

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the
Board of Education of Hawthorn Community Consolidated District Number 73, Lake County, Illinois
conducted remotely per Executive Order 2020-07 in response to COVID-19.**

7:00 p.m. on the 26th day of August, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

President Robin Cleek called the SPECIAL MEETING to order at **7:14p.m.**

ROLL CALL

Attendance was already taken during the preceding closed session, all board members present. Meeting was attended remotely, also attended were attorneys Scott Ginsburg and Neal Smith from Robbins Schwartz. Superintendent Dr. Pete Hannigan was present at the District Office.

PUBLIC COMMENT – No public comment was emailed in for the special meeting.

PRESENTATIONS – Attorney Scott Ginsburg and Neal Smith of Robbins Schwartz presented their findings regarding the proposed redevelopment of the Hawthorn Mall by creating a Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District. The process was explained, where the funds are allotted to and that it is valid for 23 years, if passed. 13 factors that were listed by the attorneys for Centennial Developers were explained and reviewed as well as the planned development for the property. The attorneys explained the “but/ for” test, which is utilized to prove whether or not a given property will only be improved by a TIF being passed. Discussion ensued and it was generally agreed upon that other options should be considered.

ACTION ITEMS –

4.1 Authorization for School District representative to either deny the Hawthorn Mall TIF at the Joint Review Board meeting or seek a continuance of the vote according to the discretion of the Asst. Supt. of Business & Finance.

MOTION: Robin Cleek moved that the Board of Education approve the Authorization for School District representative to either deny the Hawthorn Mall TIF at the Joint Review Board meeting or seek a continuance of the vote according to her discretion; Sonali Patil seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Wesley Polen, Sonali Patil, Robin Cleek, Joel Finfer, George Fievet, Victoria Helander-Heiser and Matt Jacobs.

Motion carried: 7 ayes; 0 nays

ADJOURN THE SPECIAL MEETING – Sonali Patil *made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Wesley Polen, meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m. All in favor.*

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Elftmann

Robin Cleek, President

George Fievet, Secretary

Date Minutes Approved: _____