

WILLOWS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting – October 10, 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. Munguia, Mr. Ward, Mr. Geiger, and Mrs. Knight.
- 1.2 Welcome to Visitors
- 1.3 Flag Salute was led by Mr. Bazan.

2. AGENDA/MINUTES

- 2.1 Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of September 5, 2013. Mrs. Knight moved, seconded by Mr. Geiger, to approve the above mentioned minutes. The motion passed unanimously with five yes votes.
- 2.2 Approve the Agenda for October 10, 2013. Mr. Munguia moved, seconded by Mr. Geiger, to approve the agenda for this evening's meeting. The motion passed unanimously with five yes votes.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Susan Parisio addressed the Board. She stated that she understood that the Board would be going out for another bond election in 2014. She stated her concerns with the Board's decision to do so. She cited problems with Orland Unified School District's bond and the possibility of our city water rates increasing. She also cited issues related to the costs of running a bond campaign, declining enrollment, and test scores. She cautioned the Board on placing another bond election on a future ballot.

4. REPORTS

4.1 **Employee Associations (WUTA & CSEA)** – No reports.

4.2 **Principals**

(MES) Ms. McLaughlin reported:

- The September 23rd professional development day on Common Core was very inspiring for the teachers. They are also meeting with their grade level teams working on planning with the new standards, the curriculum, and aligning assessments to the new standards.
- It is Fire Safety Prevention Week at MES this week. Child Abuse Prevention Week is coming up with presentations. Umpqua Bank will have presentations with math and money for the students.
- On October 17th, the fourth and fifth graders will attend the Lizzie Sider Concert at WHS – she has an anti-bullying message for students in fourth through eighth grades.

(WIS) Mr. Sailsbery reported:

- October 11th is the end of the first quarter. Report cards will go out next week.
- October 22nd is the County Spelling Bee and several WIS students will be competing.
- October 17th is the Lizzie Sider Concert and all WIS students will attend the anti-bullying assembly.
- He recognized Debbie Enos for five years of outstanding service as their Library Media Specialist. She has taken a new job outside the district. WIS will miss her and wishes her well.
- WIS continues to improve with their student instruction with their teachers and is working on the implementation of Common Core.
- The next student rally will be on October 25th.
- The “almost new gym” (a new floor surface, lighting, and painting) looks and feels fantastic. He thanked the Board and Superintendent for recognizing the need for the gym modernization and for funding the project in these difficult financial times in the absence of a bond. He thanked John Alves and his staff for the hard work they put into prepping for the project. He also thanked the “Painted Ladies” – Sherry Brott, Gina Taylor, Daryn Montz, Cathy Mudd, Natalie Wolder, and Jennifer Isola, along with several WIS students for their help with the painting of the gym.

(WHS) Mr. Smith reported:

- He gave the Board a handout of upcoming activities.
- Homecoming Week has been busy. There will be a parade on Friday beginning at 1:15.
- It has been a great fall - the kids have been well behaved and he recognized Mr. Bazan for setting a great tone for them early on with his consistency with behavior issues, dress code, etc.
- All fall athletics are doing well.
- On September 23rd GCOE put on the Common Core Professional Development Day which was hosted by WHS and WUSD.
- Adolfo Melara is coming next week and the staff is looking forward to his visit and continued work on Direct Instruction.
- The lighting portion of the IES retro-fit project has begun.
- The possibility of a destination prom is being considered.

(WCHS) Dr. Geivett reported:

- Recently, WCHS has lost a few students to Adult Ed. He is expecting additional students to be moving over from WHS. The current enrollment is 22.

4.3 Director of Business Services – Mrs. Beymer reported:

- The Budget Committee met for their first meeting of the year on Monday. They discussed the budget, the Local Control Funding Formula, and presented the Common Core Implementation Plan for discussion this evening.
- We have drawn on approximately half of the QZAB dollars down to move forward on the lighting portion of the IES and IEC projects (lighting and solar project).
- She attended a conference on the LCFF on September 27th and there is still a lot of unknowns. She will go into more depth at the Special Board Meeting on Monday, October 14th.
- New copiers are now in the district and should save WUSD \$15,000.00 per year. The company we contracted with is Advanced Documents Concepts.

