

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MULTI-DISTRICT WORKSHOP

**WINTHROP HARBOR SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 1
BEACH PARK COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED
SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 3
ZION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 6
ZION TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 126
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON THE 4TH DAY OF MAY 2009**

The Board of Educations of Winthrop Harbor School District 1, Beach Park Community Consolidated School District No. 3, Zion Elementary School District 6, and Zion Township High School District 126, Lake County, Illinois met for the Multi-District Meeting, North Prairie Junior High, Winthrop Harbor, Illinois, May 4th, 2009.

ROLL CALL

The Multi-District Board meeting was called to order at 7:07 P.M. Following the Pledge of Allegiance Dr. Dennis Guiser welcomed the school boards, superintendents, and directors.

Dr. Guiser called for introduction/roll call of board members and administrators from each school district. Upon the roll call for board of education members being had, there were

Winthrop Harbor School District 1	Beach Park School District 3	Zion Elementary School District 6	Zion-Benton Township District 126
Present	Present	Present	Present
Syndy Nugent	Andy Luther	Craig Bennet	Terri Poulson
Chris Thompson	Steve Lenzi	Ruth Davis	Kim Leech
Gene Ellison	Cindy Bowen	Elsie Martinez	Justin Stried
Tim Hall	Marianne DeBoer	Margie Taylor	Loren Karner
Julie Leech	Jose Olvera	Renee White	Christina McCullough
Kristin Heiny	Steve Garris		Tiffany Taylor
Rick Lambert	Kathy Amundsen		

Also present was Dr. Dennis Guiser, Superintendent, Winthrop Harbor School District 1; Dr. DiVirgilio, Superintendent, Beach Park School District 3; Dr. John Ahlgrim, Superintendent, Zion Elementary School District 6; Mrs. Chris Clark, Superintendent, Zion-Benton Township High School District 126; and Dan Stanley, Secretary of record, Winthrop Harbor School District 1.

Other administrators, staff, and media from each district were also in attendance.

PRESENATION

Dr. Dennis Guiser, Superintendent of Winthrop Harbor School District #1 presented to the joint boards regarding the past year's combined efforts of the elementary school districts to ensure a smooth transition to the high school and a readiness for the College Readiness Standards. The combined superintendents agreed on Power Standards as the foundation every child must master at each grade level. Since then, regular joint meetings of staff across districts and a focus on reading, writing, and math have been occurring. The next steps include developing assessments for each standard, criterion for determining success, and strategies teachers can use when a student fails to learn the necessary standard. The past year has been very productive. The combined districts have supported and pushed each other. Regular meetings and open communication among administrators and staff have helped most in forging our direction. Dr. Guiser believes that we are blessed with creative, committed, and innovative leaders and that, as we continue working together, everyone will see not only more focused instruction, but better student performance.

Mrs. Chris Clark, Superintendent of Zion-Benton Township High School District #126 presented to the joint boards regarding the combined efforts of the elementary and high school districts on the Power Standards and College Preparatory Standards. District 126 recognizes its responsibility to build on the success of the elementary districts beyond high school. In order to ensure success, a new curriculum is being developed for incoming freshman. New Tech High's first year has rendered very positive results with increase in attendance percentages and a significant decrease in disciplinary actions. Mrs. Chris Clark looks forward to standing before the joint boards a year from now to share further good news regarding the results of these efforts.

DINNER

Stonecreek Grill catered and Dr. Guiser dismissed tables for dinner at 7:24 P.M.

WORKSHOP

John Cassel of Illinois Association of School Boards facilitated a workshop and discussion for the joint school districts and their systems of operations. Mr. Cassel encouraged each board to be aware of the global, national, state, local, and district systems we are a part of. School board members should stay focused on the strategic level, administrators stay focused on the tactical, and the teachers and staff stay focused on the operations level of each district. Also discussed was the relationship of the superintendent and board members and best practices for which decisions should be made by administration, school board, or both. Mr. Cassel strongly encouraged that the best practice is to have agreement between the school board and superintendent.

ADJOURNMENT– 9:00 P.M.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Ruth Davis and seconded by Mrs. Chris Thompson to adjourn. Dr. Guiser called for the question and those members present voted unanimously to adjourn. Thereby Dr. Guiser declared MOTION CARRIED.

Approved:

Dr. Dennis Guiser, Superintendent,
Winthrop Harbor School District #1

Dan Stanley
Secretary of Record