

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

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

**May 4, 2009**

Minutes of a special public meeting of the Board of Education of School District Number 1, Lake County, Illinois, held in the Science Room of North Prairie Junior High School, in said School District at 6:30 P.M. on the 4<sup>th</sup> of May, 2009.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 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, Syndy Nugent, Chris Thompson, and Jim Leech. Also present were board members-elect Kristin Heiny, Rick Lambert, and Julie Leech, Principals Ted Brooks, Pat Hodge and Carrie Nottingham, Superintendent Dennis Guiser, and Secretary to the Board Dan Stanley.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

President Jim Leech opened the floor for public comments and questions at 6:31 P.M. Since there were no comments or questions from the public, the floor was closed.

**OATH OF OFFICE**

President Jim Leech administered the oath of office to the three board members-elect Kristin Heiny, Rick Lambert, and Julie Leech as follows:

"I, (name of member), do solemnly swear that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of member of the Board of Education of Winthrop Harbor School District, in accordance with the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and the laws of the State of Illinois, to the best of my ability.

"I further swear that:

"I shall respect taxpayer interest by serving as a faithful protector of the school district's assets;

"I shall encourage and respect the free expression of opinion by my fellow board members and others who seek a hearing before the board, while respecting the privacy of students and employees;

"I shall recognize that a board member has no legal authority as an individual and that decisions can be made only by a majority vote at a public board meeting; and

"I shall abide by majority decisions of the board, while retaining the right to seek changes in such decisions through ethical and constructive channels."

### **ADJOURN SIN DIE**

MOTION by Gene Ellison to Adjourn Sin Die at 6:33 P.M.; SECOND by Dave Lucy and Ray Jordan. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, Ray Jordan, Dave Lucy, Syndy Nugent, Chris Thompson, and Jim Leech. MOTION CARRIED.

### **PRESIDENT PRO TEM; CALL TO ORDER**

Jim Leech recommended appointing Dennis Guiser as President Pro Tem to which agreement was unanimous.

President Pro Tem Dennis Guiser called the meeting to order at 6:34 P.M. On roll call, the following members were present: Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, Kristin Heiny, Rick Lambert, Julie Leech, Syndy Nugent, and Chris Thompson. Also present were Principals Ted Brooks, Pat Hodge and Carrie Nottingham, and Secretary to the Board Dan Stanley.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Chris Thompson nominated Syndy Nugent as President of the Board of Education; SECOND by Gene Ellison. There were no other nominations. On roll call the following members voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, Kristin Heiny, Rick Lambert, Julie Leech, Syndy Nugent, and Chris Thompson. APPOINTMENT CARRIED.

Dennis Guiser was relieved as President Pro Tem and President Syndy Nugent continued the meeting.

Tim Hall nominated Chris Thompson as Vice President of the Board of Education; SECOND by Gene Ellison. Julie Leech nominated Rick Lambert as Vice President of the Board of Education; SECOND by Kristin Heiny. There were no other nominations. On roll call the following members voted for Chris Thompson: Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, Syndy Nugent, and Chris Thompson. The following members voted for Rick Lambert: Kristin Heiny, Rick Lambert, and Julie Leech. CHRIS THOMPSON APPOINTED.

Chris Thompson nominated Gene Ellison as Secretary of the Board of Education; SECOND by Tim Hall. As there were no other nominations, Gene Ellison was appointed Secretary of the Board of Education.

Rick Lambert nominated Julie Leech as Treasurer of the Board of Education; SECOND by Kristin Heiny. Chris Thompson nominated Tim Hall as Treasurer of the Board of Education; SECOND by Gene Ellison. On roll call the following members voted for Julie Leech: Kristin Heiny, Rick Lambert, and Julie Leech. The following members voted for Tim Hall: Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, Syndy Nugent, and Chris Thompson. TIM HALL APPOINTED.

**COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Personnel & Policy

Tim Hall – Chair  
Chris Thompson  
Gene Ellison

Finance

Chris Thompson – Chair  
Tim Hall  
Rick Lambert

Parent/Teacher Advisory Board

Gene Ellison – Chair  
Julie Leech  
Kristin Heiny

IASB Liaison

Syndy Nugent

Operations & Maintenance

Gene Ellison - Chair  
Tim Hall  
Julie Leech

Education

Chris Thompson - Chair  
Rick Lambert  
Kristin Heiny

Special Education Liaison

Syndy Nugent - Chair  
Gene Ellison

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Chris Thompson to adjourn at 6:42 P.M.; SECOND by Rick Lambert. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, Kristin Heiny, Rick Lambert, Julie Leech, Chris Thompson, and Syndy Nugent. MOTION CARRIED.

These minutes were transcribed by Dan Stanley.

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

ATTEST:

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Gene Ellison  
Board of Education  
Winthrop Harbor School District #1  
Winthrop Harbor, Illinois