

MINUTES OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

April 27, 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 27rd of April, 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, 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.

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

Garrett Mitzelfelt	Kindergarten
Ali Moberg	1 st Grade
Matt Good	2 nd Grade
Cierra Moore	3 rd Grade
Jake Lambert	6 th Grade
Kendal Livingston	7 th Grade

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

President Jim Leech opened the floor for public comments and questions at 7:06 P.M. Since there were no comments or questions from the public, the floor was closed.

PRESENTATION

Different students presented to each board member various iTouch programs that they use. The programs ranged from graphing calculators to physics simulators to spelling programs.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

- A) Approval of the April 27, 2009 Agenda, Minutes from the March 23, 2009 Regular and Executive Board of Education Meetings.
- B) Personnel Items:
 - a. Laurel Wilson Retirement in 2012.
- C) Finance Items:
 - a. Expenditure Report for March
 - b. Revenue Report for March
 - c. Treasurer's Report for March
 - d. Payment of Bills & Reimbursements for April
 - e. Student Activity Reports for March

INFORMATION ITEMS

Dr. Guiser informed the board about the three new policies that will be up for action at the May regular board meeting. The first policy, 5:310, is a new policy relating to compensatory time-off for educational support personnel. Historically, comp time has been given for board meetings. The second policy, 4:55, also a new policy, covers the use of credit and procurement cards. Dr. Guiser shared that the district's current procedures already go beyond the rules required. The third policy, 7:170, is related to student vandalism. The only change is to the footnotes where the legal limit recoverable has been changed from \$2,500 to \$20,000 for the first offense.

Tim Hall asked where the changes in policies come from. Dr. Guiser explained that one of the services provided by Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) is updated policy information. It is from IASB that the district receives updates and recommended policy changes.

ACTION ITEMS

MOTION by Ray Jordan to adopt the Amended Fiscal Year 2009 Budget; 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 Tim Hall to approve the May 4th Special Board Meeting; 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 Chris Thompson to recommend tenure for Dierdre Cook; 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

Dr. Guiser’s Friday Phone Call provided that there continues to be increasing awareness of the Hold Harmless issue facing our district. Dr. Guiser will be meeting with Kiwanis to inform them. Tim Hall suggested putting something in the Harbor newsletter.

There were extra funds reallocated to the district for use this year for Title I. The funds can be used to offset the cost of the Title I and a portion can be used to fund the summer school program. This will free up funds to be used, along with stimulus money, to pay the \$100,000 due to SEDOL for their building project in August.

Dr. Rich Voltz is putting together a resource for new superintendents and asked for Dr. Guiser to answer a few questions to be used in that resource.

Dr. Guiser’s lunch buddy is doing better. Pat Hodge has another lunch buddy starting soon. Beach Park and Zion are launching a lunch buddy program based on Winthrop Harbor’s program in the near future.

ADJOURNMENT

Dave Lucy gave a formal goodbye, sharing how the 8 years served flew by. His experience was rewarding and he feels a genuine sense of accomplishment. The hold harmless issue will be tough. He encouraged the new board to stay the course financially and keep the district as #1 in the community and the kids.

MOTION by Tim Hall to adjourn at 7:40 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.

Syndy Nugent
School Board President
Winthrop Harbor School District #1
Winthrop Harbor, Illinois

ATTEST:

Gene Ellison
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