

MINUTES OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

September 22, 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 22th of September, 2008

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:02 p.m. by Dave Lucy (who filled in for absent Board President Jim Leech) and upon the roll being called, the following members of the Board of Education answered present: Gene Ellison, Ray Jordan, Dave Lucy, Syndy Nugent and Christine Thompson. Tim Hall and Jim Leech were not present. Also present were Principals Ted Brooks, Pat Hodge and Carrie Nottingham, Superintendent Dennis Guiser and Secretary to the Board, Terrie Nierenberger.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comments and Questions

Micki Carpentier, parent – Regarding hiring a 6th grade teacher. We seem to take away a teacher every three years. It used to be one teacher all day for a 6th grade class and now its multiple teachers. The concern is that 6th grade is a transitional grade. Why do we have this shortage? The floor was given to Ted Brooks, North Prairie Principal for explanation. Number of students in the district is dropping and the district is trying to make future adjustments. The concern is mainly classroom size. Dennis Guiser, Superintendent, indicated that we are down 26 students from last year as a whole.

Jill Limbo – New member of PTO. The PTO committee would like to invite everyone for a blood drive, here at North Prairie on Saturday, October 25th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 pm. There will be a sign placed on the school information board.

Denise Szwiec – has a Junior High student in the district and would like to comment on the 6th teacher situation. Her suggestion was if we cannot hire another teacher, how about additional aides to help them out.

PRESENTATION

The Superintendent, Dennis Guiser, along with the help of North Prairie Principal Ted Brooks, gave a short eight minute podcast presentation. This podcast presentation was regarding the state of our Winthrop Harbor schools and to show the Board and the audience attending the meeting what this new podcast can do and how it will benefit the district and our schools.

Tim Hall present at approximately 7:20 pm.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

- A) September Agenda
- B) August Financial Items and Bills
- C) Resignation of Terrie Nierenberger

INFORMATION ITEMS

MOTION by Chris Thompson to approve the following information items with the exception of item C; SECOND by Syndy Nugent. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, Ray Jordan, Dave Lucy, Syndy Nugent and Chris Thompson. Jim Leech was not present. MOTION CARRIED.

- A) Tuition Students
- B) Barbara Toney – From IL Assoc. of School Boards Planning and Relations
- C) Terrie Leaving, possibly Dan Stanley for replacement (went to Executive Session)
- D) Westfield route for student pick up
- E) Westfield and Spring Bluff Principal's report

ACTION ITEMS

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

- A) Approve School District Budget from 7/01/08 – 6/30/09
- B) 2007/2008 Application for Recognition of Schools
- C) Half Time Teacher at Westfield
- D) Apple Lab proposal

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Chris Thompson to enter into Executive Session; SECOND by Ray Jordan. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, Ray Jordan, Dave Lucy, Syndy Nugent and Chris

Thompson. Jim Leech was not present. MOTION CARRIED. The Board went into Executive Session at approximately 7:40 p.m.

MOTION by Syndy Nugent to come out of Executive Session; SECOND by Chris Thompson. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, Ray Jordan, Dave Lucy, Syndy Nugent and Chris Thompson. Jim Leech was not present. MOTION CARRIED. The Board came out of Executive Session at approximately 8:35 p.m.

MOTION by Tim Hall to adjourn at 8:36 pm; SECOND by Chris Thompson. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, Ray Jordan, Dave Lucy, Syndy Nugent and Chris Thompson. Jim Leech was not present. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully transcribed and submitted by Terrie Nierenberger.

James W. Leech
School Board President
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ATTEST:

Christine Thompson
Board of Education
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