

## MINUTES OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

June 22, 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 22<sup>nd</sup> of June, 2009.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Students of the Year were congratulated and awarded with a \$50.00 Borders gift card. The following students were recognized:

Tyler Broadway	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Lauren Marshall	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Olivia Cleveland	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade (Not Present)
Sean-Paul Stickelman	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade (Not Present)

Teachers of the Year were congratulated and awarded with a \$100.00 Borders gift card. The following teachers were recognized:

Paula Hyatt	Spring Bluff
Heather Redic	Westfield (Not Present)

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by President Syndy Nugent and upon the roll being called, the following members of the Board of Education answered present: Kristin Heiny, Rick Lambert, Chris Thompson, and Syndy Nugent. Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, and Julie Leech were not present. Also present were Principals Ted Brooks and Pat Hodge, Assistant Principal Carrie Nottingham, Superintendent Dennis Guiser and Secretary to the Board Dan Stanley.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

President Syndy opened the floor for public comments and questions at 7:06 P.M.

Mike Maglio, parent of a Winthrop Harbor student, informed the board of some concerns shared by him and other residents. The first was related to the difficult financial situation facing the district with the hold harmless funds being cut. Mr. Maglio strongly encouraged the district to figure out how to work with the situation at hand.

The second concern was related to the late homework policy at Westfield where students receive no credit for late work. Pat Hodge informed Mr. Maglio that the homework policies will change for next year to include partial credit up to around 80%.

The third concern rose dealt with students being graded on spelling in a math or science class. Mr. Maglio believes that because a student is poor at spelling, it does not mean the student is poor at math.

Other concerns raised were related to pulling students out of core classes (math, science, or language arts) for extracurricular activities (such as band) and teaching respect and compassion.

Dr. Guiser assured Mr. Maglio that he will look into the concerns raised and get back to him with what the district is doing and how it should make sense.

As there were no further comments or questions from the public, the floor was closed at 7:20 P.M.

### **PRESENTATION**

MOTION by Chris Thompson to amend the June 22, 2009 agenda and move the presentation by the principals on student performance on NWEA and ISAT to a future meeting; SECOND by Rick Lambert. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Kristin Heiny, Rick Lambert, Chris Thompson, and Syndy Nugent. Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, and Julie Leech were not present. MOTION CARRIED.

### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

MOTION by Rick Lambert to approve the following consent agenda items; SECOND by Chris Thompson. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Kristin Heiny, Rick Lambert, Chris Thompson, and Syndy Nugent. Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, and Julie Leech were not present. MOTION CARRIED.

- A) Approval of the June 22, 2009 Agenda, Minutes from the May 18, 2009 Regular Board of Education Meeting, and Minutes from the May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Joint Board of Education Meeting
- B) Personnel Items
  - a. Resignation of Bridget Oliver
  - b. Hiring of Michele Barkley
- C) Finance Items:
  - a. Expenditure Report for May
  - b. Revenue Report for May
  - c. Treasurer's Report for May
  - d. Payment of Bills & Reimbursements for June
  - e. Student Activity Reports for May

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

Dr. Guiser discussed with the board three policies that were being updated. With policy 4:120 on food services, the only changes are in the footnotes. Changes in policy 5:185 on family and medical make provisions for military families. The final change was to add policy 7:190-E2 which is a student handbook checklist that Dr. Guiser believes is a good and handy tool to have.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

MOTION by Kristin Heiny to adopt the Fiscal Year 2009 Amended Budget; SECOND by Rick Lambert. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Kristin Heiny, Rick Lambert, Chris Thompson, and Syndy Nugent. Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, and Julie Leech were not present. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Chris Thompson to approve the payment to SEDOL for the building project; SECOND by Rick Lambert. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Kristin Heiny, Rick Lambert, Chris Thompson, and Syndy Nugent. Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, and Julie Leech were not present. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rick Lambert repay Tax Anticipation Warrants; SECOND by Kristin Heiny. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Kristin Heiny, Rick Lambert, Chris Thompson, and Syndy Nugent. Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, and Julie Leech were not present. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Chris Thompson to approve resolution on prevailing wages; SECOND by Kristin Heiny. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Kristin Heiny, Rick Lambert, Chris Thompson, and Syndy Nugent. Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, and Julie Leech were not present. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rick Lambert to approve 2009-2010 meeting dates; SECOND by Chris Thompson. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Kristin Heiny, Rick Lambert, Chris Thompson, and Syndy Nugent. Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, and Julie Leech were not present. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Chris Thompson to adopt Policy 6:50 and School Wellness and Policy 7:60 on Student Residency; SECOND by Rick Lambert. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Kristin Heiny, Rick Lambert, Chris Thompson, and Syndy Nugent. Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, and Julie Leech were not present. MOTION CARRIED.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Guiser's Friday Phone Call provided that the General State Aid Claim was submitted to the ROE which is used to calculate the amount of funds we receive from the state in general aid.

Dr. Guiser also discussed a *Capitol Watch* email which is sent from the Illinois Association of School Boards legislative liaison regarding the general assembly and the state budget.

The garage sale made \$399.40.

Due to a loss of a power supply (battery backup) at Spring Bluff that occurred because of a power outage, the district is submitting a claim to ComEd for a reimbursement of the loss.

The district received a notice of a demand for arbitration from the union regarding a grievance filed.

Dr. Guiser received more concrete information from the district's attorney regarding the process and options for our district on dissolution and/or annexation.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

MOTION by Chris Thompson to enter into Executive Session; SECOND by Rick Lambert. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Kristin Heiny, Rick Lambert, Chris Thompson, and Syndy Nugent. Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, and Julie Leech were not present. MOTION CARRIED. The Board went into Executive Session at approximately 7:42 P.M.

MOTION by Kristin Heiny to come out of Executive Session; SECOND by Chris Thompson. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Kristin Heiny, Rick Lambert, Chris Thompson, and Syndy Nugent. Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, and Julie Leech were not present. MOTION CARRIED. The Board came out of Executive Session at approximately 8:00 P.M.

MOTION by Kristin Heiny to extend superintendents contract for one year commencing July 1, 2009 until, and including, June 30, 2010; SECOND by Chris Thompson. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Kristin Heiny, Rick Lambert, Chris Thompson, and Syndy Nugent. Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, and Julie Leech were not present. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Chris Thompson to increase administrator’s salaries including Superintendent, Principals, Assistant Principal, Pupil Personnel Services Coordinator, Technology Coordinator, and Human Resources Manager by 4% for fiscal year 2010; SECOND by Rick Lambert. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Rick Lambert, Chris Thompson, and Syndy Nugent. Kristin Heiny ABSTAINED. Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, and Julie Leech were not present. MOTION CARRIED.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Chris Thompson to adjourn at 8:01 P.M.; SECOND by Rick Lambert. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Kristin Heiny, Rick Lambert, Chris Thompson, and Syndy Nugent. Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, and Julie Leech were not present. 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  
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