

**WILLOWS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Regular Meeting – April 4, 2013**

**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 Parisio called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were: Mr. Parisio, Mr. Ward, Mr. Munguia, Mr. Geiger, and Mrs. Knight.
- 1.2 Welcome to Visitors
- 1.3 Flag Salute was led by Amanda Samons.

**2. AGENDA/MINUTES**

- 2.1 Approve Minutes for the Regular Meeting of March 7, 2013, and the Special Meeting of March 11, 2013. Mr. Geiger moved, seconded by Mrs. Knight, to approve the minutes for the March 7, 2013, Regular Meeting and the March 11, 2013, Special Meeting. The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes.
- 2.2 Approve Agenda for April 4, 2013. Mr. Munguia moved, seconded by Mr. Geiger, to approve the April 4, 2013, agenda. The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Amanda Samons, WHS Teacher/FFA Advisor, addressed the Board. She updated the Board on upcoming FFA activities and award recipients from the Willows FFA Chapter. The WHS chapter was selected as a State Superior Chapter. May 6<sup>th</sup> will be their annual FFA Banquet.

**4. REPORTS**

**4.1 Employee Associations (WUTA & CSEA)**

**(WUTA) Shelley Amaro, President**, addressed the Board. She wanted to relay to the Board that WUTA was not delaying negotiations. She said they will sunshine their new proposal soon. Teachers have been very busy this month with Open House, STAR Testing preparation, and curriculum pacing, while keeping students their number one priority and focus. She said with the passage of Proposition 30, there are questions about funding for next year and WUTA is waiting until the May Revised Budget comes out to begin negotiations because they do not know what the budget looks like at this time.

**(CSEA) – No report**

**4.2 Principals**

**(MES) Ms. McLaughlin reported:**

- She is pleased with the numbers from Kindergarten Registration which is over the number registered from last year. She also reported that the survey taken concerning traditional half-day vs. full day session was about 90% in favor of a full day session and 10% stated that their child was not ready for a full day session. She met with the kindergarten teachers and Dr. Geivett to discuss this matter. Research shows that most districts across the country are moving to full day sessions. The kindergarten team wants to make changes to their schedule to make the full day more effective. They will permit an early release time for parents that want the half-day session, but believe they will probably transition to the full day. The numbers for the Transitional Kindergarten (TK) reflect that it will constitute a full class next year and the District is planning for TK to be a half-day session.
- MES is gearing up and preparing for STAR Testing. She thanked the PTO for supplying STAR incentives. She said that parents can go to the Murdock home page to get information on practicing for the STAR Test.
- She thanked PTO for sponsoring the Family Science Night and also thanked Monica Harrigan who oversaw the project. They had a terrific turnout. She also thanked the high school volunteers for helping with the stations.
- She thanked Mr. Buckley and the fifth grade team for actively fundraising for the Murdock Garden.

**(WIS) Mr. Sailsbery reported:**

- He said he is excited about Adolfo Melara's visit to WIS on April 10<sup>th</sup>. He is the EDI instructor and will train all core subject teachers on that day.
- Open House will be April 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Bands will perform, concessions will be available, and line dancing will take place.
- WIS is also busy preparing for the STAR Test. He stated there will be a rally on April 25<sup>th</sup> and there will also be incentives for the WIS students.

**(WHS) Mr. Smith reported:**

- The first CST Assembly was held at the high school today for 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders and he thought it went very well. He talked to the students about the new testing schedule in hopes it will be more conducive for high school students. He said they had some great speakers – Mr. Bazan, Mr. Xanthus and Ms. Proctor. He also thanked Mr. Geiger for speaking on behalf of the Board and community.
- Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, is the Open House at WHS.
- April 10, 2013 is the first Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE) class. They are courses on how to be a high school parent in today's world. Child care will be available and snacks will be provided. Chico State is covering the cost of the program except for the daycare.
- Peer coaching is continuing and each week there will be at least two visitations from peer teachers.
- Kevin Bracy will conduct a CST Assembly on April 25<sup>th</sup>. He has been chosen as a top motivational speaker for school programs in the United States and will speak to the high school students on the importance of test taking and how to do your very best in life. He will talk with faculty members at all sites. WIS will also have an assembly and in the evening there will be a parent/community assembly in the WHS gym.
- Class scheduling has begun for next year.
- He wanted to publicly thank Debby Beymer for her generous donation of STAR Testing incentive gifts.

**(WCHS) Dr. Geivett reported:**

- At the end of the third quarter seven students joined the Wall of Fame for earning substantial credits and good grades.
- Their community service outreach program with the patients from the Willows Care Center began last month and is enjoyed by both the students and patients.
- April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. is Open House.

