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MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING HAWTHORN BOARD OF EDUCATION OCTOBER 28, 2002

MINUTES of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Hawthorn Community Consolidated School District Number 73, Lake County, Illinois, held in the Board Room of said School District at 7:30 p.m. on the 28th day of October, 2002.

The meeting was called to order by President Paul at 7:30 p.m., and upon the roll being called, the following members of the Board of Education answered present: Jose Hernandez, Annie Christie, Mary-Jane Rattner, Bill Coli, Jim Batson, and Rich Paul. Absent: Kevin Price.

Public Comment Period

President Paul requested those wishing to address the Board to come forward; hearing none, the meeting proceeded.

Student and Staff Accomplishments/Recognitions

Susan Bonnem was recognized for having received her sixth Award for Continuing Education granted by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. Cheryl Rejc was also recognized through a letter received from a Hawthorn parent commending her dedication and efforts on behalf of their child. Dr. Yomtoob announced that Hawthorn District 73 is again the recipient of the Bright Red Apple Award of Excellence for 2002. Hawthorn was one of only 70 districts out of 894 in the State of Illinois to receive this award. The award is based on five factors: academic performance, pupil/teacher ratio, expenditure per pupil, educational level of teachers and average teacher salary.

Staff Presentations

Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)

Dr. Yomtoob stated the District has undertaken an important step in our goal of 100% student achievement. One component of this goal is testing data. The District took an aggressive step to use the electronic component of the Northwest Evaluation Association Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing program. Tests results reflect what students know rather than comparing results to other students. Students were administered this test in September, and informational meetings relating to the tests and results have been held for parents at the Junior High for all grades. Approximately 50-60 parents attended each meeting.

Dr. Zook reported 13 - 15 districts in the State of Illinois utilize this technical version of MAP tests, with users counted in almost every state in the country. The mission of NWEA is partnering to help all kids learn. MAP tests are untimed, electronically administered and scored achievement tests designed to measure growth in student learning and to provide accurate and immediate scores. Students and teachers have access to immediate feedback which will assist teachers in planning instructional programs. Tests are computerized and tailored to a student's achievement level and are dynamically developed. The standard MAP package, which also addresses strands for Illinois testing, includes tests for reading, language usage and mathematics to include: (1) word meaning, literal, inferential and evaluative comprehension; (2) writing process, grammar and usage, punctuation and capitalization, and (3) estimation, computation, number sense, geometry, measurement, data analysis, patterns, algebra and problem solving. Types of tests administered include the survey and goals survey tests, with the goals survey being a more accurate test. Students' results will be monitored for achievement growth.

Mr. Hudson stated basic training for administering MAP tests was provided for teachers in August with the pilot tests administered in the District September 9 - 27. Initial training on interpreting test reports were held in September. On-going training and staff development for all teachers is scheduled for Winter 2002 - Spring 2003. Spring growth testing is scheduled for April 29 - May 16, 2003.

Teachers can obtain class test results of administered tests within 24 hours. These results will be used to identify areas of student strength and weaknesses to adjust instruction; identify one strong goal area for each subject; identify one goal area of concern, and understand about where each student falls according to the norms per grade level. Individual student reports will be distributed with the last report cards in June 2003. The Fall 2003 MAP reports and ISAT reports will be sent home in October 2003.

RIT (Rasch Unit) scores reflected in MAP reports are an achievement scale used to show growth over a period of time. The scale has the same meaning regardless of the grade level and is used to show how tall a student is on the curriculum scale. Lexile scores reflected in reports are units for measuring text difficulty linked to the RIT score, NWEA's unit for measuring reading comprehension. Links allow teachers and parents to use the student's RIT score to find reading materials that will appropriately challenge each student.

Dr. Yomtoob commended the administration and staff for their cooperation in the administering of the MAP tests. The District took a risk in using this technical format for the first time, and much credit is to be given to Dr. Zook, Bob Hudson and the entire Hawthorn staff.

