

WILLOWS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting – February 4, 2016

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. Board members present were: Mr. Ward, Mr. Geiger, Mrs. Taylor and Mr. Parisio. Absent: Mrs. Knight
- 1.2 Welcome to Visitors
- 1.3 Flag Salute was led by Ron Bazan

2. AGENDA/MINUTES

- 2.1 Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 14, 2016. Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Mr. Ward to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 14, 2016.
AYES: Ward, Geiger, Taylor, Parisio
NOES: None
ABSENT: Knight
MOTION PASSED: 4-0-1
- 2.2 Approve the Agenda for February 4, 2016. Mrs. Taylor moved, seconded by Mr. Geiger to approve the Agenda for February 4, 2016.
AYES: Ward, Geiger, Taylor, Parisio
NOES: None
ABSENT: Knight
MOTION PASSED: 4-0-1

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Joyce Ksander presented a couple of concerns to the Board. First, she feels the cafeteria at the school is charging too much for bottled water. She asked that the Board would consider lowering the cost. She is also concerned about the 3% indirect fee that is taken for ASB. She also wanted to let the Board know that she and Mr. Sailsbery are working hard to make sure all 8th graders have an opportunity to visit Butte College this year.

4. REPORTS

4.1 **Employee Associations (WUTA & CSEA) – No Reports**

4.2 **Principals**

(WCHS) Dr. Geivett reported:

- Enrollment is 23 students. Two more will be enrolling, and one will be graduating.
- WCHS students will be taking veterans from the Willows Care Center to the Wall That Heals when it is here in February.
- WCHS is currently looking at expanding its course offerings and, therefore, hiring an additional part time teacher. The teacher would come from within the district.

(WHS) Mr. Humphreys reported:

- The greenhouse construction is in progress. A huge thank you to Galbraith Construction, Trever Geiger, and Randy Lindsey and his crew at Northern Mechanical and Engineering for their help in constructing the greenhouse so far.
- 12 students submitted applications and met the requirements for their State FFA degrees this year.
- Speakers and the Farm Power Team have their competition schedule set. The speakers have competed in two contests so far and have been very successful.
- The FFA officers have been busy preparing for FFA week, which will be February 22-26.
- FFA is beginning to tag project animals for the Glenn County Fair.
- Surveys were administered to 300 students regarding the effectiveness of PLUS Period. Mr. Humphreys discussed the results.

- 72% of students have been in PLUS Period less than 3 times this year.
- 28% of students have been in PLUS Period 3 or more times this year.
- Homecoming is February 5, 2016.
- Winter Ball is February 6, 2016.
- FFA is at the World Ag Expo in Tulare on February 10, 2016.
- Sydney Reeves, a motivational speaker, will be at WHS on February 11, 2016.
- The Wall that Heals will be in Willows February 25-28, 2016.
- Academic Decathlon will be February 6, 2016.
- Mr. Bazan reported there were 191 students that were assigned to PLUS Period for the first session of the semester and 174 students for the second session. There are 106 winter athletes, and 26 of them were assigned to the first session and 19 during the second session. We did not lose any athletes at the semester for grades. Athletes are being prepared that if they are assigned PLUS Period next year, they will not be able to play in games during the two week period they are in PLUS Period.
- Mr. Bazan also discussed information regarding the calendar committee he is chairing. There are eight people on the committee - two teachers each from MES, WIS and WHS, as well as two classified people. They came up with 4 different calendars for the 2016/17 school year. They also came up with 4 different calendars for the 2017/18 school year. At this time, they will only focus on the 2016/17 school year. The next meeting will be February 11th where the 4 options will be pared down to 2 different options. At that time, members of the committee will take the 2 options back to their units for feedback. A calendar will be brought back to the Board for approval at the March meeting.

(WIS) Mr. Sailsbery reported:

- The Science Club is selling carnations for a Valentine's Day fundraiser.
- There will be a dance February 26, 2016.
- March 2, 2016 is the band competition at Chico State. A thank you to the Knights of Columbus for donating \$1,500 to help with the cost of sending both bands.
- All WIS students will walk over to the Wall That Heals.
- Mr. Drury worked with Wal Mart and received a 55" TV which will hang in the main hallway showing information on character education and various events.
- Interim testing for the CAASPP began. So far it has gone very well for both students and teachers. Substitutes will be brought in on February 24, 2016, so teachers can hand score the performance task tests students take online. Those results will be sent in and WIS will get the results back along with the comprehensive test results. This will help schools see how students did, and teachers will be able to look at the data in preparation for the actual test in the spring.

(MES) Mrs. Brown reported:

- Thank you to Amy Street and Joe West for preparing students for the Winter Concert. It was very well attended, with standing room only.
- CAASPP Interim testing will begin February 22, 2016.
- Enrollment is 658 students.
- Grades 3-5 will attend the Wall that Heals.
- PTO Spaghetti Feed will be February 11, 2016.

