

# WILLOWS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting – February 7, 2019

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. Members present were: Jeromy Geiger, Michelle Knight, Alex Parisio, Gina Taylor, and Buck Ward.
- 1.2 Welcome to Visitors
- 1.3 Flag Salute was led by Jessica Sandoval.

### 2. AGENDA/MINUTES

- 2.1 Approve the Agenda for February 7, 2019.  
Mrs. Knight moved, seconded by Mrs. Taylor to approve the Agenda for February 7, 2019.  
**AYES: Geiger, Knight, Parisio, Taylor, and Ward**  
**NOES: None**  
**MOTION PASSED: 5-0**
- 2.2 Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 10, 2019.  
Mr. Ward moved, seconded by Mrs. Taylor to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 10, 2019.  
**AYES: Geiger, Knight, Parisio, Taylor, and Ward**  
**NOES: None**  
**MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Jessica Sandoval, on behalf of her son, wanted to support Danielle Andrade as the Cross Country Coach.

### 4. REPORTS

- 4.1 **Employee Associations (WUTA & CSEA)** – No reports
- 4.2 **Associated Student Body Report – Bucky Squier reported:**
  - Homecoming was a success. Aliyah Stevenson and Billy Gurney were crowned queen and king. Seniors won overall spirit. Dance made about \$600.
  - Winter Ball was well attended and made \$1,900 that will go towards the senior class trip.
  - Three ASB members will be attending the CASA Conference.
  - ASB is continuing to work on the bylaws.
- 4.3 **Principals**
  - MES** – No report
  - WIS** – No report
  - WHS – Mr. Johnstone reported:**
    - Robotics team competed at their first event in Oroville on January 26, 2019. They received a 1<sup>st</sup> place for the Bootstrap Award which is for the best novice team whose robot was student designed and built. They also received a 3<sup>rd</sup> place for the Motivator Award for their Engineering Notebook and for reaching out to the community.
    - Homecoming was very successful, and students participated with school spirit and excitement. Billy Gurney and Aliyah Stevenson were crowned king and queen. The dance was well attended.
    - Sound Instructional Practices (SIP) rounds took place on January 24, 2019. There were 15 teachers who participated by observing colleagues on their prep periods and meeting up at lunch to discuss their visits.
    - Collaboration Day on January 30, 2019, focused on special needs students, how best to accommodate them, and best ways of providing communication with staff regarding students' progress.

- Academic Awards Assembly was held on January 31, 2019. WHS had 288 out of 487 students receive awards for a GPA of 3.0 and above. WHS Boosters donated two \$50 gift cards for two of the perfect attendance winners. Teachers also presented “Most Improved” student awards.
- Tom Bryant and David Johnstone met with Butte College to discuss the next courses to be offered for the dual enrollment program. This year Career Education was selected. Next year, 4 additional courses will be added – Animal Science, Plant and Soil Science, and Medical Terminology. Other classes that are being considered are Drama and Yearbook.
- Link Crew leaders held a luncheon for all new students allowing them to mingle and connect with leaders on campus.
- Academic Decathlon was held on February 2, 2019. There were many top finishers.
- Winter Ball was well attended, and students appeared to be having a good time.
- Three new courses are being considered for next year. One is Sports Medicine to align the Health Pathway to a three course sequence which should help with the CA Dashboard College Readiness Indicator. AP World History and a brand new course which will be presented at the next Board meeting called Agricultural Farm Operations will also be considered.

**WCHS – Dr. Geivett reported:** No report

**4.4 Director of Business Services – Debbie Costello reported:**

- Working on the Second Interim and will present it at next month’s Board meeting.
- Legislative Analyst’s Office has released its overview of the Governor’s 2019/20 Budget Proposal. “The Fiscal Report” article was distributed.
- A Budget Committee meeting has been scheduled for February 28, 2019.
- The Bond Audit will be presented at next month’s board meeting.

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

- Testing dates for CAASPP and CAST are as follows:
  - MES – May 1-31
  - WIS – April 29-May 17
  - WHS/WCHS – April 8-19
- ELPAC testing dates:
  - MES – February 4<sup>th</sup>
  - WIS – March 11
  - WHS/WCHS – March 11
- The LCAP template has some new changes to include add-ons for Differentiated Assistance. WUSD is in Year 3 of a 3 year plan.
- Single Plan for Student Achievement is now called the School Plan for Student Achievement. This is a new template for next year which looks like a mini-LCAP but now embeds information on schools identified for additional support and how they plan to serve those subgroups.
- LCAP Addendum was put on hold for this year. It was created to meet ESSA requirements not included in the LCAP. It will be presented at the June Board meeting.
- Two of WUSD schools were identified for additional targeted support and improvement – WIS and WHS. District is currently working with GCOE to come up with strategies and ways to serve those subgroups that were “Red” on the Dashboard. For this year, Administrators decided to focus on suspension rates, College and Career Indicators, and ELD Programs, with an emphasis on newcomers.

**4.6 Superintendent – Dr. Geivett reported:**

- WIS and MES have completed their projects, with a couple of warranty issues to finalize.
- WHS is almost complete as the storage cages are being installed in the locker rooms. WHS also has some warranty work to be done.
- Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) has completed its services and will do their final report at the next board meeting.
- Working on a \$120,000 grant to replace the drinking fountains throughout the district. Deadline is March 1, 2019. Board resolution is needed and is on the agenda this month.
- California Public Utilities Commission will be holding a Public Hearing on February 13, 2019 where they will be discussing raising Cal Water rates by 8.7% in 2020, 7.6% in 2021, and 7.4% in 2022. Dr. Geivett will be attending the hearing and asked if the board wanted to put together a resolution in opposition to such a rate increase. The board directed Dr. Geivett to put together a resolution after attending the Public hearing and include concerns about students’ hygiene.

