

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 20th day of May, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

George Fievet, Board Secretary, called the roll with the following Board of Education members answering present: Joel Finfer, George Fievet, Robin Cleek, Wes Polen, and Sonali Patil, Victoria Helander-Heiser and Matt Jacobs. Also present were Interim Superintendents Dr. Joe Porto, Dr. Mark Friedman and Abe Singh, CSBO, Director of Finance and Business Operations.

PUBLIC COMMENT - No public comment

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Dr. Friedman reminded us that 8th grade promotion will be held at Vernon Hills High School on May 28th at 6 & 8pm. The ground is being leveled for the new school. We hope that everyone enjoyed their staff appreciation gift. The last day of school is June 6th. Online registration has been a huge success! If you have not yet, please go online and register, it helps with planning.

PRESENTATION - Dr. Abrego, Director of Bilingual Education and Language Acquisition, provided a review of qualitative and quantitative assessment data regarding the Middle School Dual Language program. The data focused on parent and student perception of bilingualism, parent and student satisfaction with the program and student academic performance in the areas of English language arts, Spanish literacy and social studies. In addition, students participated in a Spanish language proficiency assessment. The results indicate that the vast majority of students participating in the middle school dual language program are exceeding, meeting or approaching designated learning standards in English language arts, Spanish literacy and social studies. Linguistically, they performed at the intermediate level in listening and reading. Overall, the results of this assessment review indicate that our students are bilingual and they are progressing well on this journey towards greater bilingualism. Dr. Abrego indicated that it is essential that we continue to communicate to our students the importance of bilingualism, that being a bilingual is a continuous journey and that with continued exposure and use, the students will become more proficient and confident in using their linguistic skills and abilities. Board member questions asked and answered. Residents were asked to please take the surveys, only 29 people took the survey that was offered.

ADJOURNMENT - Joel Finfer *made a motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting, seconded by Sonali Patil; CoW meeting adjourned at 7:21p.m. Roll call, 7 ayes, 0 nays.*

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

CALL TO ORDER - Robin Cleek called the Regular Business Meeting to order at 7:21 p.m.

ROLL CALL - George Fievet, Board Secretary, called attendance with the following Board of Education members answering present: Joel Finfer, George Fievet, Victoria Helander-Heiser, Robin Cleek, Wesley Polen, Matt Jacobs and Sonali Patil. Also present were Interim Superintendents Dr. Mark Friedman, Dr. Joseph Porto and Abe Singh, CSBO, Director of Finance and Business Operations.

PUBLIC COMMENT - Michael Shenk wanted to thank the School Board to bring in the Interim Superintendents, it proved to be a good move. Also thank you to Dr. Porto and Dr. Friedman for all of your efforts for the school district this year.

FINANCE - Abe Singh, Director of Finance and Business Operations, discussed the amended 2018-2019 budget. He said that while the budget was adopted in September of last year, it needed to be adjusted to account for the addition

of \$13.5 million in referendum funds and the spending of \$6.9 million toward the construction of the kindergarten building at the Sullivan Center. A copy of the amended budget has been posted for more than 30 days for public review. An opportunity for public comment on the budget was allotted, with no comments. The final 2018-2019 amended budget was unanimously approved by the board.

RECOGNITION – Dr. Friedman announced the teachers who have recently completed their National Board of Certified Teachers program, congratulations to our new NCBT teachers!

KEY TO 73 FOUNDATION - Jeremy Gong, Board President of the Key to 73, Hawthorn's new foundation, announced the grants that the foundation recently awarded to teachers. He said the foundation awarded approximately \$15,000 in grants, responding to 100% of the proposals that were received. The grants ranged from flexible classroom seating to earthquake technologies supplements. Dr. Jill Martin the Foundation Chairperson, and Interim Superintendents Dr. Friedman and Dr. Porto congratulated the recipients. And a big thank you to Rustoleum for all of their support!