4.3 Associated Student Body Report – Lisa Pence reported:

- Homecoming week is in progress. The crowning ceremony will take place Friday night between the boys JV and Varsity basketball games. Closed campus will provide a variety of food items.
- Mrs. Taylor asked what ASB will be working on now that Homecoming is over. Miss Pence said they will be working on fundraising ideas, since they haven't done any activity nights this year which brought in money. ASB hasn't had the time, since Miss Proctor is the only adviser this year.
- The ASB/Leadership class will be mandatory next year for elected officers, and students are hoping the class can be held before lunch, so those students who are enrolled in Butte classes can be in the class.

4.4 Director of Business Services – Debby Beymer reported:

- Currently working on the 2nd Interim Budget Report as there are some important factors to be considered:
 - There is a decline in enrollment.
 - Proposition 30 temporary taxes expire on December 31, 2018; 2.5 years before we are fully funded.
 - Statutory rates on salaries are projected to be 23.6% for Certificated staff and 30.2% for Classified staff. This is an increase of around \$125,000 with no relief proposed by the legislature.

- California ranks very close to the top in taxation, but is ranked 46th for per pupil expenditure. California spends about \$8,000 on each student annually, where Vermont, at the top, dedicates \$18,000 per student.
- The public's perception is that California is providing large amounts of increased funding to our schools. They are trying to get us back to 2007-08 levels by 2020-21. We can't be fooled into thinking there's additional money. We are still going to be lagging 12 years behind where we should be in California.
- The state continues to take a huge cut of funding owed to schools off the top for their "Rainy Day Fund." This "Rainy Day Fund" was nonexistent 2 years ago and is projected to have more than \$8 billion in it by the end of next year.
- California has a little extra money, so they create block-grant types of funding (Common Core, Educator Effectiveness, Career Technical Education) with a short time frame to use the money regardless of a school's need. Until we move away from the spend it or send it back mentality, the State of California will always go through huge downturns in education funding.
- The District needs to proceed with great caution if we don't want to be back in the cost reduction mode before we are truly receiving additional, ongoing funding that outpaces step and column costs and increases in statutory costs.

4.5 Director of State and Federal Programs – Ellen Hamilton reported:

- There will be no accountability system for CAASPP for the next school year.
- ESSA will come into place 2017/18 school year, which makes 2016/17 the last year under NCLB.
- Mrs. Hamilton distributed and discussed the new CAASPP Reporting Timelines for 2015/16.
 - MES will test April 26-May 27.
 - WIS will test May 2- May 13; CST will be May 9th.
 - WHS/WCHS will test April 26-May 10.

4.6 Superintendent – Dr. Geivett reported:

- George Roofing was the successful bidder for the MES roofing project. The cost will be approximately \$726,000 and should begin June 13, 2016.
- Dr. Geivett and Steven Permann toured the schools to see what projects need to be done this summer. Some major projects will include uncapping the well at MES, irrigations systems at MES/WIS, ramp replacement on the portables as well as routine maintenance.
- The bid for the WIS infrastructure project came in at \$20,000. We're hoping the work can get started after the March Board meeting.
- WUSD needs to have a discussion for a bond as we are in line with the state of California for matching funds for facilities. Proposition 30 taxes will expire in the next couple of years. Governor Brown is looking at putting an extension of Prop 30 on the ballot in November. He is also looking at putting a smaller bond for facilities on the June ballot instead of a large bond in November.
- Dr. Geivett takes time to walk around with all the site administrators to visit classrooms, and we have a lot of positive things going on in our classrooms. We do have work to do, but teachers need to be commended for what they are doing.
- Thank you to the WHS Boosters for all their hard work for a great dinner fundraiser.
- The first reading of the board policy for the health class will be presented at the March 2016 meeting.

4.7 Board of Education Members**Mr. Ward: No Report****Mr. Parisio:**

- Thank you to all those who participated and donated time and money for the WHS Booster's dinner.
- Attended the Butte College ARC Exposure, a one day training for high school welding instructors and students with Mr. Schaad. A tour was also set up for Coe Manufacturing, an orchard manufacturing and equipment facility.

Mrs. Taylor:

- Thank you to all the WHS Boosters for making the fundraising dinner so nice.
- WIS 8th grade class is holding an indoor yard sale on Saturday, March 12, 2016.
- Discussion regarding the number of functional bathrooms on each school site.

Mr. Geiger:

- The WHS Booster's held their 3rd annual dinner fundraiser on January 30, 2016. Thank you to everyone who came and donated to that fundraiser.
- The WHS Booster's, as a whole, brought in \$68,000 and was able to give out \$68,000.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. GENERAL

1. Accept donation from Curtis & Cindy Parks in the amount \$100.00 to go to the WHS Football program in memory of Jim Ward.
2. Accept donation from Willows Hardware in the amount \$100.00 to go to the WHS Football program in memory of Jim Ward.
3. Accept donation from Robert Collins in the amount of \$200.00 to go to the WHS Wrestling program.
4. Accept donation from L&T Towing in the amount of \$250.00 to go to WHS for the Every 15 Minutes program.
5. Accept donation from J. Mark Atlas, Attorney at Law, in the amount of \$50.00 to go to WHS for the Every 15 Minutes program.

