

WILLOWS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting – April 6, 2017

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. Members present were: Mr. Ward, Mrs. Knight, Mr. Parisio, Mrs. Taylor, and Mr. Geiger.
- 1.2 Welcome to Visitors
- 1.3 Flag Salute was led by Tim Drury.

2. AGENDA/MINUTES

- 2.1 Approve the Agenda for April 6, 2017
Mrs. Knight moved, seconded by Mrs. Taylor to approve the Agenda for April 6, 2017.
AYES: Ward, Knight, Parisio, Taylor, Geiger
NOES: None
MOTION PASSED: 5-0
- 2.2 Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 2, 2017 and the Special Meeting of March 13, 2017.
Mr. Geiger moved, seconded by Mrs. Taylor to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 2, 2017 and the Special Meeting of March 13, 2017.
AYES: Ward, Knight, Parisio, Taylor, Geiger
NOES: None
MOTION PASSED: 5-0

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Joyce Ksander, WIS teacher, asked that the Board not cut the Opportunity program at Willows Intermediate School. She shared that CK Price cut its Opportunity Program for one year and reinstated it the next year. She distributed the WUSD Mission Statement and pointed out goal 6 which is to “provide and maintain adequate facilities to house students and support all program needs”.
- Amanda Samons, WHS teacher, gave an update on the Ag program at WHS. She reported that the greenhouse is full of all kinds of plants and thanked Brian Wunsch for all his help. They will be holding a plant sale on May 6th at 10:00 a.m. They have also been engaging in a major clean up in the yard behind the Ag buildings and wanted to thank Steve Permann and the maintenance staff for their help. They are also getting ready for the Glenn County Fair.

4. REPORTS

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

4.2 **Principals**

(MES) **Mr. Montana reported:**

- The 4th grade field trip to 3 Creeks Ranch was postponed from March 24, 2017 to March 31, 2017 due to rain. The field trip was a huge success. There are pictures posted in the office.
- Mrs. Goings’ class will be going to the Costco Bakery and the Chico Nature Center on April 7, 2017.
- Mrs. Roessel’s class will be going to Bricks for Kids in Chico on April 28, 2017. Students will working on STEM related activities using Legos.
- Several classes will be going to Eskaton Senior Center to do activities with the residents.
- The 3rd grade classes will be going to Turtle Bay on May 30, 2017.
- 5th grade student, George Thomas, will be representing Glenn County at the State Spelling Bee on May 13, 2017.
- Mrs. Dace’s 5th grade class won 4th place in the Cal Water Challenge. They will be getting \$1,000.
- Open House will be on May 3, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.
- Thank you to Mrs. Taylor for purchasing pencils for MES.

(WIS) Mr. Sailsbery reported:

- 105 8th graders went to Butte College on March 30, 2017. Thank you to Mrs. Ksander for spearheading this trip.
- Open House will be on April 13, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. Thank you to Mrs. Fleming for chairing this event.
- WIS Book Fair will be held April 10-14, 2017 from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. plus during Open House. The WIS PTO will be doing a program called "All for Books" where students bring loose change to their classrooms. The money is to be used to buy books for kids that would normally go without. The class that brings the most change will get an ice cream social. Scholastic is going to match the funds by donating to a National Literacy Campaign. Mr. Sailsbery distributed a flyer explaining this program.
- Cardinal Band will be performing in the Lamb Derby parade. Mr. West is considering taking the band to the Stonyford Rodeo and Glenn County Fair parades. The Music Boosters raised \$3,000 for the music programs in WUSD.
- WIS was well represented at the Glenn County Science Fair. Mr. Sailsbery distributed the results. Chris Isola and Ryan Shippelhoute received the sweepstakes award. Thank you to Mrs. Steward for all her hard work organizing this event.
- Glenn County Track Meet will be held on May 9, 2017.
- Mr. Sailsbery distributed the field trip schedule for the rest of the year.
- The Glenn County Fish & Game Commission donated \$2,000 to the River Jim Program. All 6th graders will be going to Stony Gorge on a River Jim trip.

(WCHS) Dr. Geivett reported:

- Enrollment is 20 students.
- Five students made the Wall of Fame.
- Two students graduated last month. One is scheduled to graduate next week, and two more are on schedule to graduate by Spring Break.
- Students continue to work with patients at the Willows Care Center by walking them around the park, playing games, and doing art projects.
- Preparing for the BBQ this spring.

