

WILLOWS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting – January 9, 2020

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: Jeromy Geiger, Michelle Knight, Alex Parisio, Gina Taylor, and Buck Ward.

1.2 Welcome to Visitors

1.3 Flag Salute was led by Steve Sailsbery.

2. AGENDA/MINUTES

2.1 Approve the Agenda for January 9, 2020.

Mrs. Knight moved, seconded by Mrs. Taylor to approve the Agenda for January 9, 2020.

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

NOES: None

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

2.2 Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 12, 2019 and the Organizational Meeting of December 16, 2019.

Mr. Geiger moved, seconded by Mrs. Taylor to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 12, 2019, and the Organizational Meeting of December 16, 2019.

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

NOES: None

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

4. REPORTS

4.1 **Employee Associations (WUTA & CSEA)**

WUTA – No report

CSEA – President Kathleen Morrison reported:

- Negotiations will be held on January 14, 2020.
- Hosting a regional president's meeting on January 14, 2020.
- 30% of CSEA members responded to a survey that was sent out.
- Steve Permann and Justin Robinett attended an HVAC training using professional development dollars.
- CSEA will be providing one \$500.00 scholarship to a WHS graduate.

4.2 **Associated Student Body Report**

ASB – Representing FFA – Jaime Medina reported:

- 46 pigs were delivered to the school farm on January 8, 2020.
- 18 students will be attending the Made for Excellence and Advanced Leadership conferences in Redding on January 17-18, 2020.
- Steers will be weighed and tagged for the GC Fair on January 20, 2020.

4.3 **Principals**

MES – Ron Bazan reported:

- New Staff Members began January 6, 2020:
 - PE teacher - Iovanna Salinas
 - Student teacher with Mrs. Street - Sean Bostrom
 - GCOE School Psychologist
- Testing committee will be meeting to set up the testing calendar.
- Progress reports will be going home on January 10, 2020.

- Eco Hero Assembly will be held on February 7, 2020.
- PTO Spaghetti Feed will be held on February 13, 2020. Thank you to the PTO for their continued support.
- Day of the Volunteer is January 16, 2020, and MES will be having a continental breakfast. Staff will be handing out invitations to their volunteers. Staff members will also be sending out thank you cards.
- Enrollment is 612.

WIS – Steve Sailsbery reported:

- Report cards will go home on January 10, 2020.
- New counselor, Xochitl Rodriguez, started before Christmas break and is settling in.
- Deputy Alves presented information on “vaping” at a staff meeting. Sensors for the bathrooms should be installed by the first of February.
- Procedural assemblies will be held on January 16, 2020.
- SIP classroom visits will be held on January 22, 2020. Some staff members will be going to visit classrooms at WHS.
- First semester academic awards assemblies will be held on January 24, 2020.
- E-Waste ASB fundraiser will be held on February 1, 2020. Bring e-waste, and monetary donations are appreciated.
- All 7th graders will be going on River Jim trips May 22, 2020, and May 29, 2020. All 6th graders go on the River Jim trips, but they were not able to go last year. The current 6th graders went in the fall.
- Mister Brown upcoming events:
 - January 28, 2020 – student day with grade level assemblies and lunch. All students will receive t-shirts that say “Choose Well – Oh Yeah!”
 - February 5, 2020 – parent night to include dinner. Theme is connecting with your kids.
 - May 1, 2020 – student day to kick off state testing and finishing strong.
- Willows Lions Club/City of Willows Recreation Department’s basketball tournament is January 9-11, 2020.

WHS – David Johnstone reported:

- Winter concert was amazing. The event was well attended, with the venue packed with people.
- Six members of the Honker band will be attending the CMEA Northern Section High School Select Honor Band performance on January 17-18, 2020 at Chico State.
- Winter homecoming is going well, and students are full of spirit. All four teams will play on January 10, 2020 starting with JV Girls at 3:00 p.m.
- 62 pigs were delivered, with 30 staying at the school farm. 118 entries for the fair are as follows: 70 pigs, 10 rabbits, 7 steers, 3 heifers, 3 turkeys, 14 goats, 5 lambs, and 6 dairy cows.
- Robotics team made a presentation and shared their robot.
- Drama class will be putting on a play “Father’s Been to Mars” on January 31, 2020 and February 1, 2020. Cost is \$5.00.
- Greg Kitchen and his wife had a baby girl on December 15, 2019. They are all doing well.
- Varsity girls’ basketball team has had an excellent tournament season, winning several tournaments.
- Wrestling team took 1st place at the Modoc Small School Tournament.

WCBS – Dr. Geivett reported:

- Annual pancake breakfast was held before Christmas break. Thank you to Gina Taylor for attending.
- First Annual Door Decorating contest was held before Christmas. Everybody participated to include students, the District Office, and Deputy Alves. Juniors/Seniors won the contest, and it’s still decorated.
- Enrollment is 32 students. First student of the year has graduated.

4.4 Director of Business Services – Debbie Costello reported:

- Governor’s proposed 2020/21 budget should be released January 10, 2020.
- Received notification of a bequest from the estate of William M. Nord in the amount of \$50,000 to be used for scholarships at Willows High School. Mr. Nord was a long time teacher with the District.
- P-1 attendance reports (ADA through December 20, 2019) have just been completed. ADA has declined as compared to 2018/19.
 - 2018/19 P-1 ADA: 1,396.70
 - 2019/20 P-1 ADA: 1,374.71
- Measure B Bond audit report should be available for the February board meeting.

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

- Per a request from the board at the December board meeting, information regarding the suicide questions on the California Healthy Kids Survey for the last several years were distributed and reviewed.
- Distributed and went over information regarding the California School Dashboard.