4.4 Director of Categorical Programs – Mrs. Perez reported:

- She shared with the Board that they will be hearing many new terms with the transition from the old testing to the new testing and from the old State Standards to the new Common Core State Standards. The District wants the Board to be enlightened with all the changes that are occurring. At each of the upcoming board meetings she will be sharing a little something to keep them abreast of these changes. This evening she will be sharing “the why.” Why are we doing Common Core? She showed the Board a short video which helped explain “the why” of doing Common Core. Clear goals are needed by all - being consistent from school to school and state to state. Creating clear goals and confident, well-prepared students is the theme of Common Core State Standards. Next month she will report on “the how.” Dr. Geivett stated that he thinks there are many positives for Common Core and believes we are headed in the right direction. The Board will continue to hear a lot about the Common Core State Standards.

4.5 Superintendent – Dr. Geivett reported:

- John Alves and he walked around today checking on the solar project. Preliminary drawings had to be approved – no changes were made except for adding a handicap parking stall to the staff and visitor parking lot in front of WHS.
- In the absence of a bond our facilities need to be safe and secure for our students.
- Retrofitting the lighting has been progressing and IES is working on a few of the glitches.
- Cal Water is talking of increasing prices so he thinks the District is headed in the right direction by uncapping a well that will water the football, practice field, and varsity baseball field. This will be a savings down the line and that money will be available for other projects in order to have adequate facilities for our students.
- Many thanks to the following individuals for their contributions to WUSD: Manni Jones for organizing the Career Fair at the high school; The Murdock PTO for sponsoring the Planetarium Assembly and the Book Fair; Glen Lewis and the Class of 1976 for their GEMS donation – a hardware/software program that is attached to an electrical panel that monitors our usage of electricity and lets us know how much solar and other energy is being brought in. A software component is also provided for students to use in the classroom. This gift to WHS has a monetary value of approximately \$50,000.00.
- He thanked Shirley Diaz for organizing the September 23rd Professional Development Day on Common Core and Jerry Smith and the high school staff for providing the facility.
- The Lizzie Sider Concert/Assembly will be held on Thursday at the high school gym for Grades 4-8.

- October 14th there will be a special board meeting to review and discuss our Mission/Vision/Goals; Local Control Funding Formula, the Budget, and the Fiscal Program & Sustainability Plan.
- Dr. Geivett said that in light of Mrs. Parisio’s comments earlier, he wanted the public to know that the District has not yet decided at this time if it will pursue a bond for 2014. The Board has only given the Superintendent direction to explore the possibility of pursuing a bond measure in 2014. It would take a board resolution to actually put a bond measure on the ballot.

4.6 Governing Board Members

Mr. Ward:

- He attended all the Back to School Nights. He wanted to publicly recognize Mr. Prinz for the tremendous job he is doing at Willows Community High School. He also acknowledged all of the site administrators for their efforts.
- He attended the September 23rd Common Core Professional Development Day at the high school and said he was impressed with the great turnout. He gave “kudos” to the high school for the way they had their facility set up and to Shirley Diaz for her organization of the event. He attended Nancy Brownell’s session on Common Core and thought she was a very good speaker.
- He is the board’s representative on the DSLT and attended the first meeting of the year. He says it is very enjoyable to attend and is impressed with the enthusiasm of the staff.
- He has attended several football games and at the Orland game, he was so proud and impressed with the WHS Band. He said they were extremely professional. He thinks Mr. West is doing a fantastic job.

Mrs. Knight:

- She stated that Dr. Geivett spoke of many repairs that need to be done. Even with declining enrollment it is necessary to keep up our facilities.
- She attended the Budget Committee meeting and appreciates the transparency of our District. She thought Mrs. Beymer explained everything well and appreciated her for doing so.