(WHS) Mr. Johnstone reported:

- Thank you to the custodian and maintenance staff. They do a great job around the school.
- 66 seniors attended Reg2Go at Butte College on April 4, 2017 where they were provided the opportunity to sign up for classes for Fall 2017.
- Mr. Johnstone, Staci Alves, Kathy Poldervaart, and 47 students attended a CTE High School Career Day at Butte College on April 5, 2017.
- Went to the Chico State Career Fair on March 24, 2017 and met several potential candidates for the English positions open. Will be setting up interviews on April 19, 2017.
- Looking into a program for the English Department called "Expository Reading and Writing Courses" (ERWC). It's a professional development program through Chico State that includes curriculum.
- Continuing to look at course requests and the Master Schedule for next year.
- Will be keeping Block Schedule next year but are considering eliminating PLUS Period. It's not working very well. The Board requested this item be put on the next agenda for full discussion.
- April 7, 2017 is Early Assessment Program which is part of SBAC testing for all 11th graders.
- April 17-21, 2017 is Spring Break, and interviews for the English positions will happen that week.
- SBAC testing will begin on April 26, 2017.
- DUI Court will take place on May 1, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in the gym. Princeton and Elk Creek students will be attending.
- "Mr. Honker" competition will be held on May 4, 2017.
- 10th grade Career Day will be held on May 5, 2017 in Orland.
- Open House and FFA Awards Night will be held on May 10, 2017.
- The Honker Band will be performing in the Lamb Derby Parade on May 13, 2017. The Prom will also be held on May 13, 2017.
- The Glenn County Fair will be May 17-21, 2017.
- Scholarship Night will be held on May 24, 2017.
- Honker Band Spring Concert will be held on May 31, 2017.

4.3 Associated Student Body Report – Lisa Pence reported:

- “Mr. Honker” will be held on May 4, 2017 in the gym. It’s a “Cinco de Mayo” theme. It will be a closed campus. Contestants are: Peter Yang, Luis Garcia, Miguel Iniguez, Angel Abold, Ricky Valdez, Kanon Taylor, Jose Santillan, and Keenan Ibrahim. Austin McDonald will be the M.C.
- ASB will be entering a float into the Lamb Derby parade.

4.4 Director of Business Services – No report

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

- Hosted a couple of LCAP stakeholder’s meetings and met with about 50 students and 35 adults. The LCAP has been written and is going through editing/revising.
- Distributed and went over a copy of the WUSD California Dashboard report.

4.6 Superintendent – Dr. Geivett reported:

- Attended the Small School District Association Conference.
- Held the first Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee meeting on March 14, 2017. Next meeting will be a tour of Murdock on April 12, 2017.
- Had the first meeting with Jeff Grau and Chris Lovin from Rainforth Grau Architects on March 24, 2017. Went over the priority list, discussed costs and took a look at what they can start working on.
- Attended the Chico State Career Fair on March 24, 2017 with David Johnstone and Steve Sailsbery.
- Will be holding staffing meetings with the principals from each of the school sites to determine what staffing needs are and go over the budget.
- Shin Green, from Eastshore Consulting, distributed a power point presentation and went over the process it took to sell the bonds and the final bond sale results. The bonds were priced on March 28, 2017, and the funds will be received on April 11, 2017. The tax rate estimate provided to voters at the time of the Election was \$45 per \$100,000 of taxable property, but the actual tax rate at the sale of the bond was \$41 per \$100,000 of taxable property.

4.7 Board of Education Members

Mr. Geiger – No report

Mrs. Taylor reported:

- Thank you to all District staff.
- Attended the Chico State Music Festival. The Honker Band did a fantastic job and got the best rating.
- Attended the Superior Region FFA Awards. Nice to see so many of WHS students going the extra mile to meet those state benchmarks in FFA.
- Congratulations to all the Science Fair participants on their projects.

Mrs. Knight – No report

Mr. Ward reported:

- Thank you to everyone for all the effort that went into passing the bond and now receiving the bond funds.