4.6 Superintendent – No report

4.7 Board of Education Members

Buck Ward reported:

- Attended the Honker Band Winter Concert, and it was very impressive.

Michelle Knight reported: No report

Jeromy Geiger reported:

- Encouraged administrators to have student groups make board presentations like the Robotics club did.

Gina Taylor reported:

- Attended the Honker Band Winter Concert, and it was very festive and the band was fantastic.
- Thank you to the family of Mr. Nord for the generous bequest to the District.
- Homecoming week has been a great week. It’s been good having it the week after break.
- Looking forward to attending the North State Honor Band concert on January 18, 2020.

Alex Parisio reported:

- Varsity Girls Basketball have had a very successful tournament season. Should be a good season.
- Homecoming has been a good week, and being the week right after break has been a good thing.
- FFA and Ag teachers are doing a great job of building the program. Number of animals has increased every year.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. GENERAL

1. Approve the WUSD Obsolete/Surplus Equipment List.

B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. Approve Interdistrict Request for Student #19-20-43 to attend school in the Willows Unified School District for the 2019/20 school year.
2. Approve Interdistrict Request for Student #19-20-30 to attend school in another district for the 2019/20 school year.

C. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Approve the following WHS Winter Sports Coaches for the 2019/20 school year:

Girls Basketball Volunteer Coach	Monica Hutson-Throm
Girls Soccer Volunteer Coach	Evelyn Zepeda
Wrestling Volunteer Coach	Nate Monck
2. Approve the following WHS Spring Sports Coaches for the 2019/20 school year:

Varsity Baseball Head Coach	Mike Rakestraw
Baseball Volunteer Coach	Darren Reed
Baseball Volunteer Coach	Josh Allen
Varsity Softball – Head Coach	Jose Cano
JV Softball – Head Coach	Nikeedra Davis
Boys Track Head Coach	Mike Biggs
Girls Track Head Coach	Robert Stupey
Boys Tennis Head Coach	David Stewart
Golf Head Coach	Jake Hutson

D. BUSINESS SERVICES

1. Approve budget revision summary.
2. Approve warrants from 12/11/19 through 12/20/19.

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

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

NOES: None

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION CALENDAR

A. GENERAL

1. **(Action)** Approve Resolution #2019-20-04, Day of the Volunteer.
Mr. Geiger moved, seconded by Mrs. Taylor to approve Resolution #2019-20-04 Day of the Volunteer. (Roll call vote was taken.)
AYES: Geiger, Knight, Parisio, Taylor, and Ward
NOES: None
MOTION PASSED: 5-0
2. **(Action)** Approve Resolution #2019-20-05 Board Member Compensation.
Mrs. Taylor moved, seconded by Mr. Geiger to approve Resolution #2019-20-05 Board Member Compensation. (Roll call vote was taken.)
AYES: Geiger, Parisio, Taylor, and Ward
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Knight
MOTION PASSED: 4-0-1
3. **(Information)** Williams Uniform Complaints Quarterly Report. (There were no complaints.) – Information only – no action taken.

B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. **(Action)** Approve the Revised 2018/19 Single Plan for Student Achievement for Murdock Elementary.
Mr. Geiger moved, seconded by Mrs. Knight to approve the Revised 2018/19 Single Plan for Student Achievement for Murdock Elementary.
AYES: Geiger, Knight, Parisio, Taylor, and Ward
NOES: None
MOTION PASSED: 5-0

C. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. **(Discussion/Possible Action)** Approve the Agreement with DMP Educational Consulting for the Superintendent Search. Mr. Parisio and Mrs. Taylor met with Debra Pearson, DMP Educational Consulting, and discussed the services that would be provided. A timeline was also put together:
 - o Position will open on January 21, 2020 and close on March 13, 2020.
 - o Survey will go out to staff for their input end of January.
 - o Special Board Meeting (Closed Session) on March 19, 2020 to review applications.
 - o Special Board Meeting (Closed Session) on March 28, 2020 to hold interviews.
 - o Approve the new superintendent at the April 2, 2020 Regular board meeting.
 Mr. Geiger moved, seconded by Mrs. Taylor to approve the Agreement with DMP Educational Consulting in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the WUSD Superintendent search.
AYES: Geiger, Knight, Parisio, Taylor, and Ward
NOES: None
MOTION PASSED: 5-0

D. BUSINESS SERVICES

1. **(Action)** Independent Auditors Report for Period Ending June 30, 2019 (2018/19).
Mr. Geiger moved, seconded by Mrs. Taylor to approve the Independent Auditor’s report for the period ending June 30, 2019.
AYES: Geiger, Knight, Parisio, Taylor, and Ward
NOES: None
MOTION PASSED: 5-0
2. **(Discussion/Possible Action)** Approve proposal/agreement with Green Energy Innovations to complete an energy saving lighting project for the Football Stadium.
Mr. Geiger moved, seconded by Mrs. Knight to approve the agreement with Green Energy Innovations in the amount of \$64,685.00 to replace the Football Stadium lights with 32-500W LED lights.
AYES: Geiger, Knight, Parisio, Taylor, and Ward
NOES: None
MOTION PASSED: 5-0

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

7.1 Monday, January 20, 2020 is a district-wide holiday – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

7.2 The WHS Boosters Annual Fundraising Dinner will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., St. Monica’s Parish Hall.

7.3 The Academic Decathlon Competition will be held on Saturday, February 1, 2020 at Orland High School.

7.4 The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on February 6, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at the Willows Civic Center.

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

At 8:35 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 8:47 p.m.

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

10. **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

10.1 Announcement of Action Taken in Closed Session

At 8:52 p.m., the meeting reconvened to Open Session. President Parisio reported out:

Item 9.1: Update given to the Board.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.