

**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 20th day of July, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

President Robin Cleek called the SPECIAL MEETING to order at 7:00p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Secretary George Fievet called attendance, the following members attended remotely, Joel Finfer, George Fievet, Victoria Helander-Heiser, Sonali Patil, Wesley Polen, Matt Jacobs and Robin Cleek. Also attending remotely were LeeAnn Taylor, Asst. Supt. of Finance and Business Operations, Allison Stein, Asst. Supt. of Teaching, Learning & Innovation, and Adam Palmer, Asst. Supt. of Human Resources. Superintendent Dr. Pete Hannigan was present at the District Office.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Public Comments were read into the record by Board President Robin Cleek and Vice President Wesley Polen during the hour slated for public comment and concluded at 8:03 p.m. The following community members emailed in public comment:

Erin Roche	Jody Blair	Brigette Harrison
Gwen Janzen	Lauren Callahan	Margaret Severance
Barb Melcer	Mohammed Shameem	Jigar Doshi
Michelle Deangelis	Caryn Tsagalis	Simran Dang
Adam Olbur	Rachel Miller	Holly Jones
Meredith Baker Rush	Laura Otto	Catherine Feldman
Jenny Freedman	Linda DiGati	Becca Ferraro
Brian Reichenbach	Amanda Neumann	Timothy Griffith
Elissa Gong	Nathaniel Catron	Gwendolyn Babb
Garret Self	Dani Noyes	Lauren Callinan
Tim Griffith	Inna Titova	Katie Brockway
Jiniya Chandra	Ginny Luptak	Nilay Chandra

School Board President Robin Cleek added comments that the School Board is in support of 4,400 students and the community. We are thankful to hear from so many members and those who express concerns for the staff, as well as the students. In addition, the meeting was held remotely because the boardroom A/V technology is set to capture the members at close proximity and there would be significant changes and cost into moving the cameras, also allowing 50 persons in the boardroom would put everyone at additional risk. So, we have attended the meeting remotely.

PRESENTATIONS – Proposed Return to Learning Plan: Dr. Hannigan opened by indicating that professional organizations have determined guidelines that are being followed, as well as those by staff and community surveys. The percentages were shared for staff returning to work. The Illinois State Board of Education guidance for in-person instruction is encouraged. We plan to follow the Illinois Department of Public Health guidelines for phase 4, limiting groups to 50 and face coverings will be required. We are asking parents to commit to either on campus learning or virtual learning through December. We will be spacing 3 to 6 feet and conducting additional cleaning and disinfecting throughout the day and at night. All staff and students will be required to complete a self-screener, hand sanitizer will be available in all classrooms. Buses will be limited to 50 students per ISBE guidelines. No non-essential visitors will be admitted into the schools, baskets will be available for necessary drop offs. Multiple safety modules will be required of staff before the school year and isolation rooms will be set up for distancing students who may have symptoms. For positive cases, we will follow the IDPH guidelines. Our nurses have confirmed that PPE is on-site and available for students and staff. There will be one dedicated staff member who will be continuously disinfecting high touch areas. It was recommended that full water bottles are sent with students each day as the fountains will be unavailable. Hand sanitizer will be required before and after recess. Breakfast and lunch will be in the classroom. Our Technology Department will be providing each student with 1 device. Additional information was shared for reducing student contact and minimizing student travel. Band and choir were discussed. The Special Education Department is developing plans for contacting all parents of students with medical plans where changes may be needed. SEDOL will

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be providing clear face masks for those students who require them. Schedules are contingent upon staffing and enrollment in the on-campus learning option. Allison Stein, Asst. Supt. of Teaching, Learning and Innovation went over each grade level schedule that has been planned to create a safe and productive learning space. Special Education services will be on a case by case basis. For more information, please see the Return to Learning presentation available on our website at: <https://www.hawthorn73.org/>.

10 minute recess, reconvened at 9:17 p.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS – Face Covering Policy 4:185: Dr. Hannigan explained that the policy came from our legal firm, he summarized the policy, the face covering will be removed while individuals are eating and drinking during the designated times.

Amended 2020-2021 Calendar: Dr. Hannigan explained that the Administration Team is recommending the following changes to an amended calendar for the upcoming school year. August 24 and 25th will now be planning days as approved by the Illinois State Board of Education, 3 of our Teacher Institute Days will be on August 26, 27 & 28. The first day of student attendance will now be on Monday, August 31st. November 3 will now be a Not in Attendance Day and the last day of student attendance will be on Friday, June 4, 2020.

Discussion and Q&A ensued, both discussion items will be included as Action Items at the 7/28/20 Board of Education meeting.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED – Pursuant to 5 ILCS Robin Cleek *made a motion to adjourn to CLOSED SESSION for the purposes of:* The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5). AND Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular District has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the District finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the closed meeting minutes. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11); *seconded by* Sonali Patil, *meeting was adjourned to a closed session at 10:34 p.m. All in favor.*

With no further business to discuss, the open meeting was adjourned immediately following the closed session at 11:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Elftmann

Robin Cleek, President

George Fievet, Secretary

Date Minutes Approved: _____