

**“Minutes of the Regular 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 the 27th day of November 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:04 p.m. the Board of Education resumed the Regular Business meeting in open session. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Wes Polen called the roll prior to going in to Closed Session. All 7 members of the Board of Education were present for the Open Session.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mark Mastrorocco, Director of Land Acquisitions for Pulte Homes, 1900 E. Golf Road, Suite 300, Schaumburg, IL 60173

Mr. Mastrorocco is representing the Residences at Cuneo Mansion and Gardens. Mr. Mastrorocco stated that he just learned today that the Board had discussion about building placement for the new neighborhood and was unaware that a change was being made. He believes the school district should have contacted Pulte Homes prior to holding discussions concerning the neighborhood. Mr. Mastrorocco is requesting that the Board delay a building placement until additional discussion can be held between the Board of Education and Pulte Homes.

STAFF RECOGNITION – None scheduled

PRESENTATIONS - *Elizabeth Hennessey, Raymond James*

Elizabeth Hennessey is the Managing Director of Public Finance with Raymond James. Ms. Hennessey provided a historical market update of record high and low rates from 1993 to present. Financing options for the District's outstanding debt was reviewed. The District has a refunding opportunity on the Series 2009 bonds. The Series 2009A and Series 2009B Bonds are callable on January 1, 2019. The Series 2009A Bonds refund portions of the Series 2002 and 2004 referendum approved bonds. These bonds can be refunded for savings on a current basis within 90 days of the call date. The Series 2009B Bonds were non-referendum limited tax bonds payable from the Debt Service Extension Base and were issued for working cash purposes on a tax-exempt basis. These bonds can be refunded for savings on a current basis within 90 days of the call date or in advance of the call date. Options were shown on the current refunding accelerated under the DSEB that produces the most savings. Non-referendum refunding and new money options were also discussed. Three options were shown extending bonds 10 years, 15 years and 20 years out. Each of the options shown reflect some savings from the refunding but the savings are lessened due to extension of the repayment. Sonali Patil thanked Ms. Hennessey for her detailed presentation. She asked board members to review the information provided and forward questions to Superintendent Brown. Board members would like to invite Ms. Hennessy back to another meeting for additional discussion.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Student Achievement at the middle school level – Dr. Lisa Leali

Dr. Leali was joined by Robert Collins, Principal of Middle School North and Rob Natale, Principal of Middle School South. The objective of the presentation was to highlight Student Growth and Achievement Measures at the middle school level and the district plans for improvement. The purpose of an assessment is to: determine proficiency; assess growth and depth of understanding; determine rates of progress and formulate goals; plan for individualized instruction, programming, materials and assess their effectiveness; and keep ourselves accountable and guarantee outcomes for all of our students. Students have individual learning goals – 2 academic and 1 personal. This also incorporates the socio-emotional component of learning. Students meet with their homeroom teacher to create their personalized goals. There is ongoing collaboration between both middle schools through Early Release Days and staff working within departments. Dr. Leali reviewed MAP and PARCC assessment data. MAP is an adaptive assessment and PARCC is a standardized assessment. MAP testing is administered to all students for reading and math three times per year (kindergarten only takes a MAP test in the spring). It is a consistent measure of growth at Hawthorn 73 for over 10 years (with

implementation adjustments). The tests are administered in English online with accommodations as needed for IEP students. PARCC achievement trends show that the district continues to outperform the state in reading and math. Our Hispanic, low income and IEP subgroups continue to struggle. The largest achievement gaps are noted between socioeconomic levels and between students with and without IEP's. Access for ELL's is administered to all LEP students in January. Subtests include reading, writing, speaking and listening. Some tests are administered individually and some as a group. All tests are administered in English. Trends in the ELL testing showed a higher than expected growth in 2nd, 3rd, and 6th grades. The 2016-17 Access test underwent a standard setting process in order to better align linguistic demands with standards in Illinois. Traditionally, Hawthorn transitions 22-25% of ELL students from services. This year only 10% were able to meet the standard. Administrators are reviewing resources to ensure that the district continues to meet the needs of ELL students This appears to be a state-wide trend. An investment in co-teaching this year has benefited students with special needs and students are appreciative of this as well. School leadership teams are analyzing data to keep everything moving forward. Mr. Collins and Mr. Natale thanked the School Board for supporting the after-school activity bus that allows many more students to participate in a variety of extra-curricular activities. Use of Chromebooks in the classrooms and the professional development offered is ongoing.

HUMANeX Report

Mr. Brown presented data from the HUMANeX report. This is the 3rd year that Hawthorn has provided the annual survey to staff. The survey is on a 1-5 rating scale and anything above a 4 is considered to be in the operational excellence level. All dimension categories scored in the 4 rating. Participation in the survey has increased and reflects an upward trend in overall satisfaction. The survey is completed anonymously and it does not break out numbers by years. As an administrative team, they have focused on slowing down and listening. Dr. Maturo has repackaged professional development opportunities which have been well received. Also, administration has worked to increase communication. To gain a more comprehensive overview, surveys are done after each professional development program and on Early Release Days to gain feedback from staff. A review of trends by building was also discussed.

