

WILLOWS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting – September 7, 2023

Regular Session 7:00 p.m.

Willows City Council Chambers

201 N. Lassen Street, Willows, CA 95988

MINUTES

1. OPEN SESSION – CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1 Roll Call – President Geiger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were: Jeromy Geiger, Kirsten Gray, Margaret Parisio, and Gina Taylor. Lourdes Ruiz was absent.
- 1.2 Welcome to Visitors
- 1.3 Flag Salute was led by Julie Carriere

2. AGENDA/MINUTES

- 2.1 Approve the Agenda for September 7, 2023.
Jeromy Geiger moved, seconded by Gina Taylor to approve the Agenda for September 7, 2023.
AYES: Geiger, Gray, Parisio, Taylor
NOES: None
ABSENT: Ruiz
MOTION PASSED: 4-0-1
- 2.2 Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 3, 2023.
Gina Taylor moved, seconded by Margaret Parisio to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 3, 2023.
AYES: Geiger, Gray, Parisio, Taylor
NOES: None
ABSENT: Ruiz
MOTION PASSED: 4-0-1

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

4. REPORTS

Change in Order of Agenda.

Before the reports were given, President Jeromy Geiger changed the order and asked the Associated Student Body President to give their report first as item 4.1 and the Employee Associations (WUTA & CSEA) to give their reports second as item 4.2. Make this a permanent notation to have ASB give their report first prior to CSEA and WUTA for Board meetings going forward.

4.1 **Associated Student Body President – Jordan Thomas reported:**

- Freshman Orientation was fun. Got to meet all of the Freshman. The ASB leaders held it. It was a tour of the campus and to provide an opportunity to get to know the teachers.
- There was an open gym for Basketball and Volleyball during Back-to-School Night.
- There was a school assembly held. It was a great way to get to know the staff.
- Made a new student section, on the right side of the bleachers, at the football games for students to sit to help the cheer squad.
- ASB is doing Athlete locker posters for all athletes in their specific season to show support of their team. It is for all sports.
- ASB is handing out birthday cards to students who have birthdays during the school year. Close to the end of the year before summer, they will hand out cards to those who have their birthday during the summer. Trying to make sure that everyone has something special on their birthday.
- Breaking Down the Walls was a great opportunity for all students to get to know each other.

- Prom will be April 6th. The venue is in Woodland.
- Battle of the Axe rally coming up in two weeks.
- They have decided all of their Spirit Days and have even come up with some new ones.
- Have themes for all of the games for football and volleyball.
- Starting advertisement on social media so that students will know about school events that will be happening in case they miss the announcements.

4.2 Employee Associations (WUTA & CSEA)

WUTA – President Cathy Fleming reported:

- WUTA had their first meeting of year earlier that day.
- Proud of the teachers who stepped up to work on their preps and take on those assignments this year to fill in for Science and English positions that did not get filled.
- 70% of the newly hired teachers this year have joined WUTA.
- Had a meeting last week with Superintendent. Set a bargaining date of September 21st.
- Bargaining team was selected earlier that day at the meeting.

CSEA – No report.

4.3 Principals

WHS - Julie Carriere reported:

- All teachers have been hired and are on staff. Several staff members stepped up to take over for vacancies left by the unfilled positions.
- Held Breaking Down the Walls last week. It was a two-day event that encompassed the entire school. The premise was getting to know each other and their stories. Event was powerful and moving. Have been receiving positive feedback regarding the event.
- There is a new MTSS leadership group established that is meeting once a month to go over students and their level of needs. Had the first meeting this week.
- School Site Council training was held at the District Office yesterday and went well. First School Site Council meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday, September 13th at 6:00 p.m. in the high school library.
- Senior Night was held in the cafeteria and over 65 parents and students attended. Senior contracts were handed out that included expectations of behaviors for the seniors. There was food, drinks, and information. There were Trade Schools, Armed Forces, including Space Force, Community Colleges/CSU/UC and Private Colleges as well as out of state options.
- First football game we beat Durham.
- Volleyball team is currently at 2-0.

