

**Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting and the Business 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

Sonali Patil called the CoW Meeting to order at 7:00p.m. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Wes Polen, Board Secretary, called the roll with the following Board of Education members answering present: Jayson Tran, Julie Simpson, Robin Cleek, Wes Polen, and Sonali Patil and Matt Jacobs. Also present were Interim Superintendents Dr. Joe Porto, Dr. Mark Friedman and Abe Singh, CSBO, Director of Finance and Business Operations. 1 VACANT SEAT (Filled at the regular board meeting).

PUBLIC COMMENT -None

RECOGNITION – None Scheduled

PRESENTATIONS – *Allison Stein gave a presentation on the new ESSA plan:* Allison explained the Every Student Succeeds Act which was passed into law in 12/10/2015. It dictates that each child should be on track for college and have the resources that they need. Students who have a higher need should be afforded a larger portion of the available sources. The Illinois plan is revisited every 4 years. With those initiatives in mind, the state has set some ambitious goals; the timeframe of is now to 15 years. Allison went over all of the ESSA criteria and informed the board and public what the Illinois State Board of Education has set forth for public schools and which indicators will be used and student sub groups will be measured. Please see the full ESSA presentation posted on the Hawthorn CCSD 73 website. Allison answered board questions regarding how the ESSA plan will be working with and replacing other evaluation measurements. The board asked for the presentation to be posted on the website.

FINANCE – None

HUMAN RESOURCES – None

POLICY – None

SEDOL – None

TRANSPORTATION – None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – The first mailer went out for the referendum dates, the second meeting is Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at Elementary North, please attend if you are able. Dr. Patil also reminded everyone that the referendum website is being regularly updated with pertinent information, the tax calculator is there as well as space constraint videos.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Dr. Joseph Porto gave a presentation on: Space Impact Options, what actions may need to be taken, if the referenda doesn't pass. Dr. Porto began the presentation by showing that there are currently academic programs being held in spaces that are not designed for class. Class held on stages, gym in the hallways, choir in a small cafeteria. Special Education class in a storage location, ELL courses are being held in the library; and the classes that are held in the appropriate spaces are doubled up, and / or have far larger than ideal class sizes. If, the referenda does not pass, some tough choices will need to be made for what course of action the district will need to take regarding cuts and space issues. Our architects looked into how many mobiles would be needed to help address some of the space issues is over 20! However, that will not address choir, chorus, gym, assembly's etc. Another option is to raise class sizes again; this will not free up class space equally throughout the school buildings. Even 30 students per class would leave us with space issues and we would have to reduce the teachers that were in those buildings. A third cut that may need to be looked at, would be choir, band and PE reduction. Eliminate Fine Arts programs. None of those options are looked upon favorably, but if the referendum does not pass cuts must be made.

A question was asked as to whether or not changing school building boundaries to help offset the over crowding has been looked at yet? The Superintendents said that it has not yet been reviewed, but that all solutions will need to be looked at in December if it is not passed. Please write down all of your ideas; hopefully we will not need to act on these choices but it will be good to have them in case we do.

It was clarified that a comment was made on social media that kindergarten is down 100 students, this is inaccurate so please do not rely on social media data. The referendum information has been posted on our website and the meetings have been scheduled to inform the public using valid data. This Space Impact Options presentation has also been posted to the website.

Dr. Friedman mentioned that Mundelein High School sent the Board Members and Superintendents event passes for their games scheduled for this school year. We have experienced very good community involvement from our neighboring districts regarding our referendum and support.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

DISCUSSION ITEMS - None

ADJOURNMENT - *Sonali Patil adjourned the Committee of the Whole meeting at 8:01p.m. All in favor.*

### REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

CALL TO ORDER - Sonali Patil called the the Regular Business Meeting to order at 8:01p.m.

#### ROLL CALL

Wes Polen, Board Secretary, called the roll with the following Board of Education members answering present: Jayson Tran, Julie Simpson, Robin Cleek, Wes Polen, and Sonali Patil and Matt Jacobs. Also present were Interim Superintendents Dr. Joe Porto, Dr. Mark Friedman and Abe Singh, CSBO, Director of Finance and Business Operations.

Swearing in of Victoria Helander-Heiser: Ms. Helander-Heiser gave her oath of office and was seated to the #73 School Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No one chose to comment.

#### CONSENT AGENDA:

Dr. Patil moved the closed session minutes from 9/17/18 out.

10/8.41 Approve Board Meeting minutes 8/27/18

10/8.42 Closed session minutes from 9/25/18

10/8.43 Closed session minutes from 9/30/18

10/8.44 Re-number CA & AI Index, as item #41 was not used for HEA contract on 9/17

10/8.45 Personnel - New Hire; L.O.A, Resignation, ESP: D

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Julie Simpson moved that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Matt Jacobs seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote:** Jayson Tran, Julie Simpson, Robin Cleek, Wes Polen, Matt Jacobs and Sonali Patil vote aye.

**Motion carried: 6 ayes; 1 abstain**

ACTION ITEMS: None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

School Board President Sonali Patil reported that Mundelein High School is having a STEM day specifically for middle school students. And Saturday is the PSAT for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders, good luck to them. Additionally there is always something scheduled for computer and science club is always scheduling activities to invite students.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Dr. Friedman informed us that we are in the final stretch of the Superintendent search. The community engagement day and the Supt. Search survey have been completed and the results are in, it is available and will be posted to our website as well. He went over the survey questions and what the most significant survey results are and invited any questions. The results will be posted to our website. The end of October is the cut off point for applications. Discussion ensued on how and when to schedule the candidate interviews. The candidate slate / profile and 2-hour workshop can be right before the regular board meeting on 11/26/18. Discussion continued on which dates would be open for conducting Supt. interviews. Most likely the formal hiring will be at the January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORT - None scheduled

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. Media clips
2. Superintendents Search survey results

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT - None

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION - Is there a benefit to conducting a transportation audit? Dr. Friedman responded that it is really tied to the economy; when employment is strong, the labor force drives the cost of transportation. Discussion ensued on routing, bus volume, employment, etc.

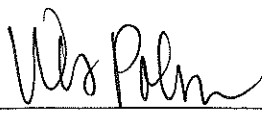
Another possibility to explore, can we look at changes the start times at the buildings? The Supt. response was that we would want to survey the residents to determine what the community needs are.

Sonali Patil asked for a motion to adjourn, Robin Cleek moved that the Board of Education adjourn the **Regular Business Meeting**. Julie Simpson seconded.

The Regular Business Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bobbi Elftmann

  
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Sonali Patil, President

  
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Wes Polen, Secretary

Date Minutes Approved: 10/22/18