2018-2019 Student Fees

Abe Singh is recommending that the district not increase Student Fees for the 2018-2019 school year with the exception of lunch fees. Mr. Singh is recommending increasing the lunch fees to \$2.90 per meal from the current price of \$2.80 per meal. He is also recommending that milk and breakfast pricing remain the same as last year. This recommendation is due to guidelines from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) informing us of the "Equity in School Lunch Pricing" provision that went in to effect on July 1, 2011. This provision is part of the Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, which requires schools participating in the National School Lunch Program to provide the same level of support for lunches served to those students that are not eligible for free or reduced-price lunches, as they are for those eligible for free lunches. 2018-2019 Student Fees will be an action item on the December 11th agenda.

Educational Facilities Master Plan

Sonali Patil reviewed the Educational Facilities Master Plan. The EFMP is a 10-year plan to solve the district space needs and programming needs. Through an IGA with the Vernon Hills Park District, Hawthorn 73 is in the early stages of planning for a new kindergarten center. The Board of Education approved the schematic design of the new kindergarten center at the Sullivan Center and a Design Team is currently working on a plan. The kindergarten center does not provide any relief for the middle schools; space constraints are still the same. Board members were in agreement that if a referendum question was to go out to the community the November 2018 ballot would be more appropriate than March

2018 due to timing. However, there was no firm vote to do so. Board members shared their point of views on the EFMP and the previous referendum. Superintendent Brown asked if the current board understands the EFMP and if they believe that the district has a space issue? He also asked if doing nothing is an option? Board members agreed that space is an issue but do not agree on how to move forward. Ms. Patil asked that board members review the packet of information provided in April and email Mr. Brown with questions. Ms. Patil expressed that the first item to be done is to prioritize the EFMP. The EFMP will be an ongoing topic for discussion.

Triple I conference overview

Sonali Patil provided an overview of the Triple I conference. The IASB/IASA/IASBO Joint Conference was held in Chicago November 17-19th in Chicago. This conference provided knowledge and insight that would directly aid our district. Sonali Patil, Wes Polen, Julie Simpson, Jeff Bard, Robin Cleek and Matt Jacobs and three administrators attended the conference. Each Board member gave a synopsis of the seminars that they attended. On Saturday, November 18th Hawthorn 73 hosted a panel discussion titled "Facility Upgrades and Savings Through Inter-Governmental Agreements". Panelists were Nick Brown, Sonali Patil, Jeff Bard, Howard Metz, and Jeff Fougrousse.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 11/27.46 Board Minutes 11/13/17
- 11/27.47 AMEX October
- 11/27.48 Expenditure Report - November
- 11/27.49 Personnel: A-D
Retirement:
A. Kirk Teichert – 7th grade language arts teacher, MSN at the conclusion of the 2021-2022 school year
Leave of Absence:
B. Lauren Boardman – Instructional Coach, DO
C. Mindy Korn – 2nd grade teacher, DL
ESP: D.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Robin Cleek moved that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Wes Polen seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried: 7 ayes; 0 nay

ACTION ITEMS None scheduled

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Sonali Patil

A suggestion was made that each Board member be a liaison for various local agencies. She asked Board members to volunteer for two organizations and be responsible for reviewing agendas and reading minutes. If an issue relating to Hawthorn 73 is going to be discussed, Ms. Patil would like a representative to attend the meeting. Board members volunteered as follows:

- Matt Jacobs – SEDOL and Village of Vernon Hills
- Wes Polen – Cook Memorial Library and Fremont School District 79
- Julie Simpson – Vernon Hills Park District and Lincolnshire-Prairie View SD 103
- Jeff Bard – Village of Libertyville and Mundelein High School District 75

Jayson Tran – District 128 and Mundelein School District 75
Robin Cleek – Libertyville School District 70 and Diamond Lake School District 76
Sonali Patil – Village of Mundelein

Ms. Patil also discussed the NASB conference to be held in San Antonio April 7-9, 2018. She asked board members if there would be interest in sending a member or two. Board consensus was to review the conference schedule and discuss at the December 11th board meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Middle School North and Middle School South music students were represented at the Illinois Music Educators Honors concert (Band-Orchestra-Choir) at Wauconda High School. December is right around the corner, time for Boys Basketball championships and cheer/poms competitions. Middle School South will host the Hawthorn Spirit Invitational on December 8th. The middle schools are gearing up for the Geography Bee! The Middle North Band Concert, all grades, will be held on December 5th in the gym at 7:00 p.m. On December 6th, Trimester 1 report cards will be distributed. Middle South Winter Band and Jazz Band concert will take place on December 6th in the gym at 7:00 p.m. PTO will host a Bake Sale at Middle School South on December 8th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – None scheduled

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Robin Cleek announced the screening of the film "Screenagers" at Vernon Hills High School on Wednesday, December 6th at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$1.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. The Board article
2. Hawthorn in the News
3. Trimester 1 Suspension Report

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

1. Technology policy update coming soon

ADJOURNMENT – Sonali Patil asked for a motion to adjourn the Business Meeting. Julie Simpson made a motion to adjourn the Business Meeting. Robin Cleek seconded.

Sonali Patil called for a Voice Vote

Motion carried: 7 ayes; 0 nay

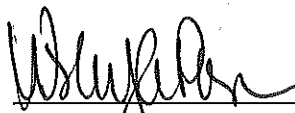
The Regular Business Meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Peterson



Sonali Patil, President



Wes Polen, Secretary

Date Minutes Approved: 12/11/17