WIS – Chris Harris reported:

- Since the last board meeting, got through the first couple of weeks of school with all of the moving pieces and with construction still going on it did seem chaotic Proud of all of the staff at WIS.
- Currently at 330 students (6th – 111, 7th – 109, 8th – 109). Quite a bit higher than last year. There are about 5-7 students in the system that record requests haven't been received yet.
- The delay in requests for records for NO SHOWS leads to the chronic absenteeism reported as 21% of our students are considered chronically absent. Will be sending out "10% letters" on the 30th day of school (9/22) to educate parents on the importance of school attendance.
- Attendance at Back-to-School Night in August was decent. Teachers have also done some follow up with parents who were unable to attend.
- Had Welcome Back Assemblies on Tuesday, August 15th, to welcome students and review expectations.
- MAP Growth Testing Round 1 of 3 is complete which will allow a review of the data to get a benchmark of where the students are after summer to ensure that students are getting the appropriate support in their classes to increase student achievement. Showed growth in the CAASPP testing.
- Held Breaking Down the Walls. The mantra is: it's hard to dislike someone when you know their story.
- Held a WIS PTO meeting today. The WIS Sports Boosters meeting got delayed until next week.
- 8th grade fundraiser going on now at Elenita's. There will also be a drive-thru burrito fundraiser dinner on September 19th.

- There was a Soccer game this afternoon and the next home volleyball game in on Wednesday, September 13th.
- Mr. Harris and the Xotchil Rodriguez, the school counselor will be joining the other principals and counselors for the Hatching Results training. It starts on Tuesday, September 12th.
- Monday, September 11th at 1:00, there will be a Remembrance Ceremony to commemorate the events of 911. It will be held in the new Quad area.
- The District Wide in-service day will focus on staff culture.

MES – Miguel Barriga reported:

- Meeting with both certificated and classified staff to go over the evaluation process and set goals/individual focus areas for the school year.
- All students have been assessed in Reading and Math.
- Intervention groups have been set up to include designated ELD groups.
- First round of Map Growth testing has been completed along with Reading Readiness testing.
- These assessments will give a starting place and also measure summer loss or gain.
- McKenzie Maszk measured students for kindergarten readiness to see assess students who attended TK versus students who did not attend TK. There was a big difference.
- Excited about the Special Education support. The staff is working extra hard to support each student according to their individual needs.
- The counselor continues to put together processes to identify and support students with higher need for behavioral or emotional support. The SST process includes data from intervention, office referrals, attendance, and the various assessments.
- Stacy Lanzi and Miguel Barriga are connected to the California School Leadership Academy or CSLA as part of a collaborative network. Mostly meeting online but there are several live sessions at Chico State and Redding. There are a total of 8 sessions. It is a collaboration of Principals throughout Northern California. Focus is on leadership, implementing sustainable change within an identified problem in our schools.
- Murdock is fun and engaging. The teaching and support staff are doing an awesome job. They are using similar language when it comes to driving the school values and beliefs – Responsible, Respectful, Safe.
- The Mallard Store is open and there is a system of earning Mallard Bucks focusing on positive rewards for appropriate behavior. There is also a system for students to earn Mallard of the Month certificates with pizza and treats provided by the Murdock PTO.
- Current enrollment: 603 students, which includes one on independent study.
 - TK – 27
 - K – 88
 - 1st – 86
 - 2nd – 79
 - 3rd – 94
 - 4th – 128
 - 5th – 101
- Welcome to all of the new people onboard. Very thankful to be a part of this District.
 - McKenzie Maszk, Murdock Intervention Teacher, came forward to speak on the TK program and the transition to kindergarten and kindergarten readiness.

WCHS – Emmett Koerperich reported:

- Walks into the classroom each morning and sees a full classroom.
- Current enrollment is 21.
- Three students have already graduated this year having received enough credits.
- Mrs. Soeth is doing a great job. She has created financial literacy lessons making math relevant to students in preparation for college, career, and life.
- She has also created an Entrepreneurship Project which challenges students to create a completely unique product or find a way to improve an existing product and work through all of the steps in producing, marketing, and selling the product.
 - For the math portion, students find the initial cost of all of the materials needed to build the product, the cost of the facility to produce it, decide on a price to sell it at, explaining the

reasoning behind the price, and detailing how they would use the profits to improve their business.

- The marketing aspect requires a mock-up of the marketing plan.
- The career tech, Amanda Hutson, will be doing lessons from Major Clarity (Career & College Readiness Platform for ALL Students) on Wednesdays. She will assign different exploration assignments starting with a personality assessment which can help each students find career paths that align with their interests. There are 8 different “micro-credentials” courses the students can take and add to their resumes.
- Amanda Hutson has also registered the entire class to take the ASVAB test on September 27th. This is the armed forces aptitude test providing students career readiness feedback.
- Lassen Park ranger led Bumpass Hell Hike is scheduled for September 20th.

