

MINUTES OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WINTHROP HARBOR SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
WINTHROP HARBOR, ILLINOIS**

March 18, 2008

Minutes of a regular public meeting of the Board of Education of School District Number 1, Lake County, Illinois, held in the Library of North Prairie Junior High School, in said School District at 8:00 p.m. on the 18th of March, 2008.

The meeting was called to order by President Leech and upon the roll being called, the following members of the Board of Education answered present: Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, Ray Jordan, Dave Lucy, Syndy Nugent, Chris Thompson and James Leech. Also present were Superintendent Dennis Guiser, Principals Ted Brooks and Pat Hodge, Assistant Principal Tom Whitford and filling in for the Secretary to the Board, Julie Lippeth.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

February's Students of the Month were congratulated and awarded with a \$20.00 Borders gift card. The following students were recognized:

Christopher Carpentier - K (not present)
Alicia Gasgonia - 1st
Bradley Agostinelli - 3rd
Kayla Quigley - 3rd
Zakery Oglesby - 7th
Shantel Leal - 8th

PUBLIC HEARING

The floor was opened for comments and questions at 7:10 p.m. Resident Adam Gorsuch asked the Board about the article in the Z-B News regarding the annexed property and why the school was not getting the tax money that was being generated. Jim Leech explained that Winthrop Harbor School District would be receiving the tax money from the residential properties and that Beach Park would receive the tax money from the commercial property. A meeting will be taking place on April 9th for a final decision.

Jeanne Salata asked that the Board review the policy concerning Physical Education and what the procedure is for a parent to excuse their child from participating in P.E. due to an illness or injury. She stated that she was refused the right to excuse her daughter from gym due to a previous illness.

Jeanne Salata requested that something be done regarding the snow and salt in the parking lots at North Prairie during the heavy snowfalls. She stated that she has slipped on the ice several times.

Jeanne Salata questioned rumors about next year phasing out our Social Studies classes . Due to low enrollment, Ted Brooks told her the district has decided that each core teacher would teach one class of Social Studies along with their regular subject (math, science, and language) and that way, they would eliminate one position.

As there were no further calls for comments or questions, this portion of the meeting was closed at 8:45 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

MOTION by Chris Thompson to approve the following consent agenda items; SECOND by Ray Jordan. On roll call, the following member voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, Ray Jordan, Dave Lucy, Syndy Nugent, Chris Thompson and James Leech. MOTION CARRIED.

- A) March 18, 2008 Board of Education Meeting Agenda and the February 28, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes
- B) Accept resignation of Tom Whitford (Spring Bluff Assistant Principal)
- C) Finance Items
 - 1) Expenditure Report for February, 2008
 - 2) Revenue Report for February, 2008
 - 3) Treasurer’s Report for February, 2008
 - 4) Payments of Bills & Reimbursements for March, 2008
 - 5) Student Activity Report for February, 2008

PERSONNEL AND POLICY

There was no report.

OPERATIONS, BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE

There was no report.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

There was no report.

TRANSPORTATION

There was no report.

OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION by Syndy Nugent to approve the purchase two **new** Gordon Flesch color copiers in the Westfield and North Prairie lounge, along with the rental of one refurbished copy machine in the Spring Bluff teachers lounge. (leasing both color copiers at \$765 a month with \$1 buy at the end of the 60 month lease); with the addition of a hole punch on each new machine not to exceed \$20/month. SECOND by Chris Thompson. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, Ray Jordan, Dave Lucy, Syndy Nugent, Chris Thompson and Jim Leech. MOTION CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by James Leech to go into Executive Session at 8:53 pm; SECOND by Tim Hall. On roll call, the following people voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, Ray Jordan, Dave Lucy, Syndy Nugent, Chris Thompson and Jim Leech. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Tim Hall to exit Executive Session at 9:20 pm; SECOND by Gene Ellison. On roll call, the following people voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, Ray Jordan, Syndy Nugent, Dave Lucy, Chris Thompson and Jim Leech. MOTION CARRIED.

No actions were taken in Executive Session.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION by Chris Thompson to approve the Reduction in Force Authorization (employee #270 and employee #311) due to declining student enrollment. SECOND by Syndy Nugent. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, Ray Jordan, Dave Lucy, Syndy Nugent, Chris Thompson and Jim Leech. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Gene Ellison to approve the Maki Reimbursement Resolution; SECOND by Tim Hall. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, Ray Jordan, Chris Thompson and Jim Leech. The following members voted NAY: Dave Lucy and Syndy Nugent. MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURN

Motion by Syndy Nugent to adjourn at 9:50 pm; SECOND by Gene Ellison. On roll call, the following people voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, Ray Jordan, Dave Lucy, Syndy Nugent, Chris Thompson and Jim Leech. MOTION CARRIED.

These minutes were transcribed by Julie Lippeth.

James W. Leech
School Board President
Winthrop Harbor School District #1
Winthrop Harbor, Illinois

ATTEST:

Christine Thompson
Board of Education
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