

**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 8 a.m. on the 9th day of June 2008.**

Call to Order: Tim Shanahan, President, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Anne Hoffman called the roll, with the following members of the Board of Education answering present: John Sonnenberg, Lisa Jay, Michelle Comitor, Jeff Bard, Tim Shanahan and Donna Gaidamak.

Public Comment period:

Parent, Heidi Erchinger addressed the Board. Ms. Erchinger stated that parents have been informed that the language of French will not be offered for seventh graders next year. Many people in the world speak French and still use it as a primary language. The Board and the administrators of the school district were formally requested to reconsider and offer French for students during the 2008 – 2009 school year.

Student and Staff Accomplishments, Recognitions:

Tim Shanahan thanked all teachers and staff for a fine year. Dr. Joe announced that the Zach Tran family donated \$25,000 to benefit our Summer Enrichment Program. Hawthorn School District will also benefit from the proceeds from the Tran Golf Outing on August 4th and encourages everyone who can to participate. Two plaques were displayed. Dr. Joe explained the first plaque is the Grammy's Foundation Artful Leadership Award given to Hawthorn in 2004 by the Bernstein Foundation. The newest is the Alex Award. Both awards were received because of our leadership in the Bernstein program.

John Sonnenberg thanked our music staff and stated that during an interview that aired, Frank Lestina of Vernon Hills High School acknowledged that the high school music program came in first in the state. The excellence in Hawthorn's music program allows that to happen.

Nicole Carson, PTO President, presented a check in the amount of \$77,011.44 to benefit Hawthorn and John Powers students during the 2008 – 2009 school year. Throughout this school year, PTO has disbursed monies for programs and services, received free books and education materials making a grand total of \$97,000 in cash and value contributed by PTO to our students during the 2007 – 2008 academic year. The Board of Education thanked all the PTO leaders and volunteers for their support, dedication and hard work.

Staff Presentations:

Library Presentation

Aaron Lawlor, Board of Trustees President

Dan Armstrong, Director

Cook Memorial Public Library shared renderings for a new library to be located on Aspen Drive. The building made of natural ingredients will house services and programs that will align with Hawthorn's 21st century learning.

Consent Agenda:

06/08.105 Board Minutes, regular session, 5/23/08

06/08.106 School Treasurer appointment

06/08.107 Personnel Report: A-M: Approval of thirteen (13) certificated staff members: A: Connie Cymerman, 1st Grade Teacher, Elementary South; B: Christopher Crandall, PE Teacher, Townline; C: Sarah Dontsaw, LD Teacher, District; D: Carmen Flores, ELL Teacher, Townline Elementary; E: Stacy Golden, Art Teacher, Elementary South; F: Erin Hawkinson, LA/Writing; French Specialist, Middle North & South; G: Dana Hochleutner, Spanish Teacher, Townline Elementary; H: Emily Jones, 3rd Grade Teacher, Elementary North; I: Kyle Owens, .67 PE Teacher, Townline Elementary; J: Carrie Strauts, Early Childhood Teacher, District; K: Elizabeth Szymczak, Art Teacher, Townline Elementary; L: Lindsey Waitzman, 2nd Grade Teacher, Elementary South; M: Beth Wienckowski, Early Childhood Teacher, District. N – Resignation of one (1) certificated staff member, Jessica Meland, 5th Grade Dual Language Teacher, Townline Elementary; O – Leave of Absence for one (1) certificated staff member, Jacqueline Ray, 4th Grade Teacher, Townline Elementary; P-S – Retirement of four (4) staff members (all effective with the end of the 2009/10 school year: P: Jeffrey Howat, 6th Grade Math Teacher, Middle North; Q: Sheryl Kabak, TLC, Middle North; R: Thomas Millar, PE Teacher, Middle South; and S: Karen Wheeler, SSP Learning Center, Aspen.

Michelle Comitor moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Donna Gaidamak seconded it. With no discussion, the motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Action Items:

06/08.108 Auditor

The Finance committee received proposals for auditor from two different auditing firms. The committee thoroughly researched both firms and is very pleased with Eder, Casella and Company.

John Sonnenberg moved that the Board of Education approve the contract with Eder, Casella and Company, from McHenry, Illinois, to perform the audit services for the 2007 - 2008 financial statements for a fee of \$14,000. Lisa Jay seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays with a roll call vote.

President's Report:

Tim Shanahan stated we had a very success year and is looking forward to how our educational scores come out and how close we are to our goals in 2010.

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Joe announced that staff service awards will beheld on Tuesday, June 10th. The Board and audience were invited to attend.

Severe weather came through our area last week and although a field trip was cancelled, one field trip had already left. This type of situation will guide us in fine-tuning on how this type of situation is handled. Dr. Joe and members of the board stated Dr. Zook handled the circumstances, as they developed, very well. The student's safety comes first. Each building has Emergency Drill locations that are put into practice throughout the year.

Discussion Items:

1. 2008 – 2009 Lunch prices – Alan Hahn

With costs continuing to rise we feel prices need to increase. We have held our lunch prices constant since 2004-2005. Hawthorn's lunch prices are lower than surrounding districts. The 10% increase is a direct cost that is being passed on and will provide the ability to maintain our nutrition, keeping out students first.

2. Board agendas and flow – Dr. Joe

Information handed out is an example of how future board agendas could flow. The goal is to streamline the flow and the number of meetings.

Committee Reports:

The Policy Committee, Anne Hoffman: The Policy Committee had an incredible and very involved year. As the entire board stepped up, got involved and participated, this committee worked very well.

The SEDOL Committee, Michelle Comitor: Voting for membership cost for proposed plans for building was intense at the last SEDOL meeting. The proposed motion was for a 70/30 split, however two districts were displeased. A motion to amend that motion came about and, then another motion to amend. With so much discussion taking place a motion to table until August was raised. In the end, the original motion did pass, which, as Michelle Comitor stated is good for our district. More will be reported as they unfold.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Announcements: None

Informational Items:

Tax Distribution

Adjournment:

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

Anne Hoffman moved to adjourn the meeting. Michelle Comitor seconded the motion. Voice Vote: 7 ayes: 0 nays. Motion carried

Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gloria Bentzen