

MINUTES OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

October 27, 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 27th of October, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Jim 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 Jim Leech. Also present were Principals Ted Brooks, Pat Hodge and Carrie Nottingham, Superintendent Dennis Guiser and Secretary to the Board, Dan Stanley.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Evan Jackola	Kindergarten
Alexandra Yee	1 st Grade
Joseph Rivelli	2 nd Grade
Megan Anderson	3 rd Grade
Corey Lippeth	6 th Grade
Austyn Boothe	7 th Grade

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Debbie Berg raised the issue of recording time for bus drivers. She then read a letter explaining her concerns to the board that the procedure used for recording was past practice. Jim Leech assured that the issue will be formalized and discussed in executive session, however the board must abide by the mutually agreed upon contract.

A representative for Pat Wallace (who was not able to attend) stated that the union is willing to set up language and negotiate. However, direct negotiations with individual bus drivers will not be allowed.

PRESENTATION

Laura Pauli from PMA Financial Networks gave a presentation on the investment services available and how they can benefit the district. Among the services available, at no additional cost, are: cash-flow analysis, investment strategy, and risk management analysis.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

- A) Approval of October 27, 2008 Agenda and Minutes from the September 22, 2008 Regular and Executive Board of Education Meeting
- B) Personnel
 - a. Hiring of Dan Stanley – H.R. Manager
 - b. Hiring of Michele Barkley fulltime
- C) Finance Items
 - a. Expenditure Report for September
 - b. Revenue Report for September
 - c. Treasurer’s Report for September
 - d. Payment of Bills & Reimbursements for October
 - e. Student Activity Reports for September

INFORMATION ITEMS

Dennis Guiser informed the board that the PTO gave \$9,500 for the technology budget, but it will not be applied until the budget is amended in the spring. Therefore, the technology budget may appear to go into the negative as the year progresses, but it will not actually be negative.

Dennis shared that Steve from PMA Financial Networks believes that the district will only need to borrow \$150,000 – \$250,000 for the Tax Anticipation Warrant. However, Steve is concerned that the state may be in financial trouble. He recommends asking for \$400,000 from March to July to be safe.

There will be a special board meeting held on November 8, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The Illinois Association of School Boards is sponsoring a planning workshop.

ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items to report.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dennis shared that Pay-for-Performance is an issue that comes up often and that the board should discuss it.

Dr. Richard Voltz will be training staff on podcasting on November 17th from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Dennis asked when the board is considering moving all facilities to one location. Chris Thompson asked if this can be discussed at a meeting. Dennis and Jim Leech agree that it is a good idea and can be put on the agenda as a discussion item.

Pat Hodge reported on sending Pat Hudak and Doreen De Cesaro to Atlanta for training. Using a palm pilot, teachers can evaluate student performance, set benchmarks, monitor benchmarks, and target students requiring intervention. This method saves time by having the palm pilot calculate, rather than the teacher, the evaluation information for each student.

Ted Brooks reported on sending Chris Brooks to a workshop on ISAT writing, sending Dierdre Cook and Ronda Nissen to a conference about ways to instruct at-risk readers, and the success of the R.E.a.D. program.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Chris Thompson to enter into Executive Session; SECOND by Gene Ellison. 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. The Board went into Executive Session at approximately 8:33 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, Chris Thompson, and Jim Leech. MOTION CARRIED. The Board came out of Executive Session at approximately 9:18 p.m.

MOTION by Tim Hall to adjourn at 9:19 p.m.; SECOND by Gene Ellison. 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 Dan Stanley.

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

ATTEST:

Christine Thompson
Board of Education
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