

Hawthorn Board of Education

Hawthorn C. C. District 73

201 Hawthorn Parkway

• Vernon Hills, Illinois 60061 •

Phone (847) 990-4200

MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

HAWTHORN BOARD OF EDUCATION

FEBRUARY 10 2003

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 10th day of February, 2003.

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: Annie Christie, Mary-Jane Rattner, Bill Coli, Jim Batson and Rich Paul. Absent: Jose Hernandez and Kevin Price

Public Comment Period

Mr. Bob Silver addressed the Board concerning reconfiguration of a wide range of District students. He requested the Board address two considerations: (1) The possibility of Hawthorn having a second school of choice. The Option School is a valuable choice, however, it does have a waiting list. The community has informed the Board of its desire for choice. (2) When reconfiguring the student population, do not utilize Route 60 as a geographic boundary for attendance at one campus or the other.

Student and Staff Accomplishments/Recognitions

Mr. Dyer, Assistant Principal of the Junior High, announced the results of the recent math competition held at the College of Lake County on Saturday. The Junior High Math Team, competing with 26 teams from Lake and McHenry Counties, placed First. In the final countdown round, Hawthorn's students placed First, Second, Third, Fifth and Sixth. In the individual overall standings, students placed Second, Third, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh. The Math Team will compete at the State level March 8. Congratulations were offered to all participants and its coach, Mrs. Susan Finn.

Staff Presentation

Following the viewing of a tape relating to the Leonard Bernstein model of artful learning, Dr. Phillips, Principal of Elementary North, provided a summary of building goals and sample efforts and indicators that the building goals have been accomplished. The goals are consistent with those of the District. In highlighting some objectives, review of data from ISAT and NWEA MAP testing results and the writing component added validity to the data. The needs of ESL and special needs students are actively addressed, as these children are not tested in standard methods. Data from the Chapter I reading support program was noted with score comparisons from September to January, which data reflected increased scores. Various faculty members demonstrated engagement and inquiry of students, by engaging members of the Board in a unit on solids, liquids and gases, part of the UbD (Understanding by Design) principles of concept formations and enduring understanding. A UbD unit with the Bernstein model applied was exhibited by teachers of the Flip Team with first grade students sharing their unit portfolios with members of the Board. With writing across all grade levels a focus for this year at Elementary North, an example of power writing was demonstrated, a method used to instruct students in the process of writing a paragraph.

Consent Agenda

President Paul requested the second reading of Board Policy 2:140 (e-mail policy) be moved from the Consent Agenda to an Action Item. He entertained questions concerning remaining items contained in the Consent Agenda. Hearing none, he requested a motion for approval of the following:

- 02/03.83 Meeting Minutes, Closed Session - January 27, 2003
- 02/03.84 Meeting Minutes, Regular Session - January 13, 2003
- 02/03.85 Material Fees 2003/04
- 02/03.86 Release of Closed Session Minutes - May 13, 2002, June 10, 2002, November 25, 2002 and December 9, 2002
- 02/03.87 Personnel Report: Retirement Notice of one certificated staff member - Peg O'Hara, 6th Grade Teacher, Middle School; extension of previously approved medical leave of absence.

Annie Christie moved and Mary-Jane Rattner seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Consent agenda items, as presented. Voice Vote: 5 ayes; 0 nays. Motion carried.

Action Items

Update Board Policy 2:140 - E-mail Policy

The Board reviewed Board Policy 2:140 with Dr. Yomtoob adding it is a positive move on the part of the Board to adopt formal policy concerning e-mail between members of the Board along with administrative procedures. Few changes were made from the first reading of said policy. Hearing no questions, President Paul requested a motion.

- 02/03.82 Jim Batson moved and Mary-Jane Rattner seconded the motion that the Board approve the E-Mail Policy 2:140, Communication To and From the Board, as amended by President Paul. Roll Call: Jim Batson, Mary-Jane Rattner, Annie Christie, Bill Coli and Rich Paul voted aye. 5 ayes; 0 nays. Motion carried.

Change Orders

The Board reviewed Change Orders G-1 and G-2 for HVAC cooling work completed over the winter break in the computer technology room at the Junior High. With said changes resulting in a savings to the District, Dr. Yomtoob recommended approval, and President Paul entertained a motion.

- 02/03.88 Jim Batson moved and Mary-Jane Rattner seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve change orders G-1 and G-2 for a total credit of \$5,743.90 resulting in the final contract sum of \$43,829.10 for the Computer Room Cooling Project with Boller Construction Company of Waukegan. Voice Vote: 5 ayes; 0 nays. Motion carried.

President's Report

President Paul referred to the school calendars for 2003-04, noting a possible concern of a proposed start date of August 20. Mrs. Christie added Carrie Pasquesi (PTO President) personally encourages the District's continuance of early school year start dates.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Yomtoob announced receipt of a \$2,000 contribution from the District's bond company, Hutchinson, Shockey, Erley & Co., and \$600 from Legat Architects, which amounts will be directed to the Hawthorn Scholarship Fund.

Discussion Items

There were no matters of this nature on the agenda.

Committee Reports

There were no items of this nature on the agenda.

Unfinished Business

There were no items of this nature on the agenda.

New Business

There was no new business to come before the meeting.

Announcements

There were no items of this nature on the agenda.

Informational Items

For informational purposes, the Board was provided: 2003/04 school calendar proposals (2), complimentary letter to Elementary South, donation from Legat Architects and Hawthorn in the News/Press Releases.

Adjournment

Having no further business to come before the meeting, President Paul requested a motion to adjourn its Regular Meeting, recess and reconvene as a Committee of the Whole.

Annie Christie moved and Mary-Jane Rattner seconded the motion to adjourn. Voice Vote: 5 ayes; 0 nays. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Richard Paul, President

Mary-Jane Rattner, Secretary

/ao