4.4 Director of Business Services - Debbie Costello reported:

- Despite recent staffing changes in the business office, the processing and payment of the CSEA retro salary adjustment approved by the Board in August along with timely completion of the August EOM and September supplemental payrolls, position control, and assignment updates for recently hired employees, distribution of employment notifications to all employees, and distribution of health insurance open enrollment materials and implementation of a new HAS option for employees was completed.
- Site budget meetings will be getting back on track.
- Pending Board approval this evening, very excited to soon welcome two new staff to the Business Office. Jeremy Benjamin is scheduled to start on Monday, September 11th as the new District Accounting & Payroll Technician, while Diana Baca is scheduled to join the District in early November as the new Accounting Manager. Both will be great additions to the team and will contribute greatly to the support provided to the schools, staff, and students by the Business department.
- The Business Office is requesting to increase the hours for the Attendance/Account Clerk (Nekki Bateman) from 6.5 hours per day to 8 hours per day. This increase is prompted by the increase in accounts payable and purchasing workload over the past few years and will also help provide more effective and timely service and support to our school offices and staff. There is a delay in the updated job description for this position which will more accurately reflect the current duties and responsibilities of this position. This will be brought back as an action item for the October Regular Board Meeting.
- The Food Service team is continuing to operate from the high school kitchen with transport to MES, WIS & WCHS. Equipment delays and a few other loose ends will likely push project completion at least one more week, possibly two. The team has met these challenges and continues to excel at what they do, ensuring our students receive healthy and tasty meal options. There have been many positive comments from the kitchen staff regarding the new equipment and tools in the high school kitchen. Looking forward to being able to host open houses for both kitchens in the near future.
- Wrapping up the last few elements of the 2021/22 audit and working towards completion of the 2022/23 year-end close and commencing the 2022/23 audit. Getting back on track with regular closing and budget cycles, which will be a very welcome change after the chaos of COVID and last years’ ransomware attack.
- Received notification of eligibility for funding for a new school bus to replace bus #10. The maximum grant funding is \$165,000 and the projected cost of the replacement bus is \$254,000. The district would utilize current bus replacement reserves of \$40,000 and additional general fund reserves of \$49,000 to address the remaining cost. There will be a resolution for approval to accept these funds later in the agenda. The next oldest bus is #11. Hope to receive grant funds to assist with replacement of this bus in the next round of NCAQMD funding either later this year or early next year.
- Working on other grant applications (Stronger Connections & CTEIG), close out of the remaining ESSER and GEER (COVID) funds by the end of this fiscal year, and developing plans and budget projections for additional new programs and categorical funds authorized in the 2023/24 State budget including the Prop 28 Arts & Music in Schools program, the Arts Music & Instructional Material Block Grant, and the Learning Recovery Emergency Block Grant. Will have updated CBEDS data and ADA projections to share in October in preparation for 1st interim updates and other budget and

fiscal planning. New base year for LCAP. Scott and Debbie will be working on that budget and the LCAP alignment piece for that in the next few months.

- President Geiger asked about the requirement for all school districts to go with electric buses and when is it mandated. Debbie stated that AB 559 is currently in legislation for school districts to transition to electric vehicles or at least partially electric vehicles in 2025/26 or by July 2026. It doesn't require elimination of existing fleet. There has been much opposition to this legislation. President Geiger stated that we need to be on schedule to have funds available in reserve to prepare for this deadline.

