

**WILLOWS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Special Meeting – October 14, 2013**

**Special Session 7:00 p.m.**

**Willows Intermediate School Library**

**1145 W. Cedar Street, Willows, CA 95988**

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – BOARD WORKSHOP**

**1. OPEN SESSION - CALL TO ORDER**

- 1.1 Roll Call – Vice President Geiger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were: Mr. Ward, Mrs. Knight, Mr. Geiger, and Mr. Munguia. Absent: Mr. Parisio (Mr. Geiger stated that Mr. Parisio would be coming a little later.)
- 1.2 Welcome to Visitors
- 1.3 Flag Salute was led by Keri Tafuro.

**2. AGENDA**

- 2.1 **(Action)** Approve Special Agenda for 10/14/13. Mr. Ward moved, seconded by Mrs. Knight, to approve the agenda for this evening's Special Meeting/Workshop. The motion passed with four yes votes.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING ONLY AGENDIZED ITEMS - None**

**4. DISCUSSION/ACTION CALENDAR**

- 4.1 **(Discussion/Action)** Review-Revise Mission/Vision/Goals. Dr. Geivett addressed the audience and gave a Power Point presentation on the Mission/Vision/Goals for WUSD. He explained the three types of goals: strategic (Board); tactical (administrative); and operational (teaching staff) and the responsibilities of each.

It was decided that the Mission Statement should remain: **“Preparing today’s students for tomorrow’s challenges”**.

The Vision Statement was also decided on to stay as is: **Willows Unified School District provides a safe, enriched, student-focused learning environment where each student:**

- **Realizes his/her full potential**
- **Develops respect and tolerance for self and others**
- **Becomes a productive member of our global society**

(Mr. Parisio entered the meeting at 7:26 p.m.)

Discussion followed regarding the goals and the following revisions were suggested. It was also suggested to reverse the order of the existing goals #6 and #7.

- ▶ **6. Develop and maintain a K-12 curriculum that is aligned with the Common Core State Standards and supports the needs of all students.**
- ▶ **7. Implement effective instruction to engage all students.**
- ▶ **8. Collaborate with students, parents, and the community in developing greater cultural awareness, tolerance, and understanding.**
- ▶ **9. Develop and maintain good communication between the District, parents, and the community.**

Ms. McLaughlin stated that she had given more thought to the Vision Statement and thought it should read, **“Willows Unified School District provides a safe, engaging, student-focused learning environment where each student . . .**

Mr. Geiger moved, seconded by Mr. Munguia, to approve the Mission, Vision, and Goals, with revisions as noted. The motion passed unanimously with five yes votes.

4.2 **(Information/Discussion)** Budget. Mrs. Beymer gave a power point presentation (included with the minutes) pertaining to the budget.

- WUSD's enrollment is down 379 students since 2003-04.
- 2007-08 is the last year WUSD was fully funded by the State; in 2009-10 we took a huge hit
- Over the last five years: Revenue limit earned - \$52,469,762; Revenue limit received - \$43,390,227; loss of \$9,079,535
- She went over the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), the LCFF 8 Focal Points, Pit Falls, and the LCFF Estimate for the 2013-14 at First Interim (a deficit of \$81,031). She shared her plans for what will happen next. Round table discussion ensued. Mrs. Beymer stated the LCFF is a totally different calculation than what we have used in the past. She thinks and hopes it will simplify things in the future once everything gets ironed out. The Board thanked Mrs. Beymer for her presentation.

4.3 **(Discussion/Possible Action)** Fiscal and Program Sustainability Plan. The Board reviewed and discussed the Sustainability Plan. Dr. Geivett explained that at this time it is draft form and is an information item for them – a work in progress. He said this would be brought before them at the next board meeting to discuss again and will be a topic of conversation in the weeks and months to come. No action was taken.

Dr. Geivett stated that Mrs. Beymer also included a list of acronyms for the Board's convenience.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.