Mr. Parisio reported:

- Thank you to everyone for their hard work, especially on passing the bond.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. GENERAL

1. Accept donation from Jan Beaufait in the amount of \$100.00 to be split between the 4th grade classrooms at MES for field trips.
2. Accept donation from MES PTO in the amount of \$1,000.00 to be distributed between the 20 teachers and the nurse who participated in the Fall Festival (\$50 each).
3. Approve the WUSD Obsolete Equipment List.

B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. Approve Interdistrict Requests for Students #16-17-27 and #16-17-28 to attend school in the Willows Unified School District for the 2016/17 school year.
2. Approve Interdistrict Request for Student #16-17-23 to attend school in another school district for the 2016-17 school year.
3. Approve Interdistrict Requests for Students #17-18-01 through #17-18-03 to attend school in the Willows Unified School District for the 2017/18 school year.

4. Approve Interdistrict Requests for Students #17-18-03 through #17-18-10 to attend school in another school district for the 2017/18 school year.

C. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Approve the employment of Carol Ramos, MES Yard Duty, effective March 20, 2017.
2. Approve Jessie Proctor and Meghan Cole as Volunteer Cheerleading Coaches for the 2017/18 school year.
3. Approve the Updated Classified Substitute List.

D. BUSINESS SERVICES

1. Approve budget revision summary.
2. Approve warrants from 3/1/17 through 3/29/17.

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

AYES: Ward, Knight, Parisio, Taylor, Geiger

NOES: None

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION CALENDAR

A. GENERAL

1. **(Action)** Approve the incoming Fifth Grade Students to attend Shady Creek Environmental Camp for 5 days during the 2017/18 school year.

Mrs. Taylor moved, seconded by Mrs. Knight to approve the incoming Fifth Grade Students to attend Shady Creek Environmental Camp for 5 days during the 2017/18 school year.

AYES: Ward, Knight, Parisio, Taylor, Geiger

NOES: None

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

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

BP 0410	Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities
BP 1312.3	Uniform Complaint Procedures
BP 3230	Federal Grant Funds
BP 3270	Sale and Disposal of Books, Equipment and Supplies
BP 4151/4251/4351	Employee Compensation
BP 5145.3	Nondiscrimination/Harassment
BP 5145.7	Sexual Harassment
BP 6142.4	Service Learning/Community Service Classes
BP 6142.94	History-Social Science Instruction
BP 6173	Education for Homeless Children
BP 6185	Community Day School

Mr. Geiger moved, seconded by Mrs. Taylor to approve the revised Board Policies per CSBA's Policy Guidesheet Recommendations.

AYES: Ward, Knight, Parisio, Taylor, Geiger

NOES: None

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

3. **(Information/Discussion)** Williams Uniform Complaints Quarterly Report. (There were no complaints) Information only – no action taken.
4. **(Action)** Accept selection committee's recommendations for the 2017 Glenn County Educator's Hall of Fame Award recipients. Mr. Parisio and Mrs. Knight announced the committee's recommendation for this year's recipients who are Jill Egly and Cathy Cooper.

Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Mr. Geiger to accept the committee's recommendation of Jill Egly and Cathy Cooper as the 2017 Glenn County Educators' Hall of Fame Award recipients for WUSD.

AYES: Ward, Knight, Parisio, Taylor, Geiger

NOES: None

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. **(Action)** Approve the Adoption of Benchmark Advance Deluxe 8-Year Classroom Set as the English Language Arts Curriculum for Murdock Elementary School. Stacy Lanzi (3rd grade teacher) expressed her concerns about adopting Benchmark as the ELA curriculum for MES. Mr. Montana requested that no action be taken on this item until he consults with the staff at MES. He will bring an ELA adoption back to the board at the May meeting.
2. **(Action)** Approve the Adoption of the following textbooks for Willows High School:
 - “Science Dimensions Biology” ISBN 9780544861787 published in 2018 by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
 - “Plant and Soil Science” ISBN 9781428334809 published in 2010 by Delmar, Cengage Learning
 - “The Developing Child” ISBN 9780078883606 published in 2010 by Glencoe McGraw Hill