- Thank you to all the volunteers that work in our district. Just this week, an E-waste fundraiser was held at WIS, and FFA held a drive up dinner.
- WIS Music Boosters will be holding a yard sale on March 9, 2019, from 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the WIS cafeteria. Donations can be dropped off on Friday, March 8, 2019, from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Met with Enviroplex, and because of the piggy back bid, WUSD will be receiving over \$45,000 in January 2020 due to sales so far. This amount could be more if additional sales occur.
- Attended the Academic Decathlon.

**4.7 Board of Education Members**

**Mr. Ward reported:** Thank you to all the board members who volunteer so much of their time.

**Mrs. Knight reported:** No report

**Mr. Parisio reported:**

- Working on fixing up the Ag barns with Tony Tapia.
- Attended the Boosters Dinner, and it was a great event. Thank you to the Geigers for their hard work.
- Varsity Girls Basketball team is headed for play offs. They're having a great season.

**Mrs. Taylor reported:**

- Attended the CMEA Honor Band performance. Several WHS students participated in the two day event, and it was a great experience. Thank you to Mr. West for encouraging the students to participate.
- Music Boosters held a fundraiser at Black Bear Diner, and the band played in the parking lot to entertain the patrons.
- Attended two home wrestling matches, and it was great to see so much support for that program.
- Fun to see kids active and engaged in so many activities.

**Mr. Geiger reported:**

- Varsity Girls Basketball are currently ranked #1 in the section and will host a home game.
- Attended one of the wrestling duals, and watched the second one from his phone at a basketball game.

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. GENERAL**

1. Accept donation from Aidan Southam in the amount of \$66.00 for the WIS Science Club.

**B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

1. Approve Interdistrict Request for Students #18-19-46 through #18-19-48 to attend school in the Willows Unified School District for the 2018/19 school year.
2. Approve Interdistrict Request for Student #18-19-46 to attend school in another district for the 2018/19 school year.
3. Approve the School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for Murdock Elementary, Willows Intermediate, and Willows High.

**C. HUMAN RESOURCES**

1. Approve employment of Symmony Bogart, Cafeteria Helper I effective January 18, 2019.
2. Approve resignation of Monica Cordova, Yard Duty Supervisor/Crossing Guard and Cafeteria Helper I, effective January 11, 2019.
3. Approve Maternity/Child Rearing leave request for Staci Alves WHS teacher, to commence approximately February 15, 2019, and ending approximately May 1, 2019.
4. Approve the following WHS Spring Sports Coaches for the 2018-19 school year:

Golf Head Coach	Molly Lex
Varsity Softball Coach	Jose Cano
Volunteer Baseball Coaches	Kyle Enos (pending clearance)
	Loren Chapman (pending clearance)
	Josh Allen (pending clearance)
Volunteer Tennis Coach	Andy Martin

**D. BUSINESS SERVICES**

1. Approve budget revision summary.
2. Approve warrants from 1/9/19 through 1/30/19.
3. Approve ASB Quarterly Reports – MES/WIS/WHS.

Mrs. Taylor moved, seconded by Mr. Parisio to approve all items on the Consent Calendar.

**AYES: Geiger, Knight, Parisio, Taylor, and Ward**

**NOES: None**

**MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

**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 0420	School Plans/Site Councils
BP 0450	Comprehensive Safety Plan
BP 0460	Local Control and Accountability Plan
BP 3311.1	Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Procedures
BP 5141.52	Suicide Prevention
BP 5144	Discipline
BP 5146	Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students
BP 6146.1	High School Graduation Requirements
BP 6153	School-Sponsored Trips
BP 6175	Migrant Education
BB 9322	Agenda/Meeting Materials
BB 9324	Minutes and Recordings

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

Mr. Johnstone distributed information on high school graduation requirements and courses offered at WHS.

2. **(Action)** Approve Resolution #2018-19-07 Clean Accessible Drinking Water Project Grant.  
Mr. Geiger moved, seconded by Mrs. Taylor to approve Resolution #2018-19-07 Clean Accessible Drinking Water Project Grant. Roll call vote was taken.

**AYES: Geiger, Knight, Parisio, Taylor, and Ward**

**NOES: None**

**MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

**B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

1. **(Action)** Approve WUSD Technology Plan.  
Mr. Geiger moved, seconded by Mrs. Knight to approve the WUSD Technology Plan.

**AYES: Geiger, Knight, Parisio, Taylor, and Ward**

**NOES: None**

**MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

2. **(Action)** Approve the Low Performing Student Block Grant.  
Mrs. Taylor moved, seconded by Mr. Geiger to approve the Low Performing Student Block Grant.

**AYES: Geiger, Knight, Parisio, Taylor, and Ward**

**NOES: None**

**MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

**C. HUMAN RESOURCES**

**D. BUSINESS SERVICES**

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 7.1 Murdock PTO will be holding a Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser on February 13, 2019 from 4:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.  
7.2 There will be a district-wide break from February 18-22, 2019.  
7.3 The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on March 7, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the Willows Civic Center.  
7.4 TK/Kindergarten Registration will be held on March 7-8, 2019, at Murdock Elementary School.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEMS - None**

At 7:48 p.m., the Board took a short recess after the Regular Meeting before going into Closed Session. President Geiger will report out in Open Session upon the conclusion of Closed Session.

9. **CLOSED SESSION**

Closed Session began at 7:58 p.m.

9.1 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 8:15 p.m., the meeting reconvened to Open Session. President Geiger reported out:

Item 9.1: Update given to the Board.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.