

WILLOWS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting – December 4, 2008

Regular Session 7:00 P.M.

Willows City Council Chambers

201 N. Lassen Street, Willows, CA 95988

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1 Roll Call – President Brott called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Mrs. Brott, Mrs. Domenighini, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Parisio, Mrs. Ward Absent: None
- 1.2 Welcome to Visitors
- 1.3 Flag Salute – Mrs. Ward led the flag salute and dedicated it to the children of Willows and Glenn County.

2. AGENDA/MINUTES

- 2.1 Consider approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting of 11/06/08 – Mrs. Domenighini moved, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to approve the Minutes. The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes.
- 2.2 Consider approval of Agenda for 12/04/08 – Mr. Thompson moved, seconded by Mrs. Ward, to approve the Agenda. The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes.

3. RECOGNITION OF RETIRING BOARD MEMBER

- 3.1 Laurel Hill Ward – Mrs. Ward was presented with a plaque and thanked for her 8 years of service on the Board.

4. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

- 4.1 New Members will be sworn in and election of officers will take place – Mr. Thompson and Mr. Geiger were sworn in by President Brott. Election of officers was held. Mrs. Brott was selected President, Mr. Parisio was selected as Vice President, and Mr. Thompson was selected as Clerk.

5. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

None

6. REPORTS

- 6.1 Employee Associations (WUTA & CSEA) – No reports.
- 6.2 Principals –
(WHS) Mr. Geivett reported:
 - The CAHSEE will be given this Saturday and the next Saturday for seniors who have not yet passed the test. WHS had several tutorials for students on math and language arts. Sophomores will take a practice test for the CAHSEE on December 11.
 - Fall sports awards will be held on Monday, at 7:00 p.m., in the cafeteria.
 - 30 freshmen and seniors are involved in a pilot study for a computer-based Algebra course.
 - School Site Council meeting will be held on December 11 at 7:00 a.m.
 - Finals will be held on December 15-19 and the semester will end prior to the Christmas break.
 - Students will be on winter break and return to school on January 5.
 - WHS Boosters will meet on January 5 at 7:30 p.m. in room 205. They do many special things for the entire school.
 - A financial aid workshop will be held on January 8.
 - Report cards will go home on January 9.
 - Mrs. Pastorino has submitted the WHS Band's video and application to play in the President's Inaugural Parade in Washington, D.C.

- He thanked Mrs. Ward for her hard work and dedication and welcomed Mr. Geiger to the Board.
- Bianca Ramirez, ASB President, reported: Varsity volleyball and football had very successful seasons. The JV Football team was undefeated all season. Soccer, basketball and wrestling have started. ASB and Culture Club are sponsoring a family for Christmas. Key Club received 200 cans of food to donate. Monday will be the first blood drive of the year. The Christmas Rally will be held on December 13.

(WIS) Mr. Sailsbery reported:

- He thanked Mrs. Ward for her years of service to the Board and for her support of WIS.
- He gave the Board a handout of dates for athletic activities and other events for December.
- Grade level team meetings will be held on December 10 and 11.
- Next Wednesday at 6:30 the band program will be held.
- They need “B” coaches for boys and girls basketball.
- He welcomed seventh grader Ben Baca to the meeting, who was there to check out local government in action.

(WCHS) Mr. Rutherglen reported:

- He told Mrs. Ward he enjoyed working with her and thanked her for her help.
- Independent Study teacher Matt Steele had taken a job as a teacher at WHS. Mrs. Kathleen Graham would be taking his place.
- The awards presentation will be held on Friday at 11:00.
- CAHSEE exams will be held the next two Saturdays.

(MES) Mrs. Parsons reported:

- She thanked Mrs. Ward for all she had done for them.
- The first trimester awards were held this morning.
- The cookie dough had arrived and had been delivered.
- The School Site Council will be meeting on December 11.
- The staff participated in the Adopt a Family program.
- Many special programs will be held on December 17 and 18. The chorus would be performing at different functions around the community.
- Many classes will be attending movies at AMH.
- Teachers have met for grade level meetings on the new math adoption.
- The English/Language Arts adoption selections will take place in the spring.
- Murdock will have a CPM review next year.

