

MINUTES OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

March 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 March, 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, Ray Jordan, Dave Lucy, Syndy Nugent, Chris Thompson, and Jim Leech. Tim Hall 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.

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

Julia Jones	2 nd Grade
Andrew Martinez	3 rd Grade (Not Present)
Aseelah Saiyed	4 th Grade
Ian McClure	5 th Grade (Not Present)
Derek DePew	7 th Grade
Brianna Leonard	8 th Grade

The 8th Grade Girls Basketball Team and Coach Barry Osborne were recognized and congratulated by the board for a perfect season-ending record of 12 wins and 0 losses.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

President Jim Leech opened the floor for public comments and questions at 7:09 P.M. Since there were no comments or questions from the public, the floor was closed.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

- A) Approval of the March 23, 2009 Agenda, Minutes from the February 23, 2009 Regular Board of Education Meeting.
- B) Personnel Items:
 - a. Resignation of Jacquelyn Rindahl
 - b. Charlene Cliff retirement in 2012
 - c. Linda Butkus retirement in 2012
 - d. Retirement rescission by Kathy McElmurry
- C) Finance Items:
 - a. Expenditure Report for February
 - b. Revenue Report for February
 - c. Treasurer's Report for February
 - d. Payment of Bills & Reimbursements for March
 - e. Student Activity Reports for February

INFORMATION ITEMS

Dr. Guiser informed the board that Laurel Wilson has submitted notice of intent to retire in 2012. In the long run, Dr. Guiser believes this will work well for both parties.

Ted Brooks shared that a textbook purchase program sponsored by the State of Illinois will be utilized to aid in the purchase of new math books. After comparing the different options available, Ted believes the McDougall series is the best option for our district.

Gene Ellison left at 7:15 P.M.

ACTION ITEMS

MOTION by Ray Jordan to approve the adoption of Policy 4: 60 on purchases and contracts, Policy 5:150 on personnel records, and Policy 5:90 on abused and neglected child reporting; SECOND by Chris Thompson. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Ray Jordan, Dave Lucy, Syndy Nugent, Chris Thompson, and Jim Leech. Gene Ellison and Tim Hall were not present. MOTION CARRIED.

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

MOTION by Ray Jordan to approve the 2009-2010 School Calendar; SECOND by Dave Lucy. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Ray Jordan, Dave Lucy, Syndy Nugent, Chris Thompson, and Jim Leech. Gene Ellison and Time Hall were not present. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Syndy Nugent to adopt the tentative Fiscal Year 2009 Amended budget for a 30-day public review; SECOND by Chris Thompson. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Ray Jordan, Dave Lucy, Syndy Nugent, Chris Thompson, and Jim Leech. Gene Ellison and Time Hall were not present. MOTION CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Ray Jordan to enter into Executive Session; SECOND by Chris Thompson. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Ray Jordan, Dave Lucy, Syndy Nugent, Chris Thompson, and Jim Leech. Gene Ellison and Tim Hall were not present. MOTION CARRIED. The Board went into Executive Session at approximately 7:48 P.M.

MOTION by Ray Jordan to come out of Executive Session; SECOND by Chris Thompson. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Ray Jordan, Dave Lucy, Syndy Nugent, Chris Thompson, and Jim Leech. Gene Ellison and Tim Hall were not present. MOTION CARRIED. The Board came out of Executive Session at approximately 8:12 P.M.

MOTION by Chris Thompson to approve Reduction In Force Authorization for employee #270 and employee #323; SECOND by Ray Jordan. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Ray Jordan, Dave Lucy, Syndy Nugent, Chris Thompson, and Jim Leech. Gene Ellison and Tim Hall were not present. MOTION CARRIED.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Gene Ellison arrived at 8:13 P.M.

Dr. Guiser’s Friday Phone Call provided an update on Hold Harmless. As it stands, the current plan is to phase out hold harmless funds in three years. House Bill 3245 (HB 3245) would provide that the hold harmless funding would be cut over a span of five (5) years with no decrease next year and 20% decrease per year every year until the funds are gone. Dr. Guiser is in contact with Illinois Associate of School Administrators (IASA) regarding this bill and strongly encourages everyone to contact their local legislator to ask for their support of HB 3245.

Dr. Guiser also reported that Dave Sever from NWEA thanked us for the visit to our school district. Dave Sever would like Pat Hodge and one or two teachers to present at their annual conference at the end of June.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Gene Ellison to adjourn at 8:17 P.M.; SECOND by Ray Jordan. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Ray Jordan, Dave Lucy, Syndy Nugent, Chris Thompson, and Jim Leech. Tim Hall was not present. MOTION CARRIED.

These minutes were transcribed by Dan Stanley.

ATTEST:

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

Christine Thompson
Board of Education
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