B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. Approve Interdistrict Request for Students #15-16-21 through #15-16-22 to attend school in the Willows Unified School District for the 2015/16 school year.
2. Approve Interdistrict Request for Students #16-17-3 through #16-17-4 to attend school in another district for the 2016/17 school year.
3. Approve the School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs) for all schools: Murdock Elementary, Willows Intermediate, Willows High, and Willows Community High.
4. Approve the Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for Murdock Elementary, Willows Intermediate, and Willows High.

C. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Approve the employment of Nora Ayala to the position of Cafeteria Helper I (3.9 hrs/day), effective January 21, 2016.
2. Approve the employment of Lucero Martinez to the position of Instructional Aide II (3.9 hrs/day), effective January 25, 2016.
3. Approve the following WHS Spring Sports Coaches for the 2015-16 school year:

Manuel Rakestraw	Varsity Baseball – Head Coach
Kent Thayer	Varsity Baseball – Volunteer Coach
Darren Reed	JV Baseball – Head Coach
Julio Garcia	JV Baseball – Volunteer Coach
Terri Moore	Varsity Softball – Co-Head Coach (1/2 Stipend)
Daryl Adams	Varsity Softball – Co-Head Coach (1/2 Stipend)
Judy Parker	Varsity Softball – Volunteer Coach
Danielle Andrade	JV Softball – Head Coach
Andy Martin	Boys Tennis – Head Coach
Mike Biggs	Boys Track – Head Coach
Evone LaCombe	Girls Track – Head Coach
Dan Arnold	Golf – Volunteer Head Coach
Raina Arnold	Golf – Volunteer Coach

D. BUSINESS SERVICES

1. Approve budget revision summary.
2. Approve warrants from 1/13/16 through 1/27/16.
3. Approve ASB Quarterly Reports – MES/WIS/WHIS.

Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Mr. Geiger to approve the Consent Calendar.

AYES: Ward, Geiger, Taylor, Parisio

NOES: None

ABSENT: Knight

MOTION PASSED: 4-0-1

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION CALENDAR

A. GENERAL

1. **(Action)** Approve MES Roofing Contract with George Roofing. Mr. Geiger moved, seconded by Mrs. Taylor to approve the MES Roofing Contract with George Roofing.

AYES: Ward, Geiger, Taylor, Parisio

NOES: None

ABSENT: Knight

MOTION PASSED: 4-0-1

2. **(Action)** Approve Letter of Support for Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT). Mrs. Taylor moved, seconded by Mr. Geiger to approve the Letter of Support for Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT).

AYES: Ward, Geiger, Taylor, Parisio

NOES: None

ABSENT: Knight

MOTION PASSED: 4-0-1

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

BP 0200	Goals for the School District
BP 0500	Accountability
BP 3100	Budget
BP 3270	Sale and Disposal of Books, Equipment and Supplies
BP 4154/4254/4354	Health and Welfare Benefits
BP 5141.31	Immunizations
BP 6151	Class Size
BP 6170.1	Transitional Kindergarten
BP 6190	Evaluation of the Instructional Program

Mr. Geiger moved, seconded by Mr. Ward to approve the Board Policies per CSBA’s Policy Guidesheet Recommendations.

AYES: Ward, Geiger, Taylor, Parisio

NOES: None

ABSENT: Knight

MOTION PASSED: 4-0-1

B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. **(Information/Discussion)** Student Attendance Data. Attendance data were presented for each site for the weeks before and after Christmas as well as a couple of other “average” weeks to include how many students were on Independent Study during those times. Information only – no action taken.

C. HUMAN RESOURCES

D. BUSINESS SERVICES

1. **(Action)** Minimum Wage Increase. Mr. Geiger moved, seconded by Mrs. Taylor to approve the Revised Salary Schedule for Unrepresented Classified Employees due to the minimum wage increase in the state of California.

AYES: Ward, Geiger, Taylor, Parisio

NOES: None

ABSENT: Knight

MOTION PASSED: 4-0-1

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 7.1 WHS Homecoming is February 5, 2016.
- 7.2 The Academic Decathlon Competition will be held on Saturday, February 6, 2016 at Hamilton High School.
- 7.3 Murdock PTO will be holding a Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser on February 11, 2016.
- 7.4 There will be a district-wide break from February 15-19, 2016.
- 7.5 The Wall that Heals will be visiting Willows Memorial Park/WHS from February 25-28, 2016.
- 7.6 The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on March 3, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at the Willows Civic Center.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.