January 2010
- 01/25.55 Financial Statement, November 2009
- 01/25.56 Financial Statement, December 2009
- 01/25.57 Personnel

Michelle Comitor moved and Theresa Calabrese 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: John Sonnenberg, Julie Weiler, Jeff Bard, Michelle Comitor, Tim Shanahan, Theresa Calabrese and Lisa Jay all voted aye.
7 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Preparing for the February 9 Town Hall Meeting – What It Takes to Be a Board Member

Board President, Tim Shanahan, stated that the Town Hall Meeting would take place on Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at Elementary North beginning at 7:00 p.m. The topic of the evening will be *What it takes to be a Board Member*. Each member of the Board will speak on different rolls and responsibilities of a Board Member.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Update on Online Registration and Fee Payment

Dr. Zook explained the goal of implementing a more effective way for families to register and make on-line payments. A team of administrators and staff evaluated several vendors, narrowing their search to 4 vendors that made formal presentations. InfoSnap Inc. will provide a streamlined automated registration process and the State of Illinois ePay system will provide the on-line payment process.

This will begin with this summer's HEI (Hawthorn Enrichment Institute), where families will be able to register for this summer program and pay fees on-line. Registration for next school year (2010 - 2011) will be delayed to late April or early May, allowing families to register and pay their school fees on-line. This program will be expanded to include lunch fees and field trip payments in the fall.

2. Transportation Bid

Dr. Zook explained that our bus transportation services are going out for bid for bus services through 2013 with possible extensions for an additional two years. This is a combined bidding process, as in the past, with Libertyville School District 70 and High School District 128. A required pre-bid meeting is scheduled for February 16th and the bid opening will be on March 4th. All bids will be reviewed and a recommendation for Board approval will be brought to the March 22nd Board Meeting.

3. Retirement Recognition

Dr. Zook announced changes to our retirement celebrations and gave a schedule for retirement events for this year retirement celebration. Monday, May 24, 2010: Board of Education Recognition of 2010 Hawthorn Retirees. Thursday, June 10, 2010 (*pending no snow days*): Retiree Breakfast for the retirees and their guests, followed by the District's Service Awards for all staff and ending with a District wide retirement reception with cake and coffee

COMMITTEE REPORTS - None Scheduled

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Vice President, John Sonnenberg, submitted his formal letter of resignation effective February 4th after serving 3 years on the Hawthorn Board. Dr. Zook thanked him for his years of dedication and all his contributions, not only to the Board, but also to our schools, the Administration and Staff and our entire community. Tim Shanahan told John that he would continue to be an inspiration to this Board and wished him many successes in the future. John Sonnenberg was then honored with a parting gift and two songs, written by Dr. Zook and sung by the Board of Education and the Administrative Team.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Hawthorn in the News

ADJOURNMENT

Tim Shanahan requested a motion to adjourn.

John Sonnenberg moved and Michelle Comitor seconded the motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting.

Tim Shanahan called for a voice vote.

Voice Vote: 7 ayes; 0 nays. Motion carried.

The Regular Business Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Gloria Bentzen

Timothy Shanahan, President

Lisa Jay, Secretary

Date Minutes Approved: _____