**4.3 Director of Business Services – Ms. Beymer reported:**

- She is trying to get as much information as possible on the new Local Control Funding Formula and federal sequestration. She will be attending the May Revise conference on May 20<sup>th</sup>. She, like Mrs. Amaro, is frustrated with the current state of budget and lack of information available. The LCFE looks promising and the State hopes to have all districts fully funded by 2015/2016. If WUSD is fully funded, we would bring in over 13 million dollars. She is very skeptical because the State is only able to fund the current formula at 77.73%. She questioned where the additional money would come from if the State cannot fully fund schools using the current revenue limit system. Mrs. Beymer also noted that the new funding formula must pass through the legislation and many of the programs slated to be rolled into the LCFE formula have strong special interest groups who have opposed such a measure in the past.
- In her short time with the District, she definitely sees the sacrifices all employees have made to turn the District around financially. Mrs. Beymer acknowledged the fact that WUTA, being the largest employee group in the district, has shouldered the bulk of the reductions and thanked them for their contribution.

**4.4 Director of Categorical Programs – No report.**

**4.5 Superintendent - Dr. Geivett reported:**

- He thanked the speakers at today's high school assembly for doing a great job.
- He is still working on the funding for the solar project. There is a freeze on the QZAB dollars due to the sequestration issue. With the freeze on these funds it does not allow us to go out and find the investors that will fund this project. He has written a letter to the State Superintendent of Instruction and the Governor, along with other California superintendents in line for these funds, to release the QZAB dollars.
- Common Core State Standards – we should have a better idea on plans for next year by the next meeting. We want all districts in the county on the same page. The most emphasis has been on math although a little work on English language arts has been done. The change will be at the eighth grade level next year. Mass changes will take place district-wide in 2014/15.

- He hopes everyone has a safe and relaxing Spring Break which will be April 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>.

**4.6 Governing Board Members**

**Mr. Mungia:**

- He attended the Family Science Night at Murdock and thought it was very well received. He said it looked like everyone had fun and was glad the PTO funded the program.

**Mr. Geiger:**

- He said it has been a very busy spring and thanked the softball coaches for permitting him to help with the JV team. He said it has been very enjoyable.
- He thanked Mr. Smith for allowing him to speak at today's assembly.
- Mr. Geiger stated that he appreciates the good working relationship with both the WUTA and CSEA bargaining units. He appreciates that the negotiation teams can come to the table with the District and talk about what is best for our students. He commented that we don't say thank you enough to our employees and wanted to thank them tonight because they have a large impact on all of our children.

**Mrs. Knight** - No report.

**Mr. Ward** – No report.

**Mr. Parisio** – No report.

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. GENERAL**

1. Accept donation from Thunderhill Raceway Park in the amount of \$102.00 for the Murdock Mallard Garden.
2. Accept donation from David McDonald in the amount of \$200.00 for the Murdock Music Program.
3. Accept donation from the Community Wish Foundation in the amount of \$1,500.00 for River Jim's Adventure Education.
4. Accept California Fertilizer Foundation's (CFF) School Garden Grant in the amount of \$1,200.00 for the Murdock Mallard Garden.

**B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

1. Approve Interdistrict request for Student #12-13-37 to attend school in the WUSD for the 2012/13 school year.
2. Approve Interdistrict requests for Students #13-14-01 through #13-14-03 to attend school in WUSD for the 2013/14 school year.
3. Approve Interdistrict requests for Students #13-14-01 through #13-14-09 to attend school in another district for the 2013/14 school year.

**C. HUMAN RESOURCES**

**D. BUSINESS SERVICES**

1. Approve budget revisions.
2. Approve warrants from 3/6/13 through 3/27/13.

Mr. Geiger moved, seconded by Mrs. Knight, to approve the Consent Calendar. Discussion – Mr. Geiger thanked all parties in Item 5A #1-4 for their generosity they show WUSD and appreciates it very much. The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes.

**6. DISCUSSION/ACTION CALENDAR**

**A. GENERAL**

1. **(Information)** First Reading of the following additions/deletions/changes to Board Policies per CSBA's Policy Guidesheet Recommendations:

BP 1312.3	Uniform Complaint Procedures
BP 3260	Fees and Charges
BP 4030	Nondiscrimination in Employment
BP 5113.1	Chronic Absence and Truancy
BP 5144	Discipline
BP 5144.1	Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process
BP 5145.6	Parental Notifications

BP 6161.1	Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials
BP 6161.11	Supplementary Instructional Materials
BP 6174	Education for English Language Learners
BP 7214	General Obligations Bonds
BP 9322	Agenda/Meeting Materials
BB 9323.2	Actions by the Board

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

This was an Information only item at this time. No action was taken.

2. **(Information)** Williams Uniform Complaints Quarterly Report (There were no complaints). This was an information only item. No action was taken.
3. **(Action)** Accept selection committee's recommendations for the 2013 Glenn County Educators' Hall of Fame Award. (Mr. Geiger and Mr. Ward) Mr. Ward announced that there was an impressive list of possible candidates for this award. He said he was very pleased to announce this year's recipients, Edward and Linda Zuckerman who have a combined 70 years of teaching between them. Mr. Geiger stated that he was also pleased with the selection committee's choice and thought they were quality candidates. Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Mrs. Knight, to accept the selection committee's recommendation of Edward and Linda Zuckerman as the recipients of the 2013 Glenn County Educators' Hall of Fame Award. The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes.

