

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

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

**April 28, 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 7:00 p.m. on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April, 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, Christine Thompson and James Leech. Dave Lucy and Syndy Nugent were not present. Also present were Principals Ted Brooks and Pat Hodge, Assistant Principal Tom Whitford, Superintendent Dennis Guiser and Secretary to the Board, Julie Leech.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Nicholas Powers	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade
Haley Compton	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade
Trentin Heiny	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade
Taitum Stevens	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Devon Yach	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Morgan Grider	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade

Also attending was Christopher Carpentier, a student of the month from February, 2008.

**PRESENTATION**

Howard Crouse, from PMA, presented the Board with budget and long-term planning information that his company has produced from information given to him from the District. He explained that the program used is a real-time program which allows District personnel to input changes and see how it reflects in the immediate and long-term financials for the District for budgeting and staffing purposes using trend analysis data.

Mr. Crouse explained the State of Illinois "hold harmless" plan which essentially means that our state aid will not fall below a pre-determined figure, which in our case is \$1,177,858 per year.

There is talk in Springfield of doing away with the “hold harmless” plan, and this is something that should concern the board greatly because if the State does withdraw the program, our State Aid funding is estimated to drop from \$1,532,030 in Fiscal Year 2008 to \$298,824 in Fiscal Year 2013. The additional funding the State is proposing to the State Aid formula per child will have no affect on the District because it will eat into the “hold harmless” fund – we won’t realize any different to the amount of money we will receive either way. He indicated that the District’s EAV will become more important as we depend on local property taxes more and more with the passing of the referendum.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

The floor was opened for comments and questions at 7:38 pm. As there were no calls for public comments or questions, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:38 pm.

### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

MOTION by Chris Thompson to approve the following consent agenda items; SECOND by Ray Jordan. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, Ray Jordan, Chris Thompson and Jim Leech. Dave Lucy and Syndy Nugent were not present. MOTION CARRIED.

- A) April 28, 2008 Board of Education Meeting Agenda and the March 18, 2008 Regular and Executive Board of Education Minutes
- B) Finance Items
  - 1) Expenditure Report for March, 2008
  - 2) Revenue Report for March, 2008
  - 3) Treasurer’s Report for March, 2008
  - 4) Payments of Bills & Reimbursements for April, 2008
  - 5) Student Activity Reports for March, 2008

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

Dr. Guiser spoke to the Board about the Proposed New Facility / Remodeling Project SEDOL is trying to get support for. Dr. Duzinski was not able to attend tonight’s meeting, but he prepared information regarding this proposal and indicated his support for it. Dr. Bill Delp, from SEDOL, will attend the May 19<sup>th</sup> Board of Education Meeting to further discuss the plans and their need for our District’s support. Dr. Guiser indicated that the motion to approve this plan will be on the May Agenda as an action item to vote on and Jim Leech, as our SEDOL representative, will cast the vote at the next SEDOL meeting (May 28, 2008 at 7:00 pm at Laremont School). Dr. Guiser said that he felt the reception in the other districts is mixed in regard to their support for this plan.

Dr. Guiser spoke regarding the following policies have been reviewed. These three policies will be on the May agenda for action.

Policy 6:30 – Organization of Instruction was updated to include the offer of a full-day kindergarten.

Policy 4:70 – Resource Conservation and Policy 4:110 – Transportation were not amended in any way, but were reviewed against the State recommended policies for any changes.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

MOTION by Tim Hall to approve a one year bus lease for four buses through Midwest Transit; SECOND by Gene Ellison. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, Ray Jordan, Chris Thompson and Jim Leech. Dave Lucy and Syndy Nugent were not present. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Chris Thompson to approve the Midwest Transit estimate to refurbish Bus #1; SECOND by Ray Jordan. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, Ray Jordan, Chris Thompson and Jim Leech. Dave Lucy and Syndy Nugent were not present. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Gene Ellison to approve tenure for Dana McCarthy and Irina Stan; SECOND by Ray Jordan. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, Ray Jordan, Chris Thompson and Jim Leech. Dave Lucy and Syndy Nugent were not present. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Tim Hall to approve Policy 7:270 – Administering Medication to Students; SECOND by Chris Thompson. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, Ray Jordan, Chris Thompson and Jim Leech. Dave Lucy and Syndy Nugent were not present. MOTION CARRIED.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Guiser indicated that the administrators have reviewed Policy 6:30, 4:70 and 4:110 in the Ed Council meetings. Chris Thompson asked whether the P.E. teachers have a list of students who have medical problems and what they should look for or be aware of in regards to those students. Ted Brooks indicated that the P.E. teachers at North Prairie are given lists of medical issues, and Pat Hodge said she would check in Westfield. Tom Whitford said that the parent of one of his diabetic students has taken it upon herself to meet with every teacher in regards to her daughter.

Dr. Guiser indicated that he and Jim Leech met with Mayor Joe Leech last week in regards to the District's request to the Village to not charge Make Construction (Country Manor) the impact fees on the District's behalf, for the next five new home permits that are pulled. Jim Leech said that the Village has ordinances that govern the way the Village does business and Mayor Leech understandably doesn't want to go against his own ordinances. Dr. Guiser said that he talked to our attorney who indicated the District could clearly rebate these fees by cutting a check to Maki Construction, for the same amount we receive, in the month we receive the impact fees on their behalf. He indicated that our auditors were aware of this and it was okay as it would clearly show the money in and the money out.

Gene Ellison thought that the Mayor's letter back to the District was somewhat harsh. Dr. Guiser said that after talking with Mayor Leech, he acknowledged that his third paragraph was written by the Village's attorney and wished he had made changes before it was mailed.

Jim Leech indicated that the Village has proceeded with a Tax incremental Financing (TIF) district for the "triangle" area (7<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Sheridan Road), which is essentially the same thing as we were proposing (giving an incentive to a developer to come into Winthrop Harbor). Jim Leech indicated that he wasn't aware of the TIF and asked Dr. Guiser to find additional information regarding it for the Board.

MOTION by Tim Hall to adjourn at 8:24 pm; SEOND by Ray Jordan. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, Ray Jordan, Chris Thompson and Jim Leech. Dave Lucy and Syndy Nugent were not present. MOTION CARRIED.

These minutes were transcribed by Julie Leech.

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Winthrop Harbor School District #1  
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ATTEST:

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Christine Thompson  
Board of Education  
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