4.5 Director of Instructional Support Services – Michelle O'Dell reported:

- Currently have 168 students enrolled with 23 on the waitlist.
 - As part of the Expanded Learning funding, need to provide the service to all who request it.
 - Hoping to hire additional after school activity assistants to eliminate the waitlist.
- Targeted reading support with Joyce Ksander has been added to the program.
 - Used data provided by the intervention teachers and using that to pull students who need additional assistance.
- Registration is currently open for a morning drama camp and an afternoon tech camp.
 - Currently have 44 students enrolled.
 - Drama camp will have stations that focus on prop and set design, drama games, fundamental of drama and performance.
 - Tech camp will have grades that focus on one of the following topics: drones, assembling a computer, coding and robotics.
- Long Term Independent Study current enrollment is 12 students.
 - MES – 1
 - WIS – 2
 - WHS – 9
- The Engagement Team held their first Back-to-School supply give away.
 - 150 families
 - Gave away 300 pairs of shoes
 - Partnered with local hairdressers, the Glenn County Office of Education, Johns Manville, Glenn County Health and Human Services to provide backpacks, shoes, haircuts, and various school supplies.
- Wrote and received a Community Engagement Initiative Grant
 - Partnering with WIS to form a team to open dialogues on issues related to improving student outcomes.
 - Comprised of individuals from the district level, site level, parents, students, the community and Glenn County Office of Education.
- Will participate in the Peer Leading and Learning Network (PLLN) that will allow identification of strengths-based approaches to improvement, exchange strategies, network, partnership with districts across California, and to hear about experiences in attempts to achieve authentic community engagement for shared decision-making.
- Currently preparing for the second annual "Go to School with your Student" event at Murdock Elementary School on September 20th-22nd and the annual Wellness Walk to be held on October 19th.

4.6 Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment – Scott Booth reported:

- The new year always brings much excitement and fervor with State and Federal Programs. Hosted the DELAC/ELAC training on August 31st, School Site Council training was held August 31st, and the CARS Spring submission was on August 28th.
- The other State and Federal programs reporting includes the submission of the annual Local Performance Indicators for CDE School Dashboard, preparations for the upcoming round of site ELAC meetings (WHS and WIS on September 20th and MES on September 21st.)
- Prepped and ready for CALPADS for the upcoming Census Day, which is October 4th. That date is right in the middle of our district break. Have some questions out to CSIS about this as we cannot have a Census Day during a school break. The Fall 1 reporting will follow the Census Day.
- Connecting and putting the finishing touches to over 15 different vendor contracts to support teachers throughout the District. Key to this has been a transition to Clever IDM, which is an enhanced version of Clever, providing easy access to a wide range of programs (mClass, Benchmark, McGraw

Hill, Reflex, GoGuardian, TCi science, etc.) for both teachers and students, while increasing online security.

- It was a privilege to work with Chris Harris and Julie Carriere, to bring Breaking Down the Walls to both WIS and WHS, and supporting building positive school culture and community building. This event engaged well over 400 students and 30 staff members throughout 3 days. This program provided activities to promote students and staff to connect and create empathy for one another, build social awareness and meaningful relationships to improve our school community.
- Working with Michelle O'Dell, building upon the Breaking Down the Walls momentum. Scheduled a PD day to develop an In-service Day (September 18th). Going to bring in a company called Learning for Living. They are going to focus on culture, connections and building trust through positive, respectful relationships. It is a 4 hour mini-school culture summit. This will be followed with time for articulation (grades 5-12) and EL training for TK-4.
- The first CIA meeting of the year is scheduled for September 21st. May have to alter that date.
- Completed the first round of Map Growth Testing. Testing this early is meant to set a baseline for this school year and to identify individual student needs.

4.7 Superintendent – Emmett Koerperich reported:

- The District is off to an excellent start this year despite dealing with minor issues throughout the opening week of school. Everyone has been extremely patient and demonstrated amazing resolve.
- District enrollment is 1,396.
- Met with district leads and principals to discuss site issues. For the most part, everything is going smoothly with the exception of storage.
Site principals are working with Steven Permann to appropriately discard obsolete furniture and equipment. The sites reported that they are happy with the custodial, transportation and food service.
- The groundskeepers are working hard to repair any damage created from the construction this summer. Electrical wiring to water sprinklers at Murdock and WIS was damaged resulting in areas of dead lawn.
- Unfortunately, the ovens for the Murdock kitchen do not arrive until tomorrow, September 8th, which will cause a delay in the punch walk scheduled for next Tuesday. Despite delays, the food service staff has been awesome making sure that our students get breakfast and lunch each day.
- Along with Debbie Costello, met with Shasta Union High School Tech team to review the point of entry at both Murdock and WIS in order to establish a plan for a buzz-in security system at the front gates. Have received a quote and are a couple of weeks away from getting the system installed.
- Have been in conversations with RGA architects and engineers about the best solution for repairing or replacing the existing water-cooling tower system at Murdock.
- Along with Erin Taylor, will start the ACSA Personnel Academy tomorrow, September 8th. It is a 70-hour online academy with 20 various topics covered throughout the year.
- Would like to publicly acknowledge the efforts of Debbie Costello and Erin Taylor for making sure everyone got paid on time after the payroll tech quit a couple of weeks ago. They both went above and beyond the call of duty to get done whatever needed to be done.
- Gina Taylor asked about the Murdock watercooler towers. Debbie Costello spoke on the HVAC system. The CalSHAPE Ventilation Program provided us with funds for assessment and a limited amount of maintenance to our HVAC systems. We now know that the replacement component of the grant will be open for application within the next couple of weeks. We have up to \$2.5 million in eligibility through the CalSHAPE Ventilation Program for replacement of systems within our district. Trying to get the Murdock cooling tower system incorporated into that. There is some question about whether that system qualifies. Looking into other alternatives.

