

WILLOWS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting – February 3, 2011

Regular Session 6:00 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 6:00 p.m. Present were: Mr. Ward, Mrs. Knight, Mr. Geiger, Mr. Parisio and Mr. Munguia.

2. CLOSED SESSION

The Board went into Closed Session at 6:01 p.m.

2.1 Pursuant to Government Code §54957: Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

3. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 6:50 p.m. President Geiger said they would have a short recess until 7:00 p.m.

3.1 Roll Call – President Geiger noted that all members were still present.

3.2 Welcome to Visitors

3.3 Flag Salute was led by Amanda Samons.

4. AGENDA/MINUTES

4.1 Approve Minutes for the Regular Meeting of January 13, 2011, and the Special Meeting of January 20, 2011. Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Mrs. Knight, to approve the Minutes of the January 13, 2011, Regular Meeting and of the January 20, 2011, Special Meeting. The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes.

4.2 Approve Agenda for February 3, 2011. Mr. Ward moved, seconded by Mr. Parisio, to approve the agenda for February 3, 2011. The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

6. REPORTS

6.1 **Employee Associations (WUTA & CSEA)** – No report.

6.2 **Principals**

(MES) Mrs. Parsons - No report (only gave out a handout to the Board)

(WIS) Mr. Sailsbery reported:

- English Language Learners and English Language Development Implementation is a major focus at WIS. It is a compliance issue, but more importantly they want those students to have effective instruction who need to learn the language. They have had grade level meetings for the fifth and sixth graders and are now in the process of deploying and reassigning students to meet the requirements and give those students their language instruction as well as meeting the needs of the students at large.
- Today a group of teachers attended the Leadership Matters Workshop which was on Intervention which validated what they are trying to do at WIS.
- Monday, February 7th, WIS will again have an Anti-Bullying Presentation for the parents and community.
- Energy drinks are now being banned at WIS for the safety of the students. WIS has received overwhelming support from parents.

(WHS) Mr. Smith reported:

- There is a lot of spirit at WHS this week with Winter Homecoming tomorrow. Herkimer will be at the game and will take photos. Sasha Amaro has been awesome as Herkimer.
- The Academic Decathlon will be on February 5th.

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- The Valentine's Dance will be on February 12th.
- On February 16th & 17th the first round of the WHAT Test will be given as practice for the STAR Test that will be given in the spring.
- Today Mr. Smith spoke to the Rotary Club and took Kaylen Wilson, a WHS student, and Anji Martin, a parent representative as well as a member of the WHS Boosters. He appreciates all of the great community support that WHS receives. He said there is a good atmosphere at the high school and invited the Board members to stop by.

(WCHS) Dr. Geivett reported:

- The monthly Student Forum is coming up tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. to keep them focused.
- CAHSEE Testing took place this week. He thanked Amy Steele, Liz Beck, and Janet Perez for their help.
- On February 17th there will be an ACSA Student Luncheon at Old Highway 99 Steakhouse and they will celebrate the success of a student from WCHS. The student hasn't been chosen yet, but will choose one in the next few days.

- 6.3 **Director of Business Services** – Ms. Skala addressed the Board and gave them updates. The District had their Cafeteria Monitoring Review Exit Interview and did fine. There were a few minor findings of recommendation and easily remedied. She thanked Jolene Flanagan, Erin Taylor, Linda Carney, and Debbie Wallace for keeping us in compliance. Manuel Rakestraw was hired as the new Groundskeeper III/Utility and look forward to him being a new member of the WUSD team. She handed out a QSS Report to the Board that runs through December 2010 showing the adopted budget, revisions, and the working budget. The income and expenses that are actual at this point are also included. She told the Board if this is something they would like to see monthly she would be happy to provide that to them. She also handed out a 2011-12 Pocket Budget from School Services. It is a condensed snapshot of what the Governor is proposing as of January. We will get another one in May and then the final. She is working on the 2nd Interim Report, incorporating new information based on the Governor's Budget, updating position control in light of changes taking place. She hopes to have it back to the Board in early March. At the next Board meeting she will have the TRAN on the agenda to be approved and the Summer School Food Service Waiver.
- 6.4 **Director of Categorical Programs** – Mrs. Perez addressed the Board. She stated that the CAHSEE was just completed at both WHS and WCHS. She has been working on both the Single Plans and School Accountability Report Cards for the different sites and she will bring those to the Board next month. She is working on certifying CALPADS information which was due tomorrow and they just gave the entire state an extension of a week. She just completed the 2010-11 Consolidated Application which is on the Consent Calendar this evening. She welcomed any Board members to come in and see her if they have any questions.
- 6.5 **Director of Technology Services** – Mr. Lillie updated the Board on the EETT-C Grant. He said he decided to join the GCOE consortium because it would be county-wide and make us more competitive comparing to the large districts. This would impact the entire county and we will find out in six to eight weeks if we were successful or not. The grade levels we identified were grades four and five so that it would benefit both Murdock and WIS.
- 6.6 **Director of Transportation/Facilities Operations** – No report.
- 6.7 **Superintendent** – Dr. Geivett reported to the Board. He said he appreciated the Board's input on the Mission-Vision-Goal Setting Workshop. He thinks we came up with a good product. Now that we have the strategic goals, it is now up to all of WUSD to meet those goals. He discussed the Board Calendar. He wanted to add another item for either February 15th or February 17th to concentrate solely on the Cut List. The Board has to make some serious decisions in the very near future. The Board decided to have the special meeting on February 17th from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the WIS Library. Dr. Geivett has also met recently with Greg Isom who was one of the principal parties to help with the past two bond elections. Mr. Isom would like to pursue a new bond election with the Board's approval for sometime in 2012. He thinks he has some good ideas on how to have a successful bond election. The Board gave Dr. Geivett approval to pursue the bond election process further. He thanked the Board for allowing him to attend the Superintendent's Symposium last week in Monterey. He said the key note speakers were incredible. He said Tony Waggoner, Harvard professor in the Education Dept., was the opening key note speaker. He spoke about the achievement gap and how to bridge what we do in the classroom and what the 21st century student will need to know. Dr. Geivett went over seven essential skills Harvard is looking for in their incoming freshmen. We need to bridge that gap but the speaker or Dr. Geivett doesn't have all the answers. He also listened to John Couch, Apple Vice-President, who was the ending key note speaker. He said that students are free agent learners – we let them do the research. Students today are accustomed to

