

Minutes
Regular Board Meeting
Hawthorn Board of Education
August 13, 2007

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Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Hawthorn Community Consolidated School District Number 73, Lake County, Illinois, held in the Conference Room at 841 West End Court at 7:30PM on the 13th day of August 2007.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Tim Shanahan, President, at 7:30PM. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Debbie Limer called the roll, with the following members of the Board of Education answering present: Jeff Bard-via phone, Lisa Jay, Michelle Comitor, John Sonnenberg, Anne Hoffman, Tim Shanahan.

Public Comment period: None

Student and Staff Accomplishments, Recognitions:

Dr. Yomtoob, wishing to show his gratitude, presented each Board member with a personalized plaque. Tim Shanahan read the inscription on the plaque.

Staff Presentations:

Dr. Yomtoob gave a presentation on the 7 Correlates of Effective Schools. He stated that 1964 was the first time money was given to help underprivileged students. At that time the prevailing thought was that family background determines learning. If a child came from a home with money, that child will succeed. Since then more research has been done. Researcher found children who were doing well and looked for the commonalities. This is where the 7 Correlates come from. Dr. Yomtoob asked each Board member to fill out a worksheet on the correlates. He discussed the history of the Effective Schools Program in Michigan and how it changed his life. The 7 commonalities are: safe and orderly environment, climate of high expectations of success, instructional leadership, clear and focused mission, opportunity to learn and student time on task, frequent monitoring of student progress, and home-school relations. Dr. Yomtoob asked the Board for their impressions of the 7 Correlates.

Dr. Yomtoob mentioned Edward Deming and how his theory for business improvements has moved into the school system. He then showed part of Peter Jennings's video called Common Miracles. He asked the Board members to notice how the video connects to the 7 Correlates and asked for their reactions. Anne Hoffman commented that she liked that the video emphasizes that everyone can learn. Tim Shanahan stated that he like the emphasis on multiple intelligences. Michelle Comitor added that environment is very important in learning. John Sonnenberg reported that we need to focus on continued improvement and one-on-one focus. Lisa Jay commented that she liked the discussion that every child is gifted, and that natural talent allowed to be seen every day. Dr. Yomtoob told the Board that we have to be very careful not to "select and sort." We have come a long way.

Consent Agenda:

Anne Hoffman moved to approve the consent agenda. Lisa Jay seconded the motion.

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08/07.14 Transportation Contract Extension

08/07.15 Policy Updates

08/07.16 Personnel Report

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Hoffman, Jay, Bard, Sonnenberg, Bard, Comitor, Shanahan,

Nays: None

Absent:Gaidamak

Motion carried – 6– 0

Tom Springborn introduced Lauren Bierwirth, a new second grade teacher at Aspen. Lisa Cerauli introduced Andrea Trela, a new fifth grade teacher at Elementary South. Both teachers came forward to sign their contracts and shake hands with the Board of Education members.

Action Items: None

President's Report: None

Superintendent's Report: None

Discussion Items: None

Committee Reports: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Announcements: None

Informational Items: None

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Tim Shanahan requested a motion to adjourn.

Michelle Comitor moved to adjourn the meeting. Jeff Bard seconded the motion. Voice Vote: 6 ayes: 0 nays. Motion carried

Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Limer

Timothy Shanahan, President

Anne Hoffman, Secretary