4.8 Board of Education Members

Kirsten Gray reported:

- Toured all campuses and the improvements to each site. It was amazing
- Attended the staff Back to School Luncheon.
- Thank you to the Food Service team.
- Helped to hand out the Years of Service Certificates at the luncheon.

Margaret Parisio reported:

- Also toured all campuses and the site improvements.
- Attended the staff Back to School luncheon.

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- Thank you to the Food Service team who prepared the luncheon.
- Helped to hand out the Years of Service Awards at the luncheon.
- Attended the 1st home football game.
- Met the potential new Music/Band teacher at the game.

Gina Taylor reported:

- Attended a few athletic events.
- Social media is a platform to share opinions and perceptions and appreciate the people who come to the District's staff and students defense against any negative things said.

Jeromy Geiger reported:

- Was not able to attend the Staff luncheon, but heard that an amazing lunch was prepared by our District Food Service team.
- Attended a volleyball game at WIS.
- Took a tour of WIS and the site improvements.
- Saw both kitchens (WHS & Murdock). They are amazing.
- Excited about getting a new bus.
- Great to see some of the improvements that have been talked about coming true.
- Thank you very much to all staff members.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. GENERAL

1. Approve the WUSD Obsolete Technology Equipment List.

B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. Approve Interdistrict Request for Students #23-24-33 through #23-24-41 to attend school in the Willows Unified School District for the 2023/24 school year.
2. Approve Interdistrict Request for Students #23-24-27 through #23-24-37 to attend school in another district for the 2023/24 school year.
3. Approve the 2022/23 CARS (Consolidated Application and Reporting System) Spring Collection.
4. Approve the Fall 2023 Butte College Concurrent (Non-CCAP) Enrollment for WHS students.
5. Approve District and School Site Parent and Family Engagement Policies.
6. Approve the Overnight Field Trip Request for the WIS 6th Grade to attend Shady Creek Outdoor School in Nevada City, CA September 11-15, 2023.
7. Approve the Overnight Field Trip Request for the MES 5th Grade to attend Shady Creek Outdoor School in Nevada City, CA April 8-12, 2024.

C. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Approve resignation of Georgia Criner, Bus Driver/Custodian, effective 8/4/23.
2. Approve resignation of Tracee Fink, After School Program Activity Assistant, effective 8/7/23.
3. Approve resignation of Britton Bassetti, District Accounting & Payroll Technician, effective 8/14/23.
4. Approve resignation of Shannon Carter, Secretary II, at WIS, effective 8/25/23.
5. Approve resignation of Sandy Cole, MES Yard Duty Supervisor/Crossing Guard at MES, effective 8/30/23.
6. Approve resignation of Jessica Dunlap, WIS Yard Duty Supervisor, effective 8/31/23.
7. Approve resignation of Jasmin Velazquez, MES Instructional Aide II, effective 9/15/23.
8. Approve employment of Tracee Fink, Bus Driver/Custodian, effective 8/8/23.
9. Approve employment of Aislyn Holloway, as 3.9 Custodian/Sub Bus Driver, effective 8/8/23.
10. Approve employment of Emily Spooner, English Teacher at WHS, effective 8/8/23.
11. Approve employment of Kelly Yoder, Yard Duty Supervisor/Crossing Guard at MES, effective 8/8/23.
12. Approve employment of Rebekkah Conklin, Instructional Aide I ELA Intervention at WHS, effective 8/23/23.
13. Approve employment of Roxanne Winslow, Music/Band Teacher at WIS/WHS, on a (STSP) Short-Term Staff Permit, effective 8/28/23.
14. Approve employment of Dwight Hendrix, Woodshop/Construction CTE Teacher at WHS, effective 8/28/23.
15. Approve employment of Jessica Dunlap, Instructional Aide I ELA Intervention at WIS, effective 9/1/23.
16. Approve employment of Gabriela Martinez, After School Program Activity Assistant at MES, effective 9/5/23.
17. Approve employment of Jeremy Benjamin, District Accounting & Payroll Technician, effective 9/11/23.