Mr. Johnstone requested “Science Dimensions Biology” textbook be removed from this item as they are going to wait until next year to adopt a new Biology textbook.
 Mr. Geiger moved, seconded by Mr. Parisio to approve the adoption of “Plant and Soil Science” and “The Developing Child” textbooks for Willows High School.
AYES: Ward, Knight, Parisio, Taylor, Geiger
NOES: None
MOTION PASSED: 5-0
3. **(Discussion/Possible Action)** Waive the Health Requirement for Graduation (Board Policy 6146.1) for effected students in the 2018 and 2019 graduating classes. 9th grade students used to rotate through 4 separate courses of a “wheel” to include: Health, Driver’s Ed, Geography, and Career Ed. 2 years ago, WUSD dropped the Health requirement at the 9th grade level, but the graduation requirement was never modified. Last year the Board opted to reinstate Health in the freshman year, because the law changed. Students were now required to have Health in middle school and high school. Because of the change in legislation, WUSD needed to put Health back at the high school level. The Board opted to reinstate it in the 9th grade level. Because the policy had never been modified, a group of students didn’t take Health.
 Mrs. Knight moved, seconded by Mr. Geiger to waive the health requirement for graduation per Board Policy 6146.1 for the effected students in the 2018 and 2019 graduating classes.
AYES: Ward, Knight, Parisio, Taylor, Geiger
NOES: None
MOTION PASSED: 5-0
4. **(Action)** Approve Certificated/Student Calendar for the 2017/18 School Year.
 Mrs. Knight moved, seconded by Mr. Ward to approve the Certificated/Student Calendar for the 2017/18 School Year.
AYES: Ward, Knight, Parisio, Taylor, Geiger
NOES: None
MOTION PASSED: 5-0

C. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. **(Action)** Approve Superintendent’s Salary Increases for 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19.
 Mrs. Knight moved, seconded by Mrs. Taylor to approve the Superintendent’s Salary Increases for 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19.
AYES: Ward, Knight, Parisio, Taylor, Geiger
NOES: None
MOTION PASSED: 5-0

D. BUSINESS SERVICES

1. **(Discussion/Possible Action)** Purchase a 2017 Truck for CTE/Ag Programs at Willows High School. After some discussion, the Board decided to allow the Ag department staff to purchase the truck of their choice, with a limit of \$40,000.
 Mrs. Knight moved, seconded by Mrs. Taylor for the Willows High School Ag Department staff to purchase a new truck for the CTE/Ag programs at Willows High School not to exceed \$40,000.
AYES: Ward, Knight, Parisio, Taylor, Geiger
NOES: None
MOTION PASSED: 5-0
2. **(Action)** Approve 2016/17 Second Interim Report (available at the District Office for preview). Debby Beymer went over the Second Interim Report. She distributed information on the District enrollment from

2015-16 through 2017-18 and went over the changes in enrollment. There are discussions about reducing staff for next year. She also distributed information on the LCFF funding for this year and what is projected through 2018-19.

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.	Willows Community High School
Thursday, April 13, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.	Willows Intermediate School
Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.	Murdock Elementary School
Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.	Willows High School

7.2 There will be a district-wide break from April 17-21, 2017.

7.3 The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on May 4, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the Willows Civic Center.

7.4 Lamb Derby festivities will take place May 11-14, 2017.

7.5 The Glenn County Fair is from May 18-21, 2017.

7.6 The Educator's Hall of Fame Ceremony is May 20, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. at the Glenn County Fairgrounds in Flaherty Hall.

7.7 WHS Scholarship Night will be held on Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEMS** – No comments

At 9:27 p.m., the Board took a short recess after the Regular Meeting before going into Closed Session. President Parisio will report out in Open Session upon the conclusion of Closed Session.

9. **CLOSED SESSION**

Closed Session began at 9:35 p.m.

9.1 Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6: Conference with Labor Negotiator – Agency Negotiator: Mort Geivett. Employee Organizations: WUTA, CSEA, Management, Confidential, and Non-Represented.

9.2 Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(a): Conference with Legal Counsel: Existing Litigation (one case) Paul Bailey v. Willows USD et. al., Case No. 16CV01592.

10. **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

10.1 Announcement of Action Taken in Closed Session.

At 9:40 p.m., the meeting reconvened to Open Session. President Parisio reported out:

Item 9.1: Direction given to the Superintendent.

Item 9.2: Update given to the Board.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.