

MINUTES OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

December 15, 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 15th of December, 2008.

The meeting was called to order at 6:58 P.M. 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.

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

Emily Pichelmann	2 nd Grade
Collin Maglio	3 rd Grade
Hannah Rummel	4 th Grade
Tyler Broadway	5 th Grade
Noell Carrillo	7 th Grade
Rachel DeVoe (not present)	8 th Grade

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

There were no comments or questions from the public.

TAX LEVY HEARING

Jim Leech read the following into public record:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING TAX LEVY FOR 2008

The Board of Education of School District Number 1, County of Lake, State of Illinois has ascertained and determined and does ascertain and determine that the sum of \$3,679,061 must be raised for Education purposes; the sum of \$443,302 must be raised for Operations, Building and Maintenance purposes; the sum of \$216,415 must be raised for Transportation purposes; the sum of

\$0.00 must be raised for Working Cash purposes; the sum of \$75,000 must be raised for Municipal Retirement purposes; the sum of \$0.00 must be raised for Liability Insurance purposes; the sum of \$0.00 must be raised for Special Education purposes; the sum of \$75,000 must be raised for Social Security/Medicare purposes; and the sum of \$11677 must be raised for SEDOL Illinois Municipal Retirement purposes for the next ensuing year.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that such amounts shall be certified and returned to the County Clerk of Lake County on or before the last Tuesday in December, 2008; that the President and Secretary of this Board certify the tax levy in the form and manner as prescribed by Statute.

and

**RESOLUTION TO LEVY CERTAIN SPECIAL TAXES
FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT IMRF PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is authorized by Section 7-171 of the Pension Code to levy, by proper resolution, an annual tax for Illinois Municipal Retirement purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is authorized by Public Act 90-511 to levy, by proper resolution, an annual tax for Illinois Municipal Retirement purposes for its contribution to the Special Education District of Lake County (SEDOL); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, Winthrop Harbor School District Number One, Lake County, State of Illinois, as follows:

Section 1: For the ensuing year, the County Clerk of Lake County hereby is authorized and directed to extend the following special taxes on behalf of this School District: the sum of \$11,677 to be levied as a special tax for its contribution to Special Education District of Lake County for its employees for Illinois Municipal Retirement purposes.

Section 2: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption.

MOTION by Chris Thompson to approve the 2008 Tax Levy; 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.

MOTION by Tim Hall to approve the 2008 SEDOL IMFR Tax Levy as presented; 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.

This hearing was closed at 7:07 P.M.

PRESENTATION

Carrie Nottingham presented to the board a video podcast involving several students thanking the board for their work in consideration of Board Appreciation Month.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

MOTION by Chris Thompson to approve the following consent agenda items; 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.

- A) Approval of the December 15, 2008 Agenda, Minutes from the November 24, 2008 Regular and Executive Board of Education Meetings.
- B) Finance Items
 - a. Expenditure Report for November
 - b. Revenue Report for November
 - c. Treasurer's Report for November
 - d. Payment of Bills & Reimbursements for December
 - e. Student Activity Reports for November

INFORMATION ITEMS

Pat Hodge informed the board that Belinda Shogren, Susan Ekkela, and Patty Gehrig received approximately \$1,000 each in Trustmark Grants. Pat Hodge also shared that Belinda Shogren was selected as WGN's Teacher of the Month for December.

Ted Brooks informed the board of the tremendous use of the document cameras by staff and the continued implementation of them in classrooms.

Dennis shared with the board some changes to policies 4:30 on curriculum content, 7:10 on equal educational opportunities, and 7:20 on harassment in order to comply with newly enacted state laws and policies. The board discussed each policy, comments and questions were raised. No formal action was taken. Going forward, policy changes will first appear as information items at board meetings and will be action items for adoption at the following meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

MOTION by Chris Thompson to approve the resolution to adopt the 403(b) retirement plan; 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.

MOTION by Ray Jordan to approve the purchase of computers for Dan and Julie; 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.

MOTION by Tim Hall to approve the resolution to participate in investments with PMA; SECOND by Chris Thompson. 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 Ray Jordan to approve the adoption of policy 4:10 on investments; 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 Chris Thompson to approve the adoption of policy 7:60 on student residency; 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.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dennis Guiser shared that Rich Voltz is putting together a page on his website about the Wiimote Whiteboards. Also, Dennis will be sharing the information on the Wiimote Whiteboards at the conference he is attending in January.

Ted informed that there are currently six document cameras up and working and there will be a dozen ready by the end of the holiday break.

Dennis Guiser informed the board that Rotary donated \$1,000 for the purchase of i-Touch devices.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Tim Hall to adjourn at 7:49 P.M.; 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.

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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