- 6.3 Director of Business Services – Mrs. Skala reported she was working on the audit which is due on December 15. She will go over details with the Board during the January meeting. The 2006/07 audit waiver had been approved for instructional minutes. Interim reports are due to the GCOE by December 15. It was almost completed and a special meeting would be necessary to approve the final report. She thanked Steven Rudy for his help in creating the 2009/10 budget and it was already in the system. This will allow time for her to work with principals on budget development. The State is in a fiscal emergency. We know there will be 0% COLA this year and next. January 12 the Governor should release his budget with the midyear cuts. She is working on a WUSD display for the Avenue of Lights at the Glenn County fairgrounds. She said all things are donated so there will be no cost to the District.
- 6.4 Director of Technology Services – Mr. Lillie thanked Mrs. Ward and wished her well. He had a busy week. He completed a major upgrade – twice, because there was a glitch in the first upgrade. He had the first meeting with teachers to develop the Tech Plan. He is ready to file form 470 now for next year’s Erate. The form 471 needs to be submitted by February 12. The library software will be updated over the break.
- 6.5 Director of Transportation/Facilities Operations – No report.
- 6.6 Director of Categorical Programs – Mrs. Perez thanked Mrs. Ward. Wednesday, December 4 the certification for student identifier was completed. She thanked Linda Ell, Julie Soeth, Shelley Taylor, and Liz Bettencourt for their help. A DELAC meeting will be held on December 11 at the WIS library at 7:00 p.m.
- 6.7 Superintendent – Dr. Olmos reported there will be a special meeting to adopt the First Interim Report. He said a local paper had received and printed a copy of the Budget Review Committee’s report, even though the District has still not received a copy. GCOE has received a copy. He introduced Pat Goss to the Board and said she was a great resource and a good addition to the team. Dr. Olmos thanked Coach Jim Ward for his successful football season. He said it was a wonderful season and the last game was great. He also thanked everyone who had helped with the

game; Delbert with grounds, maintenance crew, and Shelley Taylor. Dr. Olmos said there were so many different groups helping with the game, including Chief Spears and Sheriff Larry Jones. Dr. Olmos thanked Mrs. Ward for giving him the opportunity to come back to Glenn County. He wanted to give her a big sendoff, but he respected her wishes. He asked her to keep in touch and send WUSD her best teachers.

6.8 Governing Board Members reported:

- Mrs. Domenighini thanked Mrs. Ward for her time on the Board. She had worked with Mrs. Ward and respected her work. She attended the FFA dinner and it was very good. She attended the last SELPA meeting and she continues to be concerned about expenses for transportation and programs. She complimented the WHS English teachers because students were prepared for college English when they completed high school.
- Mr. Parisio attended the Murdock awards presentation and delivered cookies for their fundraiser. He welcomed Jeromy Geiger to the Board and thanked Mrs. Ward. He said there was a good crowd at the FFA dinner. He congratulated the volleyball teams. The football playoff game was a great game. He thanked all the people who worked behind the scenes and congratulated Mr. Jim Ward for a great first year as Head Varsity Football Coach.
- Mrs. Ward said she was sorry she had missed a few meetings. She thanked the Board members. She was very excited to see Ben Baca attending the meeting. Mrs. Ward hopes to come back to WUSD in her capacity as a teacher trainer for CSU Chico.
- Mr. Thompson said he had tremendous respect for Mrs. Ward and gave her his best wishes. He wished Mr. Geiger the best of luck. He was confident that the District would get through the rough times.
- Mrs. Brott thanked Mrs. Ward and said she appreciated that Mrs. Ward always made sure every voice was heard. She was glad Mr. Thompson was serving another term on the Board and welcomed Mr. Geiger. She thanked Mrs. Pat Goss for coming to the meeting. Mrs. Brott attended the FFA dinner and the WCHS Thanksgiving dinner. She thanked Shelley Taylor and Liz Beck for their work on the WCHS dinner. She told Mr. Jim Ward she respected him very much. He rose to the occasion and she knew that kids were his priority. It had been a great game. She also had attended several WIS volleyball games.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. GENERAL

1. Acknowledge WUSD is CIPA (Children's Internet Protection Act) compliant for the 2008/09 school year. District has Technology Protection Measures and an Internet Safety Policy in place.
2. Accept donation of \$10,000, in memory of Trenton Knight, for Freshmen sports from JoAnne Knight.

B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. Approve Interdistrict transfers for Student #08-09-76 to attend school in another district for the 2008/09 school year.
2. Approve Interdistrict transfers for Students #08-09-39 to attend school in the WUSD for the 2008/09 school year.

C. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Ratify employment of Dana Lundgren as Temporary PE Teacher at WHS.
2. Accept resignation of Darrell Schonauer as JV Volleyball Coach and ratify employment of Neisha Weinrich as his replacement.
3. Ratify employment of the following Coaches for WHS:
 - Terri Moore and Jeff Fleming as co-Coaches for Varsity Girls Basketball.
 - Hillary Berens – Volunteer Varsity Girls Basketball
 - Faith Thompson – Head Cheerleading Coach
 - Ed Zuckerman – Head Wrestling Coach
 - Andy Zuckerman – Asst. Wrestling Coach
 - Matt Zuckerman – Volunteer Wrestling Coach
 - Darrell Schonauer – Varsity Boys Basketball Coach
 - Brian Erickson – Volunteer Varsity Boys Basketball Coach
 - Richard Welsh – J.V. Boys Basketball Coach
 - Nicholas Struyf – J.V. Girls Basketball Coach
 - Jose Cano – Varsity Boys Soccer Coach
 - Ruben Garcia – Volunteer Varsity Boys Soccer Coach

Bud Ramirez – Varsity Girls Soccer Coach
Dana Lundgren – Volunteer Varsity Girls Soccer Coach

4. Ratify employment of Andy Mora as 8th Grade Boys “B” Basketball Coach and Bill Murray as Assistant Wrestling Coach at WIS.
5. Ratify employment of Matt Steele as Temporary Social Science Teacher at WHS.

