

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

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

**July 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 27<sup>th</sup> of July, 2009.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Syndy Nugent and upon the roll being called, the following members of the Board of Education answered present: Gene Ellison, Rick Lambert, Julie Leech, Chris Thompson, and Syndy Nugent. Tim Hall and Kristin Heiny 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.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Charlene Cliff

North Prairie

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Syndy Nugent opened the floor for public comments and questions at 7:02 P.M.

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

**PRESENTATION**

Sharon from Chevron presented to the board regarding a possible project updating the facilities at the district schools that will save on energy consumption over a period of time including new windows, lights, etc. Chevron will perform a feasibility study at no cost to the district to evaluate whether or not such a project would be fiscally and practically prudent.

Hayden Evans of the local Lion's Club presented to the board a plaque that will list names of student winners in academic achievement for the next forty (40) years. Mr. Evans also informed the board that if the phonic ears being used work well, he may be able to convince the Lions Club to purchase a few for the district.

### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

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

- A. Approval of July 27, 2009 Agenda, Minutes from June 22, 2009 Regular and Executive Board of Education Meetings.
- B. Personnel
  - 1. Hiring of Amanda Doyle (6-8 LD Resource)
- C. Financial
  - 1. Expenditure Report for June
  - 2. Revenue Report for June
  - 3. Treasurer's Report for June
  - 4. Payment of Bills & Reimbursements for July
  - 5. Student Activity Reports for June

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

Dr. Guiser discussed with the board that it appears we may have approximately \$200,000 remaining from last year's fiscal year. Fiscal Year 2010's proposed budget provides for 50% funding of Hold Harmless funds and balances with about \$58,000 extra. Dr. Guiser stressed that the budget this year is very tight. Tax Anticipation Warrants may need to be borrowed for cash flow purposes if the state is late on making payments as they were in the prior year. Dr. Guiser is working on trying to prepare residents for a referendum next fall if the state continues to cut Hold Harmless funds as indicated.

Dr. Guiser informed the board of three policy changes. The first policy 2:220 on School Board Meeting Procedure contained several changes including voting methods, making agenda changes, modifying actions that require more than majority of members present to carry. The second policy 4:150 on Facility Management and Building included changes relating mostly to using "green" products. The final policy, 5:40 on Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease provides changes on how to handle a situation should one arise.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

MOTION by Julie Leech to approve the tentative Fiscal Year 2010 Budget for a 30-day public review; SECOND by Chris Thompson. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Rick Lambert, Julie Leech, Chris Thompson, and Syndy Nugent. Tim Hall and Kristin Heiny were not present. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rick Lambert to adopt Policy 4:120 on Food Services and Policy 5:185 on Family and Medical Leave; SECOND by Gene Ellison. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Rick Lambert, Julie Leech, Chris Thompson, and Syndy Nugent. Tim Hall and Kristin Heiny were not present. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rick Lambert to update the Siemens system at North Prairie; SECOND by Julie Leech. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Rick Lambert, Julie Leech, Chris Thompson, and Syndy Nugent. Tim Hall and Kristin Heiny were not present. MOTION CARRIED.

The board decided to table action on the purchase of Reno alarm software for North Prairie.

MOTION by Chris Thompson to approve the purchase of seven (7) 46-inch monitors; SECOND by Gene Ellison. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Rick Lambert, Julie Leech, Chris Thompson, and Syndy Nugent. Tim Hall and Kristin Heiny were not present. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Chris Thompson to approve the purchase and coverage of administrator's phones; SECOND by Gene Ellison. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Rick Lambert, Julie Leech, Chris Thompson, and Syndy Nugent. Tim Hall and Kristin Heiny were not present. MOTION CARRIED.

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

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

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Guiser's Friday Phone Call provided that the state has budgeted for 50% Hold Harmless funds, however will still allow new schools to enter hold harmless which may bring the funding down closer to 40%.

We received \$176,470.68 from the state for transition assistance which is intended to "soften the blow" of the decrease in funding from the state year over year. This is significantly higher than last year, however cannot be expected every year.

The monthly Capitol Watch from IASA addressed some budget cuts in Illinois.

A copy of a presentation entitled "ABC's of Performance Contracting" is another presentation similar to the one given by Chevron, however gives more of the details about how the program will work.

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

Dr. Guiser also reported that our Annual Financial Report (AFR) allows us to charge up to 110% of \$7,600 for tuition-based students. Lisa Rickert would like to pay tuition for her two students to attend our district. Dr. Guiser asked if the board would waive charging 110% and only charge 100% of the \$7,600.

**ACTION ITEMS (CONTINUED)**

MOTION by Gene Ellison to waive charging 110% of the \$7,600 for the Rickerts; SECOND by Rick Lambert. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Rick Lambert, Julie Leech, Chris Thompson, and Syndy Nugent. Tim Hall and Kristin Heiny were not present. MOTION CARRIED.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Gene Ellison to adjourn at 8:25 P.M.; SECOND by Rick Lambert. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Rick Lambert, Julie Leech, Chris Thompson, and Syndy Nugent. Tim Hall and Kristin Heiny 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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