18. Approve employment of Diana Baca, Accounting Manager, effective 11/6/23.
19. Approve the Prep Period Buy Out for Julianna Downard, WHS Teacher, effective August 8, 2023.
20. Approve the Prep Period Buy Out for Jenni Girard, WHS Teacher, effective August 8, 2023.
21. Approve the Prep Period Buy Out for Nikeedra Laufer, WHS Teacher, effective August 8, 2023.
22. Approve the Prep Period Buy Out for Robert Rawles, WHS Teacher, effective August 8, 2023.
23. Approve the Prep Period Buy Out for Patrick Sears, WHS Teacher, effective August 8, 2023.
24. Approve the Prep Period Buy Out for Robert Stupey, WHS Teacher, effective August 8, 2023.
25. Approve increase in hours from 6.75 hours/day to 8 hours/day and revised Job Description for the Attendance/Account Clerk position, (Confidential - District Office) effective 9/11/23.
26. Approve employment of the extra duty assignments at WHS for the 2023/24 school year. (See attached list)
27. Approve employment of the extra duty assignments at WIS for the 2023/24 school year. (See attached list)
28. Approve employment of the extra duty assignments at MES for the 2023/24 school year. (See attached list)
29. Approve the updated Classified Substitute List.

D. BUSINESS SERVICES

1. Approve warrants from 8/1/23 through 8/30/23.
2. Budget Revision Summary

Gina Taylor moved, seconded by Jeromy Geiger to approve the Consent Calendar.

AYES: Geiger, Gray, Parisio, Taylor

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ruiz

MOTION PASSED: 4-0-1

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION CALENDAR

A. GENERAL

1. **(Action)** Approve the Certificated/Student Calendar with Revised Collaboration Days for 2023/24 School Year.

Jeromy Geiger moved, seconded by Gina Taylor to approve the Certificated/Student Calendar with Revised Collaboration Days for 2023/24 School Year.

AYES: Geiger, Gray, Parisio, Taylor

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ruiz

MOTION PASSED: 4-0-1

B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. **Public Hearing:** A Public Hearing will be held at this time to allow for public input regarding the Sufficiency of Textbooks or Instructional Materials, pursuant to the requirements of Education Code 60119 (Public Hearings, Instructional Materials).

President Geiger opened the Public Hearing at 8:09 p.m.

No Comments.

President Geiger closed the Public Hearing at 8:10 p.m.

2. **(Action)** Approve Resolution #2023-24-02, Sufficiency of Instructional Materials 2023/24. (Annual Requirement).

Gina Taylor moved, seconded by Jeromy Geiger to approve the Resolution #2023-24-02, Sufficiency of Instructional Materials 2023/24. (Roll call vote was taken.)

AYES: Geiger, Gray, Parisio, Taylor

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ruiz

MOTION PASSED: 4-0-1

3. **(Action)** Approve the College and Career Access Pathways Partnership Appendix with Butte College.

Kirsten Gray moved, seconded by Gina Taylor to approve the College and Career Access Pathways Partnership Appendix with Butte College.

AYES: Geiger, Gray, Parisio, Taylor

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ruiz

MOTION PASSED: 4-0-1

- 4. **(Action)** Approve adoption of supplemental reader *50 Essays: A portable Anthology*: by Samuel Cohen for the WHS AP English & Composition course.

Gina Taylor moved, seconded by Kirsten Gray to approve the adoption of supplemental reader *50 Essays: A portable Anthology*: by Samuel Cohen for the WHS AP English & Composition course.

AYES: Geiger, Gray, Parisio, Taylor

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ruiz

MOTION PASSED: 4-0-1

- 5. **(Action)** Approve the WUSD ELD Master Plan.

Gina Taylor moved, seconded by Margaret Parisio to approve the WUSD ELD Master Plan.

AYES: Geiger, Gray, Parisio, Taylor

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ruiz

MOTION PASSED: 4-0-1

C. HUMAN RESOURCES

- 1. **(Action)** Approve the establishment of the District Plan for Committee on Assignments in accordance with Education Code §44258.7 (c) and (d) for the 2023/24 school year.