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 5/20. Board Meeting minutes, 4/29/19
- 5/20. Closed Session Minutes from 4/29/19
- 5/20. Treasurer's Report March 2019
- 5/20. Expenditure Report
- 5/20. AM EX Report
- 5/20. Kindergarten Cost Log
- 5/20. Personnel Report A-O

Lynn Barkley, Director of Human Resources

The School Board acknowledges Lynn Barkley, Director of Human Resources for all of the time and effort that she has put in for the Hawthorn community over the past 7 years. Thank you Lynn, best wishes for a long and happy retirement! Ms. Barkley briefly spoke about her work at the district and her primary focus on meeting the needs of the District's students.

Natalie Mares, Assistant Principal Middle School South

Abe Singh indicated that out of 89 applicants, 44 were invited back to complete an online assessment which narrowed it down to 6 individuals that were interviewed by two Staffing Committees on May 6th. We are pleased to announce that our new Assistant Principal is Natalie Mares, welcome Natalie to Hawthorn CCSD73!

RECOMMENDED MOTION: George Fievet moved that the Board of Education approve the **Consent Agenda**, Sonali Patil seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried: 6 ayes; 0 nays, 1 abstain.

ACTION ITEMS: Approval of the Treasurer's Bond as presented.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Joel Finfer moved that the Board of Education approve the **Treasurer's Bond as presented**, Matt Jacobs seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried: 7 ayes; 0 nays

ACTION ITEMS: Appointment of Abe Singh as Treasurer.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Sonali Patil moved that the Board of Education approve the **Appointment of Abe Singh as Treasurer**, George Fievet seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried: 7 ayes; 0 nays

ACTION ITEMS: Approve the 2019-2020 Budget as Amended.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Wesley Polen moved that the Board of Education approve the **2019-2020 Budget as Amended**, Sonali Patil seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried: 7 ayes; 0 nays

ACTION ITEMS: Recommend Legat Architects for the next phase of our EFMP starting with Middle North.

CSBO Abe Singh informed the School Board of the bid, presentation and selection process to determine the architect firm for the project at Middle School North. He introduced Robin Randall and Len Wynter from Legat Architects. Board question asked for additional information as we go forward with the projects.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Sonali Patil moved that the Board of Education approve **Legat Architects for the next phase of the EFMP**, Wesley Polen seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried: 7 ayes; 0 nays

CONSOLIDATED DISTRICT PLAN – Dr. Abrego informed the School Board of what the purpose is for the CDP that was included in their packet. The state has consolidated all of the grants into one plan and it requires School Board approval before the grants may be applied for.

ACTION ITEMS: Approval of the Consolidated District Plan.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: George Fievet moved that the Board of Education approve the **Consolidated District Plan**, Matt Jacobs seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried: 7 ayes; 0 nays

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Dr. Friedman once again recommended Hawthorn School for Young Learners as the name for the kindergarten building at the Sullivan Center. This name had been recommended at a previous board meeting. At that time, it was agreed to ask the community at large for name suggestions. Only a few name suggestions were provided. The board unanimously approved the name, which is suitable for the building whether it remains a kindergarten or includes an early childhood learning center in the future. Lastly, our new School Resource Office Adam Boyd will be taking over. Phone numbers have been shared and you will start to see Officer Boyd in the buildings.

ACTION ITEMS: Approval of the name for the new Kindergarten Building.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Wesley Polen moved that the Board of Education approve **Hawthorn School of Young Learners** as the name of the new kindergarten building, Matt Jacobs seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried: 7 ayes; 0 nays

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Robin Cleek mentioned that George will be speaking at Middle North and Sonali will be speaking at Middle South. She asked for Board Members to let us know if they are going to be unavailable for any of the scheduled board meetings. The Triple I conference in November is a great event to attend, please check which days you are going. Congratulations to the track team winning State. The Relay runners took 3rd in 7th grade at Middle North and at Middle South runners won 1st and 2nd place for the mile; and another runner took 3rd.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. Media clips
2. Enrollment
3. FOIA Report

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION:


- Reconfiguring the Board Room so that the audience can see the proceedings better.
- Is it possible to predict our enrollment so that we can determine where there might be additional resources needed?

ADJOURNMENT – Sonali Patil *made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Matt Jacobs meeting adjourned at 8:07p.m. All in favor.*

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Elftmann



Robin Cleek, President



George Fievet, Secretary

Date Minutes Approved: 6/10/19