Consent Agenda

President Paul entertained questions concerning items contained in the Consent Agenda. Hearing none, he requested a motion for approval of the following:

- 10/02.33 Meeting Minutes, Regular Session - 9/23/02
- 10/02.34 Meeting Minutes, Regular Session - 10/04/2002
- 10/02.35 Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) Election (Board Only)
- 10/02.36 Application to Regional Superintendent for Tech Room HVAC at Junior High
- 10/02.37 2002-03 Application for Recognition of Schools
- 10/02.38 Personnel Report
 - A. Approval of one (1) certificated staff member - Sam Jarmarillo, ESL, Middle School
 - B - C. Leave of absence for two (2) certificated staff members: July Holly, Middle School; Julie Rohlfig, Middle School
 - C-E Resignation of two (2) non-certificated staff members: Mary Jo Vepley, District Office and Gail McNulty, Elementary North
 - F. Termination of one (1) non-certificated staff member

Annie Christie moved and Bill Coli seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Consent agenda item, as presented. Voice Vote: 5 ayes; 0 nays; 1 abstention of Bill Coli for the minutes of September 23, 2002 and October 4, 2002. Motion carried.

Mr. Sigler introduced and welcomed Sam Jarmillo, ESL teacher at the Middle School for the remainder of the 2002/03 school year. Mr. Jarmillo graduated from Barat College in December 2001 with a Bachelors Degree in Education. His proficiency in his native language, Spanish, compliments his in-depth course work in education. He completed a successful student teaching experience at Oak Terrace Elementary School in Highland Park, leading to his employment as a substitute teacher at Hawthorn where he has excelled and is sought after as an educator willing to go the extra mile to help all students succeed.

Action Items

President Paul requested a motion for approval of the Expenditure Report for October 2002, excluding ETA/Cuisenaire.

- 10/02.39 Bill Coli moved and Annie Christie seconded the motion that the Hawthorn Board of Education approve the expenditures, as presented. Voice Vote: 6 ayes; 0 nays. Motion carried.

President Paul entertained a motion for approval of the Expenditure Report-ETA/Cuisenaire for October 2002.

10/02/40 Annie Christie moved and Jose Hernandez seconded the motion that the Hawthorn Board of Education approve the expenditures for ETA/Cuisenaire, a presented. Roll Call: Annie Christie, Jose Hernandez, Mary-Jane Rattner, Bill Coli and Rich Paul voted aye. Abstained: Jim Batson. 5 ayes; 0 nays. 1 abstention. Motion carried.

President's Report

President Paul presented an overview of the District's \$39.5 million bond referendum proposal presented to voters at the upcoming November 5 election. With all our schools at or near capacity, the referendum addresses the District's housing of 900 - 1,100 additional students over the next 10 years through the funding of two new schools, replacement of the oldest building in the District and refurbishing of existing buildings. Also incorporated in the referendum is the improvement of sports fields, playgrounds, improvement of traffic flow and safety, and continued commitment to using technology effectively. The Board has been very proactive in meeting the future educational and housing needs of our students. The plan is affordable and will incorporate quality, long-lasting buildings that will meet changing needs with flexible design. The buildings will hold appropriate numbers of students and create efficient, inviting spaces. They will also provide resources for community use. The Board has promised no increase in the tax rate, currently at 35.5¢ per \$100 evaluation. They will also seek possible state grants for additional funding. The 2002 focus group strongly supported building new facilities.

Superintendent's Report

There were no items of this nature on the agenda.

Discussion Items

Dr. Yomtoob addressed traffic concerns on Hawthorn Parkway stating Mary Jane Rattner and Rich Paul participated in a meeting with the Village Manager, Assistant Chief of Police and other village representatives to identify problems and discuss permanent and some immediate solutions to help alleviate the current situation. Fact sheets will be sent home to parents concerning drop-off/pick-up information.

Committee Reports

There were no items of this nature on the agenda.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to come before the meeting

New Business

There was no new business to come before the meeting.

Announcements

Secretary Rattner announced Board of Education petitions for the April 1, 2003 election are available at the District Office of Hawthorn 73 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Completed petitions may be returned to the same location between January 13 and January 21, 2003.

Informational Items

There Board was presented for informational purposes the following items: (a) 2001 Tax Distribution #10; (b) Tech Room at Junior High; (c) Thank you from Rose Cahill; (d) the HIPAA Monitor; (e) Hawthorn in the News/Press Releases; (f) Developers' Contributions report; (g) IASB Report to the Membership; (h) In Brief - 2003 Election Timetable; (l) letter from Pat Loria-Granados and (j) Board Summary of 10/04/02

Adjournment

Having no further business to come before the Board, President Paul requested a motion to adjourn. Annie Christie moved and Bill Coli seconded the motion to adjourn. Voice Vote: 6 ayes; 0 nays. Motion carried

The Board adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Richard Paul, President

Mary-Jane Rattner, Secretary

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