

## MINUTES OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

May 19, 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 19<sup>th</sup> of May, 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 Principals Ted Brooks and Pat Hodge, Assistant Principal Tom Whitford, Superintendent Dennis Guiser, Pupil Services Coordinator Dr. Gary Duzinski and Secretary to the Board, Julie Leech.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Loula Dillon	Kindergarten
Cody Apostolou	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade
Kylee Wade	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade
Noah Leslie	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Katy Higgins	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Brett Degler	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

The floor was opened for comments and questions at 7:07 pm. As there were no calls for public comments or questions, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:07 pm.

#### **PRESENTATION**

Dr. Bill Delp gave a presentation to the Board about the need to address the building situation at SEDOL as they have run out of space to educate the students who need their services. They are proposing a new 72,000 square-foot building (the "new Laremont" building) at a cost of \$18,600,000 and a renovation of the "old Laremont" building, which serves the most severely handicapped kids of the county, with a budget of \$7,900,000, for a total cost of \$26,500,000. The renovation of the "old Laremont" building would allow for an additional 60-80 students to be educated at that facility. SEDOL

is also planning on leasing facilities in the south end of Lake County to education kids from those areas so they wouldn't need to be transported that far north.

The current proposal is formulated at 70% EAV and 30% of actual historic 10-year use of the SEDOL facilities by each member district. SEDOL chose this formula because it was the most fair to a majority of the co-op districts. Dr. Delp stated that if a majority of the participating districts vote to allow SEDOL the bond issuance, it would be based on a 4.75% interest rate and each district would have option of how to pay their portion (the entire amount in full, or over a period of 5, 10 15 or 20 years).

Jim Leech asked if the operating budget for the buildings had been accounted for yet. Dr. Delp stated that with the new building and renovations planned, it is thought that new efficiencies would actually lessen the cost of operating the buildings, but it is possible that the operating costs will go up. He also stated that staff will be added as classes are added, and because they are bringing back six classes to SEDOL next year that are currently in satellite classrooms around the county, they will be hiring 2 teachers and 2 aides for sure next year.

Dave Lucy asked if the \$26,500,000 budget amount included "ultimate wish list" items. Dr. Delp stated that SEDOL thinks this number can be whittled down from the architect's plan, but the original figure was \$30,000,000.

Jim Leech asked that SEDOL keep running a tight ship because we have to. Dr. Delp stated that the facility is currently turning away students who had been placed in private classrooms because they are full and recognize the hardship this could cause the districts, but this plan is truly in the best interests of the co-op districts.

Although an official motion was not taken regarding the SEDOL proposal, the Board did acknowledge their support and Jim Leech will cast a vote in support of the proposal at the May 28<sup>th</sup> SEDOL Meeting.

### **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, Dave Lucy, Syndy Nugent, Chris Thompson and Jim Leech. MOTION CARRIED.

- A) May 19, 2008 Board of Education Meeting Agenda and the April 28, 2008 Regular Board of Education Minutes
- B) Resignation of Sarah Lidy (K-4 Fine Arts Teacher)
- C) Finance Items
  - 1) Expenditure Report for April, 2008
  - 2) Revenue Report for April, 2008
  - 3) Treasurer's Report for April, 2008
  - 4) Payments of Bills & Reimbursements for May, 2008
  - 5) Student Activity Reports for April, 2008

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

Dr. Guiser spoke regarding Policy 5:190 – Teacher Qualifications. This policy was not amended in any way, but was reviewed against the State recommended policy for any changes. This policy will be on the June agenda for review adoption.

Paula Hyatt was acknowledged for recognizing a serious health threat with one of her students and for guiding the parents to seek medical advice. Her actions very possibly helped prevent a life-threatening condition.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

MOTION by Chris Thompson to approve returning five (5) Impact Fees to Maki Construction through the District Accounting; SECOND by Gene Ellison. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, Chris Thompson and Jim Leech; the following members voted NAY: Ray Jordan, Dave Lucy and Syndy Nugent. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Syndy Nugent to adopt amended Policy 6:30 – Organization of Instruction and Policy Review of Policies 4:70 – Resource Conservation and 4:110 – Transportation; SECOND by Ray Jordan. 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 Chris Thompson to enter into Executive Session at 8:13 pm; 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 exit Executive Session at 8:30 pm; SECOND by Ray Jordan. 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.

No actions were taken during Executive Session.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Guiser stated that he would like to schedule a "Goal Setting Session" in September or October. Items that could be discussed include student growth and the number of students making a years growth, Tax Anticipation Warrant reliance, Budget, Technology and the use of it to interest kids in learning at their own levels such as blogging, texting, etc., closing Spring Bluff and the effects on and the needs of the other two buildings, etc.

MOTION by Tim Hall to adjourn at 8:40 pm; SECOND by Ray Jordan. 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.

These minutes were transcribed by Julie Leech.

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ATTEST:

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Christine Thompson  
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