**B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

**C. HUMAN RESOURCES**

**D. BUSINESS SERVICES**

1. **(Information/Discussion)** Fiscal and Program Sustainability Plan. Dr. Geivett stated that this was an updated version of the Fiscal and Program Sustainability Plan from the March 7<sup>th</sup> board meeting. This was an information only item. No action was taken.
2. **(Action)** Approve 2012/13 Second Interim Budget Report (available at District Office for preview). Ms. Beymer addressed the Board. She gave handouts to the Board on the 2012/13 Expenses as a Percentage of the Budget and Fund 01 Components of Ending Fund Balance. She started out with the good news and said it was the first time since 2008/09 that we have a positive certification at Second Interim. She is glad Proposition 30 passed and avoided an additional cut of \$441/ADA which would have resulted in an additional cut of \$508,000. The projected ending fund balance is projected to be 3.2 million, including the DEU, restricted and unrestricted dollars. Transportation is back to full deficated funding. The projected COLAs in the out years will help to offset the projected decline in enrollment, however in past years an increased COLA usually results in an increased deficit. The last Golden Handshake installment will be made in 2013/14. We still have concerns regarding federal program sequestration; cuts are projected to be between 5-10% for next year. The District has lost \$77,000 in Title I funding and almost \$50,000 in EIA in the current year. An additional cut of any kind will be detrimental to our current programs and the way we do business. When we lose categorical funds it takes a bigger chunk out of the unrestricted side of our budget to maintain those programs. Contributions are estimated to increase by \$300,000 over the next two years. With the loss of federal funding our special education billbacks will also increase. We are scheduled to pay the Glenn County SELPA \$840,000 this year without sequestration. Post-employment health and welfare benefits total \$376,000 this year. Program Improvement dollars (\$300,000) will be nearly depleted by the end of the year with little or no carryover.

Other concerns are our 163 students currently enrolled in charter schools. Also, with the school bond being defeated, facilities are a major concern. The deferred maintenance account will be down to \$120,000 going into next year. In more recent news, the PERS Retirement System is drastically underfunded. They have projected over the next six years, California school district's contributions will increase up to 18.9% - this year we covered 11.7%. Next year even the new LCFF funding formula will be deficated by approximately 20%. Mr. Geiger publicly thanked Mrs. Beymer and said he appreciates the work she does for WUSD. Mr. Munguia moved, seconded by Mr. Geiger, to approve the 2012/13 Second Interim Budget Report. The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes.

3. **(Action)** Approve Education Protection Act (EPA) Funding. Mrs. Beymer said this is a component of Proposition 30 – The EPA reduces the unrestricted side of the budget and requires districts to dedicate that amount to “educational purposes“. The EPA consists of approx. 20% of the unrestricted general fund budget. WUSD chooses to allocate the EPA funding directly into the classroom by paying

salaries and benefits for certificated staff members who provide “Direct Instruction”. Mrs. Beymer reiterated the fact that the EPA revenue *is not* additional funding, but represents a transfer of approximately 20% of revenue from Resource 0000 into Resource 1400 to be used locally to pay the salaries and benefits for teachers. Mr. Geiger moved, seconded by Mrs. Knight, to approve the Education Protection Act funding and the allocation thereof. The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes.

4. **(Action)** Approve Resolution No. 2012-13-19, “Regarding Sufficient Funding for District Students”. Dr. Geivett explained that this resolution supports school districts in California. It is to also to let the Governor and legislative representatives be aware that California school districts need increased funding for our public education students. Mr. Geiger moved, seconded by Mr. Munguia, to approve Resolution No. 2012-13-19. Roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes.

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

7.1 The following are the dates and times for Open House at the different schools:

Monday, April 8, 2013, at 6:30 p.m.	Willows High School
Mr. Smith noted that WHS Open House will begin at 6:00 p.m. – not 6:30 p.m.	
Thursday, April 11, 2013, at 6:00 p.m.	Willows Intermediate School
Tuesday, April 23, 2013, at 6:00 p.m.	Willows Community High School
Thursday, April 25, 2013, at 5:30 p.m.	Murdock Elementary School

7.2 There will be a District-wide break from April 15-19, 2013.

7.3 The WHS & WIS Spring Concert will be held on May 1, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at the Memorial Hall.

7.4 The next Regular Board Meeting on will be held on May 2, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at the Willows Civic Center.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEM**

At 7:55 p.m., the Board took a short recess after the Regular Meeting before going into Closed Session. Mr. Parisio stated that he will report out in Open Session upon the conclusion of Closed Session.

9. **CLOSED SESSION**

Closed Session began at 8:10 p.m.

9.1 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 and 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

9.2 Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6: Conference with Labor Negotiator – Agency negotiator: Mort Geivett. Employee Organization: WUTA/CSEA, Non-represented: Management and Confidential

10. **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

10.1 Announcement of Action Taken in Closed Session

At 8:48 p.m., the meeting reconvened to Open Session. Mr. Parisio reported out.

Item 9.1: Update was given to the Board

Item 9.2: Update was given to the Board. There was a brief discussion of “next steps” in the negotiations process with both labor organizations.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.