Gina Taylor moved, seconded by Margaret Parisio to approve the establishment of the District Plan for Committee on Assignments in accordance with Education Code §44258.7 (c) and (d) for the 2023/24 school year.

AYES: Geiger, Gray, Parisio, Taylor

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ruiz

MOTION PASSED: 4-0-1

- 2. **(Action)** Approve the assignments of the following teachers per designated Education Code §44258.3/§44258.7/§44865 as noted:

Maria Briones	History	Grade 8
Cathy Fleming	Opportunity; Guided Study	Grades 6-8
Levi Funderburk	Independent Study	Grades TK-12
Jenni Girard	Computer Apps; Credit Recovery	Grades 9-12
Nikeedra Laufer	Broadcasting	Grades 9-12
Victoria Prickett	Career Ed; Health	Grade 9
	Yearbook	Grades 9-12
Michaela Soeth	Alternative Ed High School	Grades 10-12
Emily Spooner	Credit Recovery	Grades 9-12
Robert Stupey	Anatomy	Grades 10-12
Pam Steward	Social Studies/History	Grade 7

Jeromy Geiger moved, seconded by Kirsten Gray to approve the assignments of the following teachers per designated Education Code §44258.3/§44258.7/§44865 as noted above.

AYES: Geiger, Gray, Parisio, Taylor

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ruiz

MOTION PASSED: 4-0-1

D. BUSINESS SERVICES

- 1. **(Action)** Approve Resolution # 23-24-03 Resolution of the Board of Education of Willows Unified School District: (1) Finding the Proposed Willows High School Agricultural Facility Project to be Exempt under CEQA and Adopting Categorical Exemptions; (2) Approving the Project; and (3) Authorizing Filing of Notice of Exemption upon Project Approval.

Gina Taylor moved, seconded by Jeromy Geiger to approve Resolution #23-24-03 Resolution of the Board of Education of Willows Unified School District: (1) Finding the Proposed Willows High School Agricultural Facility Project to be Exempt under CEQA and Adopting Categorical Exemptions; (2) Approving the Project; and (3) Authorizing Filing of Notice of Exemption upon Project Approval. (Roll call vote was taken.)

AYES: Geiger, Gray, Parisio, Taylor

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ruiz

MOTION PASSED: 4-0-1

2. **(Action)** Approve Resolution # 23-24-04 Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Willows Unified School District Exempting the Willows High School Site and Agricultural Facility Project from Local City Zoning and Building Ordinances and Regulations.

Jeromy Geiger moved, seconded by Kirsten Gray to approve Resolution #23-24-04 Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Willows Unified School District Exempting the Willows High School Site and Agricultural Facility Project from Local City Zoning and Building Ordinances and Regulations. (Roll call vote was taken.)

AYES: Geiger, Gray, Parisio, Taylor

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ruiz

MOTION PASSED: 4-0-1

3. **(Action)** Approve Resolution # 23-24-05 California Air Resources Board Rural School Bus Pilot Project.

Jeromy Geiger moved, seconded by Gina Taylor to approve Resolution #23-24-05 California Air Resources Board Rural School Bus Pilot Project. (Roll call vote was taken.)

AYES: Geiger, Gray, Parisio, Taylor

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ruiz

MOTION PASSED: 4-0-1

4. **(Action)** Accept base bid for the Murdock Elementary School – Portable Buildings Replacement 2024, and authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contract with American Modular Systems, Inc.

Gina Taylor moved, seconded by Kirsten Gray to accept the base bid for the Murdock Elementary School – Portable Building Replacement 2024, and authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contract with American Modular Systems, Inc.

AYES: Geiger, Gray, Parisio, Taylor

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ruiz

MOTION PASSED: 4-0-1

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

7.1 Monday, September 18, 2023 is a non-instructional student day and professional development day for employees.

7.2 The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on October 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEMS** – None.

At 8:16 p.m., the Board took a short recess after the Regular Meeting before going into Closed Session. President Jeromy Geiger will report out into Open Session upon conclusion of Closed Session.

9. **CLOSED SESSION**

Closed Session began at 8:32 p.m.

9.1 Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6: Conference with Labor Negotiator – Agency Negotiator: Emmett Koerperich. Employee Organizations: WUTA, CSEA, Management, and Confidential.

10. **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

10.1 Announcement of Action Taken in Closed Session.

At 9:18 p.m., the meeting reconvened to Open Session. President Jeromy Geiger reported out:

9.1: Update given to the Board.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

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