instant gratification and always on connection. They have their technological resources at their fingertips. They are constantly connected and multi-tasking. Technology is only technology if you were born before it came in. Dr. Geivett shared a personal story of how his 2½ year old grandson can get on his mom's IPHONE, play a game, get to the photo gallery, scroll through and enlarge pictures, etc. and has to show his grandpa how to do it. This is the child that in three years will be entering school and we are going to tell him to leave his phone at home. What can we do in the next few years to bridge this gap? IPADS will be our textbooks. He really appreciated the opportunity to attend, said it was incredibly enlightening, and he learned a lot. We have a lot of work ahead of us to bridge the learning achievement gap.

6.8 Governing Board Members

Mr. Ward – He thought the Mission-Vision-Goals Workshop was excellent and rewarding. He has been attending basketball games. He was unable to attend the concert on Saturday but heard that Mr. West did a great job.

Mrs. Knight – She attended the New Board Member Training, thought it was very informative, and appreciated the opportunity to go. She has been attending WIS basketball games. She commented that there is a lot of parent volunteering in our schools and wanted to thank those involved.

Mr. Munguia – No report.

Mr. Parisio – He mentioned that we do have a lot of volunteers and people who make generous donations to our schools. He said that Willows is a community that rallies behind our schools. He thinks it is important for everyone to thank those people when you see them out in public and let them know that we do appreciate them. He has also been attending some basketball games and is enjoying the different mascots at the high school. He wants the public to know that the Board is working hard and will face dealing with the Cut List soon which is always difficult, but hopefully working together as a District, we will move forward.

Mr. Geiger – He thanked Mr. West for a very enjoyable concert and thanked him for all of his work at WIS, WHS, and MES. He commended Mr. Smith for his mascots and thinks Sasha Amaro is doing a great job as “Herkimer”. He is looking forward to the homecoming activities. He also wanted to thank our volunteer based community and greatly appreciates all of our volunteers. Mr. Geiger stated that the District has a difficult road of us with the Cut List, but we have an obligation to the people of the community to ensure the District has a balanced budget.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. GENERAL

1. Accept donation from Cheryl Huffman in the amount of \$50.00 for MES field trips (Mrs. Goings' class).
2. Accept donation from TK Enterprises (Joanne Knight) in the amount of \$1,500.00 to go towards the WHS Golf Program.
3. Accept donation from Carriere and Sons in the amount of \$200.00 to go towards the WHS Boys Soccer Program.
4. Approve Certificated/Student Calendar to reflect January 7, 2011, In-Service Day (reduces student calendar to 175 days).

B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. Approve Interdistrict requests for Students #10-11-67 through #10-11-69 to attend school in another district for the 2010/11 school year.
2. Approve Butte College Concurrent Enrollment for Spring, 2011, for WHS students.
3. Approve 2010-11 Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Aid Programs (Part II).

C. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Ratify employment of Sarah MacDonald as Cafeteria Helper I at WHS, effective January 31, 2011.
2. Ratify employment of Angela Kohler as Cafeteria Helper/Yard Duty/Crossing Guard substitute.
3. Ratify employment of Manuel Rakestraw as Groundskeeper III/Utility, effective February 1, 2011.
4. Ratify employment of the following WHS spring coaches:

Varsity Baseball – Head Coach	Manuel Rakestraw
Varsity Baseball - Volunteer	Scott Thur
JV Baseball – Head Coach	Kellen Farrell
Varsity Softball – Head Coach	Terri Moore
Varsity Softball – Volunteers	Robin Smith & Neisha Weinrich
Boys Tennis – Head Coach	B. J. Boyd

Boys Tennis - Volunteer	Kevin Harrigan
Boys Track – Head Coach	Mike Biggs
Girls Track – Head Coach	Evone LaCombe

D. BUSINESS SERVICES

1. Approve budget revisions.
2. Approve warrants from 1/6/11 through 1/26/11.
3. Approve ASB Quarterly Statements – MES/WIS/WHS.

Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Mr. Munguia, to approve the Consent Calendar. Mr. Geiger wanted to comment on Items 7A-1, 7A-2, and 7A-3. He wanted to publicly thank Cheryl Huffman, Joanne Knight, and Carriere and Sons for their generous donations to the programs in our community. The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes.

8. DISCUSSION/ACTION CALENDAR

A. GENERAL

1. **(Action)** Second Reading of the following additions/deletions/changes to Board Policies per CSBA’s Policy Guidesheet Recommendations.:

BP 1150	Commendations and Awards
BP 1240	Volunteer Assistance
BP 1250	Visitors/Outsiders
BP 3100	Budget
BP 3220.1	Lottery Funds
BP 3314.2	Revolving Funds
BP 3516.5	Emergency Schedules
BP 3555	Nutrition Program Compliance

(COMPLETE POLICIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE)

Mr. Munguia moved, seconded by Mr. Ward, to approve the Second Reading of the above listed Board Policies. The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes.

2. **(Information)** Solar energy presentation from Michael Courter of Pristine Sun. Dr. Geivett introduced Michael Courter of Pristine Sun who discussed his proposal for a power purchase agreement. He explained that he would like to change our schools over to solar. In December he presented the District with a proposal. He stated that unfortunately P.G.&E. ran out of their rebate dollars in the last month, so that would change the proposal he gave us earlier. He stated that he could still save money for WUSD. He said that WUSD could save 3.2 million dollars over 20 years at the projected 9% increase in energy rates. Additional benefits to the District would be (1) free energy savings audit; (2) free educational software with clean energy lesson plans; (3) emissions reductions; (4) shaded parking structures (part of design phase); and (5) electric vehicle recharging stations (part of design phase). He encouraged WUSD to sign the proposal because he thinks it is a good long term move for school districts. He told the Board about his company and answered questions from the Board members.

B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. **(Action)** Approve Willows Unified School District’s Mission/Vision/Goals. Mrs. Knight moved, seconded by Mr. Munguia, to approve the Mission/Vision/Goals for WUSD. The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes.

C. HUMAN RESOURCES

D. BUSINESS SERVICES

1. **(Discussion/Possible Action)** Cut List. Mr. Geiger moved, seconded by Mr. Parisio, to approve the Cut List as a work in progress. This item will be discussed in further detail at the Special Meeting on February 17, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. at the Willows Intermediate School Library. Items #3, #10, and #16 have been added to the list since the last meeting. The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 9.1 There will be a district-wide break from February 21-25, 2011.
- 9.2 The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on March 3, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. at the Willows Civic Center.
- 9.3 There will be a Brown Act Training/California Public Records Act Training on February 8, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. until Noon at GCOE - Willows Office.
- 9.4 There will be a Board Training on February 12, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. until Noon at GCOE - Willows Office

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m. with a recess before going into Closed Session. President Geiger will report out in Open Session upon the conclusion of Closed Session.

10. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session began at 8:37 p.m.

- 10.1 Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6: Conference with Labor Negotiator – Agency negotiator: Mort Geivett. Employee Organization: WUTA/CSEA, Non-represented: Management and Confidential
- 10.2 Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9: Conference with Legal Counsel: Anticipated Litigation – one case.
- 10.3 Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(a): Conference with Legal Counsel: Existing Litigation (3 cases) Tim Crews v. Willows USD, et. al, Case No. 09CV00697; Case No. 10CV00860; and Muyassar Al-Rifai, on behalf of her children, v. Willows USD, et. al Case No.2:10-CV-02526-MCE-CMK

At 9:51 p.m. the meeting reconvened to Open Session. President Geiger reported out:

- Item 10.1: Update given to Board.
- Item 10.2: Direction given to Superintendent.
- Item 10.3: Case No. 09CV00697 and Case No.10CV00860: Direction given to Superintendent.
Case No.2:10-CV-02526-MCE-CMK: Update given to Board.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 p.m.