

MINUTES OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

February 27, 2019

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 Jr. High, in said School District at 7:30 P.M. on the 27th of February, 2019.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by President Rick Lambert and upon the roll being called, the following members of the Board of Education answered present: Nicholas Dowdal, Gene Ellison, Michelle Good, Lise McCarthy, Kimberly Young, and Rick Lambert. Laurel Wilson was not present.

Also present was Superintendent Jeffrey McCartney, Principals Carrie Nottingham and Summer Poepping, and Secretary to the Board Grayson Gilbert.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

RECOGNITION

Students of the Month were congratulated and awarded a \$20.00 gift card to Barnes and Noble. The following students were recognized:

Savanna Hinojosa – 3rd Grade
Dyzek Kalinowski – 4th Grade
Sophia Correa – 5th Grade
Leah Gonzalez -7th Grade (Not Present)

Megan Richardt received a staff recognition award.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

President Rick Lambert opened the floor for public comments and questions at 7:35 P.M.

Pat Wallace approached the Board on behalf of teacher and staff of the District to speak toward the status of negotiations between the Union and Board.

As there were no further public comments or questions raised, the floor was closed at 7:44 P.M.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Nicholas Dowdal to approve consent agenda items with necessary emendations; SECOND by Lise McCarthy. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Nicholas Dowdal, Gene Ellison, Michelle Good, Lise McCarthy, Kimberly Young, and Rick Lambert. Laurel Wilson was not present. MOTION CARRIED.

- A. Approval of February 27, 2019 Regular Meeting Agenda, January 23, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes, January 23, 2019 Closed Meeting Minutes, and January 23, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes.
- B. Financial
 - a. Expenditure Reports for January
 - b. Revenue Reports for January
 - c. Treasurer's Report for January
 - d. Fund Balance Report for January
 - e. Payment of Bills and Reimbursements for February
 - f. Student Activities for January

INFORMATION ITEMS

Principal Nottingham spoke to the fact that she's been meeting with individual staff members on things going well and looking toward setting goals for the remainder of the year, and asking if there's anything to do that she can help them meet their goals.

Principal Poepping updated the board on their Wednesday meeting regarding Ms. Lambert's retelling of the Wizard of Oz from the 5th grade students. In addition, she relayed that the Kindergarten classes did an "artic" transformation, where they made igloos out of milk jugs, and all their learning activities surrounded this central theme.

Supt. McCartney briefed the Board on the proposed calendars for this upcoming year. One calendar is similar to our current calendar, the second builds in emergency days at the end of the school year. His recommendation would be to choose the latter, as it mirrors the ZBTHS's calendar proposal.

Additionally, Supt. McCartney spoke on a recent admin meeting centered on discussions about sections for the upcoming year. The District is currently understaffed and hoping to get positions filled for this upcoming year, as well as an additional staff member. At the upcoming Board meeting more details will be provided.

Supt. McCartney also discussed various options with the Board on the outstanding bond money; Board members must make a decision prior to the end of the fiscal year. The District could pay the bond money back, look toward further facility updates, or hold onto it in our O&M fund.

Finally, Supt. McCartney informed the Board on the upcoming joint Board meeting between local Districts. All Board members expressed interest in attending the joint Board meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

MOTION by Gene Ellison to Approve Rosemary Betz Contract; SECOND by Nicholas Dowdal. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Nicholas Dowdal, Gene Ellison, Michelle Good, Lise McCarthy, Kimberly Young, and Rick Lambert. Laurel Wilson was not present. MOTION CARRIED.

FRIDAY PHONE CALL

Supt. McCartney expressed gratitude to have Rosemary Betz on for the remainder of the year for the interim Special Education Director. In addition, he briefed the Board on the various options admins and teachers have been exploring for ELA curriculum. His desire would be to discuss this in further detail at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

Supt. McCartney also informed the Board that the District would not be receiving any grant dollars from the Property Tax Relief Grant applied for, as the grant money was allocated to other districts determined to have a higher need.

Additionally, Supt. McCartney encouraged Board members to donate toward the scholarship fund for the Winthrop Harbor School District Alumni Scholarship. The scholarship is given to any qualifying student who has attended the District from Kindergarten through eighth grade, and will be awarded at the community scholarship night on May 21st by Ronda Nissen, who has organized and campaigned for scholarship monies.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION by Kimberly Young to move into closed session; SECOND by Lise McCarthy. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Nicholas Dowdal, Gene Ellison, Michelle Good, Lise McCarthy, Kimberly Young, and Rick Lambert. Laurel Wilson was not present. MOTION CARRIED.


MOTION by Nicholas Dowdal to exit closed session; SECOND by Gene Ellison. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Nicholas Dowdal, Gene Ellison, Michelle Good, Lise McCarthy, Kimberly Young, and Rick Lambert. Laurel Wilson was not present. MOTION CARRIED.


ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Gene Ellison to adjourn; SECOND by Lise McCarthy. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Nicholas Dowdal, Gene Ellison, Michelle Good, Lise McCarthy, Kimberly Young, and Rick Lambert. Laurel Wilson was not present. MOTION CARRIED.

These minutes were transcribed by Grayson Gilbert.

ATTEST:


Kimberly Young
Board of Education, Secretary
Winthrop Harbor School District #1
Winthrop Harbor, Illinois


Rick Lambert
Board of Education, President
Winthrop Harbor School District #1
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