D. BUSINESS SERVICES

1. Consider approval of budget revisions.
2. Consider approval of warrants from 11/05/08 through 11/19/08.

Mr. Parisio asked for item A2 to be pulled and voted on separately. Mrs. Domenighini moved, seconded by Mrs. Ward, to approve the Consent Calendar with item A2 pulled. The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes. Mr. Parisio said he felt the donation from Mrs. Trent in her son Trent’s name needed to be acknowledged in a special way. Willows lost Trenton a few years ago and his dad last year. He felt Mrs. Trent was doing a great thing. Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Mrs. Ward, to approve item 2A on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes. Mrs. Brott said the parents of the 8th graders had met and intended to pay the money forward for freshmen volleyball and football. They will continue with fundraisers this year so that future freshmen will have the opportunity to play sports.

8. DISCUSSION/ACTION CALENDAR

A. GENERAL

B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. **(Action)** – First Reading of the following Board Policies (Maintenance Updates):

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| BP | 1020 | Youth Services |
| BP/AR | 3311 | Bids |
| BP/AR | 3514 | Environmental Safety |
| BP | 3517 | Facilities Inspection |
| BP/AR | 4112.24 | Teacher Qualifications Under the No Child Left Behind Act |
| BP | 4132 | Publication or Creation of Materials |
| | 4232 | |
| | 4332 | |
| BP | 4136 | Nonschool Employment |
| | 4236 | |
| | 4336 | |
| BP | 4137 | Tutoring |
| BP | 4151 | Employee Compensation |
| BP | 4251 | |
| | 4351 | |
| BP/AR | 4161 | Leaves |
| | 4261 | |
| BP | 4361 | Leaves |
| BP/AR | 5112.1 | Exemptions from Attendance |
| BP/AR | 5131.1 | Bus Conduct |
| BP | 6141 | Curriculum Development and Evaluation |
| BP | 6141.5 | Advanced Placement |
| BP/AR | 6142.1 | Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction |
| BP/AR | 6142.8 | Comprehensive Health Education |
| BP/AR | 6146.11 | Alternative Credits Toward Graduation |
| BP | 6162.6 | Use of Copyrighted Materials |
| BP/AR | 6163.2 | Animals at School |
| BP/AR | 6172 | Gifted and Talented Student Program |
| BP/AR | 6172.1 | Concurrent Enrollment in College Classes |
| BP | 6178.2 | Regional Occupational Center/Program |
| AR | 7160 | Charter School Facilities |
| BB | 9124 | Attorney |
| BB | 9324 | Minutes and Recordings |

Mrs. Domenighini expressed her concerns regarding BP 9124 and BP 9324. She did not feel the President of the Board should have the right to consult the attorney unless they had prior approval of the Board. She wanted the Policy to be changed to reflect that. Discussion ensued.

2. **(Action)** Consider expulsion of Student #2008-09-02. Administration recommends: Student #2008-09-02 be expelled through the end of the spring semester of 2008/09. The expulsion shall be suspended and the student will be enrolled in Willows Community High School through the end of the fall semester. Upon successful completion of the Stipulated Expulsion Option, the student will return to Willows High School. Periodic drug testing will be completed at no cost to the District and the student should seek and show successful attendance in a substance abuse counseling program outside the District (at no cost to the District). A counselor/site administrator will review this contract with the student upon his/her return to school after signing this document. Any violation of the Stipulated Expulsion Order, which includes 30 hours of volunteer community service, will result in the Student's immediate expulsion and placement in the Willows High Community Day School without further Board Hearing. Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to accept the administration's recommendation. The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes.

C. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. **(Discussion/Action)** Possible budget cuts for 2009/10 school year – Mrs. Skala distributed copies of the budget. She and Mr. Rudy explained the District's financial situation and answered questions. After discussion, Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Mrs. Domenighini, to approve the list of possible budget cuts. The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes.

D. BUSINESS SERVICES

1. **(Action)** Consider approval transfer from fund 20 (post retirement) to fund 17 (special reserve) to cover Designated Economic Uncertainty (DEU) levels. Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Mrs. Ward, to approve the transfer. The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The WIS Music Program will be held on December 10 at 6:30 p.m. The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 15, 2009, at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting adjourned to a 5 minute break and then Closed Session at 8:53 p.m.

10. CLOSED SESSION

1. Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6: Conference with Labor Negotiator – Agency negotiator: Steve Olmos. Employee Organization: WUTA/CSEA.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.