

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

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

**July 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 July, 2008

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:06 p.m. 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 and James Leech. Christine Thompson was not present. Also present were Principals Ted Brooks and Pat Hodge, Superintendent Dennis Guiser and Secretary to the Board, Terrie Nierenberger.

The Pledge of Allegiance was not recited.

**PRESENTATION**

Principal Ted Brooks, along with Pat Hodge, gave a student data presentation. This data was the test results from the state from the last academic school year 2007-2008. The results were on the subject areas of Math, Reading, Language Arts and Science in regards to Achieving Growth Target percentages.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

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

- A) June Financial Item
- B) July Bills

**ACTION ITEMS**

MOTION by Ray Jordon to adopt the FY09 preliminary budget for a 30 day public review to be approved in September; SECOND by Syndy Nugent. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, Ray Jordan, Dave Lucy, Syndy Nugent and Jim Leech. Chris Thompson was not present. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Gene Ellison to Release Executive Minutes July 23, 2007 – March 18 2008 (with the exception of January 28, 2008 Minutes); SECOND by Tim Hall. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, Ray Jordan, Dave Lucy, Syndy Nugent and Jim Leech. Chris Thompson was not present. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Tim Hall for cash payment to SEDOL Bond Issue of \$97,202.00; SECOND by Gene Ellison. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, Ray Jordan, Dave Lucy, Syndy Nugent and Jim Leech. Chris Thompson was not present. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Ray Jordan to hire Durham Transportation for Special Education Students; SECOND by Tim Hall. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, Ray Jordan, Dave Lucy, Syndy Nugent and Jim Leech. Chris Thompson was not present. MOTION CARRIED.

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

MOTION by Syndy Nugent to approve Gatekeeper 403(b) Administration & Consulting firm as our new 403(b) program; SECOND by Ray Jordan. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, Ray Jordan, Dave Lucy, and Syndy Nugent. Jim Leech voted Nay. Chris Thompson was not present. MOTION CARRIED.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

MOTION by Dave Lucy to enter into Executive Session; SECOND by Tim Hall. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, Ray Jordan, Dave Lucy, Syndy Nugent and Jim Leech. Chris Thompson was not present. MOTION CARRIED. The Board went into Executive Session at approximately 8:40 p.m.

MOTION by Syndy Nugent to come out of Executive Session; SECOND by Dave Lucy. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, Ray Jordan, Dave Lucy, Syndy Nugent and Jim Leech. Chris Thompson was not present. MOTION CARRIED. The Board came out of Executive Session at approximately 9:12 p.m.

**ACTION ITEMS (continued)**

MOTION by Syndy Nugent to approve the Administrator's Pay Increases for the 2008/2009 school year; SECOND by Tim Hall. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, Ray Jordan, Dave Lucy, Syndy Nugent and Jim Leech. Chris Thompson was not present. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Tim Hall to extend the superintendent's contract for the 2010/2011 school year; SECOND by Gene Ellison. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, Ray Jordan, Dave Lucy, Syndy Nugent and Jim Leech. Chris Thompson was not present. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Syndy Nugent to appoint Dennis Guiser as an IMRF authorized agent; SECOND by Ray Jordan. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, Ray Jordan, Dave Lucy, Syndy Nugent and Jim Leech. Chris Thompson was not present. MOTION CARRIED.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Guiser gave his Friday Phone Call report to the Board as follows: Regarding the area of facilities Chris Chesio is a good sub custodian working for us all last year and this summer. Charlie is going to reduce his time to 2 hours and Dr. Guiser indicated he put money in the budget to bring Chris on full time.

Dr. Guiser reported that we have a due process hearing request from parent of a 1<sup>st</sup> grade student. Also noted, PMA does investing as well as projecting. In the past, we have used First Midwest Bank in Waukegan. As of last week, we had \$1,100,000 with interest at 1.6% and \$1,500,000 at 2%. In that same time frame we could have had a portion in PMA with was at 3.4%. If the Board is interested, a representative from PMA is willing to come to a Board Meeting to answer any questions we might have.

Dr. Guiser shared that he is currently working on the transportation report. Terrie Nierenberger has started in her position on Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup>. We were able to get the board packets out and complete another payroll.

Dr. Guiser talked to Steve Miller at PMA and he believes that he will recommend paying our money in one payment and increasing the amount of our TAW. Included with the report is a note stating he thinks we would use the TAW option and the second piece showing two charts. The first chart showing the effect of the 97,202.00 being borrowed in the year 2010 and the second chart without it.

MOTION by Tim Hall to adjourn at 9:27 pm; SECOND by Gene Ellison. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, Ray Jordan, Dave Lucy, Syndy Nugent and Jim Leech. Chris Thompson was not present. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully transcribed and submitted by Terrie Nierenberger.

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

ATTEST:

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Christine Thompson  
Board of Education  
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