

WILLOWS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Meeting, Thursday, February 12, 2009

Special Session 5:00 P.M.

Willows City Council Chambers

201 N. Lassen Street, Willows, CA 95988

UNAPPROVED - TO BE
ACTED UPON AT NEXT
REGULAR BOARD MTG.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Roll Call – President Brott called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Present: Mrs. Brott, Mr. Geiger, Mr. Parisio, Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Domenighini. Absent: None

1.2 Flag Salute – Led by Mrs. Shona Hurlburt.

2. AGENDA

2.1 Consider approval of Agenda for 2-12-09, Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes.

3. DISCUSSION/ACTION CALENDAR

A. BUSINESS

1. **(Discussion/Action)** Consider approval of revised Fiscal Recovery Plan – Dr. Olmos read through the plan explaining changes. The plan is divided into 3 sections: current, next year and alternatives. It was discussed that closing WIS was not something the Board wanted to consider. It was recommended by Mrs. Goss, if the budget continued to decline, to perhaps have “closing a school” on the list. Hopefully, the District would never get to this point. There was discussion on Interdistricts and how the COE didn’t adhere to any certain criteria when they approved or disapproved a request.

- Mrs. Mary Holzapfel, parent, spoke in favor of keeping CSR, Assistant Principals, athletics and band. She suggested all employees take a 5% cut in salaries.
- Mrs. Kathy Kampschmidt, grandparent, felt everything needed to be cut in some way.
- Mrs. Kathy Parsons, MES Principal, spoke on large class sizes. She also explained how many duties the teachers had and how cuts in yard duty personnel would affect the teachers.
- Mr. Parisio was concerned about an increase in traffic at the schools when the in-town busing was eliminated. Mr. Thompson said he could not support cutting crossing guards because the safety of the children comes first. Mrs. Brott asked if there could be a safer way of dropping off kids. Dr. Olmos said that he and Chief Spears had spoken numerous times about ways to maximize safety.
- Mrs. Joyce Ksander, WIS teacher, was concerned about losing counselors. She also questioned what would happen to NCLB with all the economic issues in California.

There was further discussion.

Mrs. Goss said the plan contained suggestions, but it was really up to the Board which items they wanted to keep. Mrs. Brott noted that some items in the plan hadn’t been added to the cut list. Mrs. Goss noted the District had a lot of Title I aides and the elimination of aides would increase categorical dollars. Mr. Rudy had the figures for the PARS retirement incentive. Mrs. Goss said she had gone to GCOE and told them she was supporting PARS.

Going through the Fiscal Recovery Plan page by page:

Page 9 = OK

Page 10 = OK

Page 11 = “Look at alternative funding sources” – keep Crossing Guards

Page 12 = “Look at alternative funding sources:

Page 13 = OK

Page 14 = OK

Page 15 = OK

Page 16 =OK

Page 17 = Add “Reduce days/hours”

Page 18 = Yes

- Page 19 = OK**
- Page 20 = OK**
- Page 21 = OK**
- Page 22 = OK**
- Page 24 = Add this item to Budget Cut List**
- Page 25 = OK**
- Page 26 = “Close a school site”**
- Page 28 = OK**
- Page 29 = Cut**
- Page 30 = OK**
- Page 31 = OK**
- Page 32 = Cut**
- Page 33 = OK**
- Page 34 = OK**
- Page 35 = OK**
- Page 36 = Cut**
- Page 37 = OK**
- Page 38 = OK**
- Page 39 = OK**

Mrs. Domenighini moved, seconded by Mr. Geiger, to approve the Fiscal Recovery Plan with changes. The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes.

2. **(Discussion/Action)** Prioritize revised Budget Cuts List – After discussion it was decided to remove from the list for consideration: #18 – Pool, #23 – WHS Sports, #24 – Management Days reduction. PARS would be added to the list and #29 1% roll back for all employees would be changed to 5%. Direction was given to Superintendent Olmos to make additions/corrections to list and then prioritize the Budget Cut List for next Thursday’s Meeting.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT

The next **Special Meeting** of the Willows Unified School District Board will be held on Thursday, February 19, 2009, at 5:00 p.m. at the Willows Civic Center. There will be a special meeting of the Board at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 26, 2009 at the Willows Civic Center.

At 8:05 p.m., the meeting adjourned for a 10 minute recess and then Closed Session.

5. CLOSED SESSION

1. Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6: Conference with Labor Negotiator – Agency negotiator: Steve Olmos. Employee Organizations: WUTA/CSEA. Unrepresented employees: Management/Confidential Direction was given to negotiator.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.