

**Minutes of the Regular Meetings 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 22nd day of March 2010.**

CALL to ORDER

Tim Shanahan, President called the Regular meeting to order at 7:01 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: Jayson Tran, 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 - None Scheduled

CONSENT AGENDA

03/22.71 Approval of Minutes, Regular Session, 3/8/10

03/22.72 Approval of Minutes, Closed Session, 2/22/10

03/22.73 Approval of Minutes, Closed Session, 3/8/10

03/22.74 Expenditure Report for March 2010

03/22.75 February Financial Statement

03/22.76 Personnel – A-K:

Retirement of one certificated teacher: A: Diane Grimes, December, 2010, health teacher at Middle South;

B-C: Leave of Absence: B: Lara Christoun, full year leave to work part time, Coordinator of Bilingual Services and Federal Projects; C: Betsy Sostak, full year leave to work part time, School of Dual Language Principal, Townline;

D-J: Approval of seven (7) certificated staff members: D: Heather Arendt, fourth grade teacher at Aspen; E: Lindsey Bakker, Bilingual psychologist for district; F: Michelle Caselli, fifth grade teacher at Elementary South; G: Bethany Dahm, fifth grade teacher at Townline; H: Cherie Heaser, Aspen Library Media Specialist; I: Adriana Nevarez-Florez, sixth grade math teacher at Middle South; J: Allison Schippers, first grade teacher at Elementary North;

K: Resolution to approve two (2) administrative reassignments.

Jayson Tran requested that item 03/22.72 - Approval of Minutes, Closed Session, 2/22/10 be removed from the Consent agenda motion and voted on separately.

Michelle Comitor moved and Julie Weiler seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Consent agenda items, without the Closed Session 2/22/10 minutes.

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Jayson Tran moved and Tim Shanahan seconded the motion that the Board of Education move into Closed Session for the purposes of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or Legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal Counsel for the District to determine its validity.

Roll Call Vote: Theresa Calabrese, Tim Shanahan, Michelle Comitor, Jeff Bard, Julie Weiler, Jayson Tran and Lisa Jay voted aye. Nays: none

Motion Carried - 7 ayes, 0 nays. The Board moved into Closed Session at 7:06 p.m.

Michelle Comitor moved and Jayson Tran seconded the motion that the Board move back into open session.

Voice Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

Motion carried

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:20 p.m.

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Tim Shanahan stated the original Consent Agenda Motion was still active and requested a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:, Michelle Comitor, Jeff Bard, Julie Weiler, Jayson Tran, Lisa Jay, Theresa Calabrese and Tim Shanahan voted aye. Nays: None

Motion carried – 7– 0

Michelle Comitor moved and Julie Weiler second the motion that the Board of Education approve the Consent agenda item 03/22.72 - Approval of Minutes, Closed Session, 2/22/10.

Roll Call Vote:, Theresa Calabrese, Tim Shanahan, Michelle Comitor, Jeff Bard, Julie Weiler and Lisa Jay, voted aye. Abstain: Jayson Tran Nays: None

Motion carried – 6– 0

ACTION ITEMS

03/22.77 Approval of disposal bid from Veolia Environmental Services

Lisa Jay moved and Tim Shanahan second the motion that the Board of Education approve the lowest and best bid from Veolia Environmental Services for the district's disposal and recycling services for the 2010-2011, 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years at the amounts indicated for a three year total of \$67,176.60.

Roll Call Vote:, Tim Shanahan, Theresa Calabrese, Lisa Jay, Jayson Tran, Julie Weiler, Jeff Bard and Michelle Comitor voted aye. Nays: None

Motion carried – 7– 0

03/22.78 Approval of Transportation bid

Tim Shanahan moved and Jayson Tran seconded the motion that the Board of Education award a contract to Lakeside Transportation for its bid of the district's transportation services for the 2010-2011, 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years, with the ability for additional annual extensions with Board approval, at the rates attached and authorize the administration to execute the final contract for services.

Members of the Board briefly discussed the transportation approval of Lakeside Transportation requesting to know if Hawthorn is independent of Districts 70 and 128 and what guarantee the Board has that Lakeside will not request an increase in prices.

Alan stated that the three districts did bid collectively to receive competitive bids and to encourage best pricing, however it is stated in the bid documents that the winning bidder will have an individual contract with a school district. Hawthorn is not dependent on the decision of District 70 or of District 128. The two option years are negotiable. During these years, we will mutually agree on a rate with Lakeside or choose to go out for bid.

John Benish, Jr., CEO of Cook Illinois and Sharon Pierluissi, Regional Manager of Lakeside Transportation, were introduced. Mr. Benish stated that the prices in this contract are set for the three-year period.

Roll Call Vote: Tim Shanahan, Michelle Comitor, Jeff Bard, Julie Weiler, Jayson Tran, Theresa Calabrese and Lisa Jay voted aye. Nays: None

Motion carried – 7– 0

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Tim Shanahan stated that the World Language Task Force will give a presentation at the April 26th Board Meeting.

The Future Search Vision Group have met and defined six vision points. Information on Future Search and the Vision Group, including the six points and timeline are on the Hawthorn website.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

PMA Financial Planning Program

Dr. Zook gave an overview of the PMA Financial handout, explaining that the Board opted to have PMA work on the five-year projections and analysis of the past 5 years. Dr. Zook stated that we are on target in developing next year's budget.

Alan Hahn reminded the Board of their inquiry regarding contacting the village for input on new growth. Alan stated that \$6,000,000 is projected for 2010. There are many unknowns to be able to project further out. Alan also stated that looking at all the assumptions, the budget will be balanced for the next two years. After that Hawthorn may face some deficits. We are still waiting to see the Illinois and Federal budgets.

Tim Shanahan recommended the Board discuss, at the next Committee of the Whole Meeting, possible ideas on how to prevent a deficit in the future. Dr. Zook recommended to reconvene the Boards Finance Committee and possibly create an advisory committee to look at options and provide input on future budget planning. Dr. Zook also stated that we are monitoring what neighboring districts, as well as districts across Illinois, are doing.

Jayson Tran asked for clarification on the history of information regarding PMA looking at our last five years of budgets. Alan Hahn stated that the "look-back" was on taxes and new growth, not the budgets themselves.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - None Scheduled

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michelle Comitor commended Middle School South on how organized in moving students and keeping everyone calm during the March 16th situation. A Nice Job to all staff and students!

Joy Mullaney, Principal of Middle South, thanked Dr. Zook, Tom Springborn, Principal of Aspen, his staff, the teachers, staff, students and the Crisis Team of Middle South and the District Office staff. Everything ran very smoothly with everyone working together.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. February PRESS release (Issue 71)
2. Hawthorn in the News

ADJOURNMENT

Tim Shanahan requested a motion to adjourn.

Lisa Jay moved and Michelle Comitor seconded the motion to adjourn the Business Meeting

Tim Shanahan called for a voice vote.

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

The Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gloria Bentzen

Timothy Shanahan, President

Lisa Jay, Secretary

Date Minutes Approved: _____