

**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 26th day of April 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 was Dr. Zook.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Del Parra presented pictures of original Hawthorn buildings

Del Para, a member of the Libertyville/Mundelein Historical Society, presented two pictures showing two of the original Hawthorn buildings. One of the schools was built in 1910 and was located on South Milwaukee Avenue, Libertyville. The other building was built in the 1930's on the grounds of the Cuneo Estate.

2. Jeff Fougrousse, Vernon Hills Park District

Jeff Fougrousse, Executive Director of the Vernon Hills Park District, announced that the Park District was awarded a \$400,000 OSLAD (*Open Space Land Acquisition and Development*) Grant. The grant will be used for the renovation of the north end of Century Park with construction scheduled to begin this summer.

The Park District values the partnership with Hawthorn. An agreement has recently been established for the Park District to utilize the Districts soccer fields with the fields being maintained by the Park District. Mr. Fougrousse also stated that the 2-3 acres of land south of the aquatic center is being looked at for development. Physical Education classes will be able to utilize this area when that project is complete.

After School programs have grown and approximately 700 Hawthorn students have taken advantage of the after school enrichment programs the Park District offered in the last several months. Dr. Zook stated that the partnership that has formed is very gratifying.

STAFF RECOGNITION

Each year Hawthorn honors certified staff that have attained tenure status. Receiving tenure this year are:

Elementary North: Shellie McConnell and Matthew Polnow

Elementary South: Megan Holt and Crystal Krawchuk (also at Aspen)

Townline: Adrienne Anderson, Katherine Carney, Megan Rathe and Jennifer Schmidt

Hawthorn School of Dual Language: Nicole Bellini

Middle North: Tommie Arens, Evelina Lasch, John Reid, Erin Roche and Principal Anna Groh

Middle South: Tia Alexander and Faith Becker

District: Lara Christoun.

Dr. Zook announced that four administrators have received their Doctorates. Congratulations to Dr. Lisa Cerauli, Dr. Eileen Conway, Dr. Karen Olker and Dr. Jill Martin.

PRESENTATION/QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

World Language Task Force presentation

by Dr. Lisa Cerauli, Director of Student Achievement and 21st Century Learning

Dr. Lisa Cerauli presented information about the work of the World Language Task Force. Dr. Cerauli and members of the Board thanked all members of the Hawthorn World Language Task Force, who gave their time and effort meeting monthly since last summer to research data and explore options. The purpose of this the Task Force was not to look at where we are, but to look towards our future of what our needs and wants are, in terms of language instruction. The group researched and studied 3 models of instruction: FLEX, an exploratory way of learning a language, FLESS, exposes students not only to the language, but also to the culture, and Immersion, where students are exposed to the language 50-80% of their day. Dr. Cerauli stated that parents and staff were surveyed, receiving back 550 surveys from families and 160 from staff members. When the data from the surveys completed by the community were analyzed, it was clear that French and Chinese were languages of interest in addition to Spanish. Parents want language instruction both at the elementary and the middle school levels. The expansion of the program was sited, however, no indications given on if there should be a trade off in the curriculum.

The recommendations from the task force for the elementary level, included exploratory of all three languages and cultures and be open to all students Kindergarten through 5th grade integrating the language instruction as part of the core curriculum. The middle school level recommendations would build off the elementary schools, offering all 3 languages in 6th grade and then asking students to declare one language choice for 7th and 8th grade. At the end of 8th grade, students could have completed their first year language requirement for high school.

The Administrative Team will review all research and recommendations, as well as evaluate current dual language students and their placement testing at the high school. The team will also look at how to utilize our resources, work with our high school to compliment their language program and look at best practices of other districts using multiple language programs. A future proposal to the Board will be made for possible implementation for the 2011-2012 school year.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 04/26.84 Approval of Minutes, Regular Session, 4/12/10
- 04/26.85 Approval of Minutes, Closed Session, 4/12/10
- 04/26.86 Approval of Minutes, Closed Session, 2/17/10
- 04/26.87 Policy PRESS approval (Issue 71)
- 04/26.88 Expenditure Report for April 2010
- 04/26.89 March Financial Statement
- 04/26.90 Personnel: A–C: Leave of Absence of three (3) certificated staff members:
 - A: Mindy Lamberti, 2nd grade teacher at Townline effective at the start of the 2010-11 school year.
 - B: Jane Munsell, 7th grade teacher at MS, effective at the start of the 2010-11 school year.
 - C: Jacqueline Ray, 6th grade teacher at MS, effective August 30, 2010.

Jayson Tran requested that item 04/26.86 Approval of Minutes, Closed Session, 2/17/10 be removed from the Consent agenda motion and voted on separately.

Jeff Bard requested that item 04/26.85 Approval of Minutes, Closed Session, 4/12/10 be removed from this Consent agenda for further review.

Jayson Tran moved and Theresa Calabrese seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Consent agenda items, without the Closed Session 2/17/10 minutes.

Roll Call Vote: Jayson Tran, Julie Weiler, Jeff Bard, Michelle Comitor, Tim Shanahan, Theresa Calabrese and Lisa Jay voted aye. Nays: None **Motion carried – 7– 0**

Tim Shanahan moved and Theresa Calabrese second the motion that the Board of Education approve the Consent agenda item 04/26.86 Approval of Minutes, Closed Session, 2/17/10

Roll Call Vote: Julie Weiler, Jeff Bard, Michelle Comitor, Tim Shanahan, Theresa Calabrese and Lisa Jay, voted aye. Abstain: Jayson Tran Nays: None **Motion carried – 6– 0**

ACTION ITEMS - None Scheduled

PRESIDENT’S REPORT - Most Improved Award

Members of the Board discussed the appropriateness of the Most Improved Awards that was instituted when Dr. Joe, former superintendent, came to this District. The Most Improved Award is given to one student in every grade in every school. Teachers nominate students and that school determines the award recipient. On May 3, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. the recipient students will receive a \$50.00 savings bond at Middle School South.

A separate account, established through Hawthorn for this award is still active. All expenses for the Most Improved Award are processed through this account.

Several other awards given out are generally for our 8th graders on their awards night and are generated through a nomination process. Private organizations/foundations fund a number of programs and students can apply for these. The Zack Tran Foundation recently funded a Pre-K field trip. No other award for students has any monetary value pass through a Hawthorn account.

The Board discussed options on how to create consistency for all awards that are given to our students and agreed that a policy is needed that states what our fiduciary responsibilities are. Dr. Zook will request advice from the District’s attorney and report to members of the Board.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT - None Scheduled

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Future Search Committee will be meeting on May 5th at Middle School South to finish working on the identified values. A presentation to the Board is expected in June.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS - None Scheduled

GENERAL INFORMATION - None Scheduled

1. Certificate of Financial Recognition
2. Student letters of recognition
3. Zach Tran Memorial Fund
4. Hawthorn in the News

ADJOURNMENT

Tim Shanahan requested a motion to adjourn.

Michelle Comitor moved and Jayson Tran 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 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gloria Bentzen

Timothy Shanahan, President

Lisa Jay, Secretary

Date Minutes Approved: _____