

MINUTES OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

February 23, 2009

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 23rd of February, 2009.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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, Syndy Nugent, Chris Thompson, and Jim Leech. Dave Lucy 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.

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

Sydney Hook	Kindergarten
Dhruv Upadhyay	1 st Grade
Matthew Bestler	4 th Grade
Serena Christenson	5 th Grade
Elena Martinez	6 th Grade
Cesar Cardenas	8 th Grade

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Chris Clark, Superintendent of District 126, presented to the board on academic changes at Zion-Benton Township High School. Changes include improvements to curriculum, instructional practices, and interventions.

PRESENTATION

Carrie Nottingham presented to the board on student progress for Kindergarten through 1st Grade at Spring Bluff. Pat Hodge presented on student progress for 2nd Grade through 5th Grade at Westfield. Ted Brooks presented on student progress for 6th Grade through 8th Grade at North Prairie.

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, Syndy Nugent, Chris Thompson, and Jim Leech. Dave Lucy was not present. MOTION CARRIED.

- A) Approval of the February 23, 2009 Agenda, Minutes from the January 26, 2009 Regular Board of Education Meeting.
- B) Finance Items:
 - a. Expenditure Report for January
 - b. Revenue Report for January
 - c. Treasurer's Report for January
 - d. Payment of Bills & Reimbursements for February
 - e. Student Activity Reports for January

INFORMATION ITEMS

Dr. Guiser informed the board that Charlene Cliff and Linda Butkus have submitted their notice for retirement election in 2012. This, along with Robert Morzuch, totals three notices so far this year. The contract allows for the board to limit it two, however given the current financial conditions, Dr. Guiser believes that this is not necessary.

Dr. Guiser reviewed with the board the changes in Policies 4:60, 5:150, and 5:90 which will be action items on the March board meeting.

Finally, Dr. Guiser informed the board that the joint board meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, May 4th due to the fact that Zion School District is unable to meet on May 18th.

ACTION ITEMS

MOTION by Tim Hall to approve the adoption of Policy 7:50 on Student Admission, Policy 5:240 on Personnel Suspension, and Policy 7:190 on Student Discipline; SECOND by Syndy Nugent. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, Ray Jordan, Syndy Nugent, Chris Thompson, and Jim Leech. Dave Lucy was not present. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Ray Jordan to approve consideration of a resolution providing the issuance of tax anticipation warrants of the District; SECOND by Chris Thompson. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, Ray Jordan, Syndy Nugent, Chris Thompson, and Jim Leech. Dave Lucy was not present. MOTION CARRIED.

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

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Guiser’s Friday Phone Call provided that the passport fair held on Saturday, February 7th yielded 44 passports.

LaVern, the creator of our accounting and payroll software, Decision Systems, informed us that he has not billed us for annual support services since 2003. Due to the error, we will most likely spread the costs over three (3), or up to five (5), years.

The district is working on purchasing another Apple lab to be used at Spring Bluff building to replace the current lab. Once Spring Bluff is closed, the lab will then move to Westfield.

It appears that hold harmless, a floor for General State Aid funding, will be phased out in three (3) years. This will have a significant disparate impact on the district. Letters have been sent to state legislators and Governor Pat Quinn urging a review and revision of this phase out. If the phase out is spread over five (5) years, then its effects will be greatly mitigated. Dr. Guiser strongly urged everyone to contact their legislators to express their concern over this phase out.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Tim Hall to adjourn at 9:04 P.M.; SECOND by Ray Jordan. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, Ray Jordan, Syndy Nugent, Chris Thompson, and Jim Leech. Dave Lucy 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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