

MINUTES OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

November 24, 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 24th of November, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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, Chris Thompson, and Jim Leech. Syndy Nugent was not present. 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.

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

Sirrenda Hayes	Kindergarten
Jacob Rich	1 st Grade
Brennan Ferguson	4 th Grade
Kenna Jordan	5 th Grade
Dana Cliff	6 th Grade
Dan Adler (Not Present)	8 th Grade

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

The floor was opened for comments and questions at 7:07 pm.

Student Council Vice President Haley Burgmeier, Secretary Emily Schreiber, and Treasurer Brianna Urban presented a thank you card signed by the student body and a variety of snacks to the board for Board Member Appreciation Month.

As there were no more calls for public comments or questions, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:09 p.m.

PRESENTATION

Due to technical difficulties, Carrie Nottingham was unable to present to the board a podcast in which students shared their thanks to the board for Board Member Appreciation Month. It was decided that the board would view the podcast at the next board meeting. Carrie presented the board with a poster and cards from various students thanking the board.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Ray Jordan noted a correction needed on the October 27, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes in which Syndy Nugent, and not himself, seconded a motion to approve the October 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, Chris Thompson, and Jim Leech. Syndy Nugent was not present. MOTION CARRIED.

- A) Approval of the November 24, 2008 Agenda, Minutes from the October 27, 2008 Regular and Executive Board of Education Meetings, and Minutes from the November 8, 2008 Special Board of Education Meeting.
- B) Finance Items
 - a. Expenditure Report for October
 - b. Revenue Report for October
 - c. Treasurer's Report for October
 - d. Payment of Bills & Reimbursements for November
 - e. Student Activity Reports for October

INFORMATION ITEMS

Dennis Guiser informed the board that, according to the calendar submitted to the state, school is not in session on Lincoln's Birthday, February 12th, and in session on President's Day, February 16th. Historically, Winthrop Harbor schools have been in session on Lincoln's Birthday and not in session on President's Day. In order to change the calendar submitted to the state, a hearing must take place that can occur before a regular board meeting. Therefore, there will be a hearing at 6:50 p.m. on December 15th before the regular board meeting.

Dennis Guiser informed the board that current policy 7:60 for student residency alludes to, but does not specifically allow for, non-resident students to pay tuition to be accepted into the district. The only way to explicitly allow it is to change the policy. Questions were raised pertaining to being able to deny students admittance based on behavioral issues. Dr. Guiser informed the board that he spoke with the district's attorney and the Illinois Association of School Boards, and, as long as criterion does not include protected classes, the district may deny admittance based on behavioral-type issues.

Jim Leech strongly suggested that payment terms for tuition-based students be included in the policy. Dr. Guiser suggested terms include paying quarterly and in advance. Dave Lucy asked if there will be a limit to how far away we accept tuition students. Dr. Guiser believes that there should not be a limit as it will be the parent(s)/guardian(s) responsibility to transport the student to and from school. Chris Thompson asked if an employee's child will be permitted. Dr. Guiser told the board that the child will be

treated the same as any other applicant. For the December meeting, the residency policy will be modified with the right language to include tuition-based students.

Dennis Guiser asked the board what vehicles for investments the board is comfortable with. Bigger districts have people watching investments closely. Because of our size, we are not able to do so. Dennis encouraged the board to think about the policies and let him know. The board reviewed the investment vehicles and decided to have the policy for approval at the December meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

MOTION by Chris Thompson to approve the Delta Dental Renewal Effective December 1, 2008 action item; SECOND by Tim Hall. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, Ray Jordan, Dave Lucy, Chris Thompson, and Jim Leech. Syndy Nugent was not present. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Gene Ellison to approve the tentative 2008 Certificate of Tax Levy action item; SECOND by Ray Jordan. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, Ray Jordan, Dave Lucy, Chris Thompson, and Jim Leech. Syndy Nugent was not present. MOTION CARRIED.

The board decided to table the motion to approve the resolution to participate in investments with PMA until the December meeting in order to coincide with the previously discussed investment policy.

MOTION by Chris Thompson to approve the audited Annual Financial Report for year ending June 30, 2008 action item; SECOND by Ray Jordan. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, Ray Jordan, Dave Lucy, Chris Thompson, and Jim Leech. Syndy Nugent was not present. MOTION CARRIED.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dennis shared that Westfield was in the Top Ten schools for attendance week. There will be a lunch and a ceremony held on December 5th.

The Zion-Benton News included a few pictures from the sixth graders' participation in the 4th annual School Arts Magazine, Trading Card Contest. There were also pictures of fifth grade students in Belinda Shogren's class studying fresh water environments.

The 2008 Annual Statement of Affairs has been published in the November 20th edition of the Zion-Benton News.

Tuesday, November 25th, there will be a lockdown drill at all three schools in the morning.

Terrie Nierenberger's last day was Tuesday, November 23rd. She was helping Dan with payroll and we feel comfortable proceeding without her.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Tim Hall 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, Chris Thompson, and Jim Leech. Syndy Nugent was not present. MOTION CARRIED. The Board went into Executive Session at approximately 7:52 p.m.

Dennis Guiser and Dan Stanley were dismissed at 7:52 p.m. and responsibility for the meeting minutes was taken over by Chris Thompson

MOTION by Dave Lucy to come out of Executive Session; SECOND by Ray Jordan. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, Ray Jordan, Dave Lucy, Chris Thompson, and Jim Leech. Syndy Nugent was not present. MOTION CARRIED. The Board came out of Executive Session at approximately 9:22 p.m.

MOTION by Tim Hall to adjourn at 9:23 p.m.; SECOND by Ray Jordan. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, Ray Jordan, Dave Lucy, Chris Thompson, and Jim Leech. Syndy Nugent was not present. MOTION CARRIED.

These minutes were transcribed by Dan Stanley.

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Winthrop Harbor School District #1
Winthrop Harbor, Illinois

ATTEST:

Christine Thompson
Board of Education
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