Mr. Geiger: - No report

Mr. Munguia: – No report

Mr. Parisio:

- He enjoyed the Back to School Nights for WIS and WHS and both were well attended.
- He has been attending football and volleyball games and said he thinks their seasons are going well.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. GENERAL

1. Accept donation from David McDonald in the amount of \$60.00 for the Murdock Music Program.

B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. Approve Interdistrict requests for Students #13-14-17 through #13-14-23 to attend school in the WUSD for the 2013/14 school year.
2. Approve Interdistrict request for Student #13-14-48 to attend school in another district for the 2013/14 school year.

C. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Approve employment of the following employees for the 2013/14 school year:
Morgan Cirigliano MES Fifth Grade Teacher (9/9/13)
2. Accept resignation from Debra Enos, WIS Library Media Specialist, effective September 27, 2013.
3. Approve updated Classified Substitute List.

D. BUSINESS SERVICES

1. Approve budget revisions.
2. Approve warrants from 9/4/13 through 9/25/13.

Mr. Geiger moved, seconded by Mr. Munguia, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously with five yes votes.

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION CALENDAR

A. GENERAL

1. **(Information)** Williams Uniform Complaint Quarterly Report. (There were no complaints.)
This was an information only item - no action was taken.

B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. **(Action)** Approve the PI Year 3 Local Educational Agency Plan – Evidence of Progress (2012-13)
Mrs. Perez addressed the Board. She said this report reflects Program Improvement status. When a district is in PI Year 3 the federal government asks for an “Evidence of Progress” report that supports the following topics: **(1) LEA Plan strategies and actions implemented during 2012-13 school year are:** Collaboration; Materials and Tools; Instruction; Professional Development; Monitoring & Assessments; and Parent Involvement/Communication. **(2) LEA performance on summative assessment data;** and **(3) Evidence of annual communication with the local governing board.**
Mrs. Perez asked for the Board’s approval so she can submit this report to the State and they in turn can submit it to the federal agency. Mr. Geiger moved, seconded by Mrs. Knight, to approve the PI Year 3 LEA Plan – Evidence of Progress. The motion passed unanimously with five yes votes.

C. HUMAN RESOURCES

D. BUSINESS SERVICES

1. **(Action)** Approve Resolution #2013-14-07, Adoption of the “Gann” Limit. (Annual Requirement)
Mr. Munguia moved, seconded by Mr. Geiger, to approve Resolution #2013-14-07. Roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously with five yes votes.
2. **(Action)** Approve Unaudited Actuals Financial Report for the Fiscal Year 2012/13. Mrs. Beymer addressed the Board. She stated that with the passage of Proposition 30 we were able to increase our fund balance almost to the break-even point and definitely moving in the right direction. She did not go in depth this evening as she will present a multi-year side by side line comparison at the Special Board Meeting on Monday, October 14th. Mr. Munguia moved, seconded by Mr. Geiger, to approve the Unaudited Actuals Financial Report for the Fiscal Year 2012/13. The motion passed unanimously with five yes votes.
3. **(Information/Discussion)** 2013-14 Common Core Grant Implementation Plan. Mrs. Beymer explained that this item had been brought to the Board a few months ago but since then the requirements have changed. The plan needs to be presented at one regular board meeting and adopted at the subsequent board meeting (November 7th). The District has been able to share this plan with a lot of stakeholders during the process which is positive. Allowable expenditures are professional development; instructional materials; and integration of the academic standards through technology-based instruction for purposes of improving the academic performance of pupils. Dr. Geivett clarified that the Board would see this item next month as an action item. No action was taken.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 7.1 There will be a Special Board Meeting/Workshop on Monday, October 14, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at the WIS Library.
- 7.2 The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on November 7, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at the Willows Civic Center.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEM - None

At 7:46 p.m., the Board took a short recess after the Regular Meeting before going into Closed Session. Mr. Parisio will report out in Open Session upon the conclusion of Closed Session.

9. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session began at 7:56 p.m.

- 9.1 Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(a): Conference with Legal Counsel: Existing Litigation (1 case) 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 8:28 p.m., the meeting reconvened to Open Session. Mr. Parisio reported out:

Item 9.1: Update given to the Board.

Item 9.2: Update given to the Board.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.