

WILLOWS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting – September 6, 2007

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 – Mrs. Brott called the Meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. after a malfunction of the recorder was repaired. Mrs. Brott, Mr. Parisio, Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Domenighini were present. Mrs. Ward was absent.
- 1.2 Welcome to Visitors
- 1.3 Flag Salute – The flag salute was led by ASB President Alex Ballew.

2. AGENDA/MINUTES

- 2.1 Consider approval of Minutes for 8/02/07 and 8/25/07 – Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Mr. Thompson to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting 8/02/07 and the Special Meeting of 8/25/07. The motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 absent.
- 2.2 Consider approval of Agenda for 9/06/07 – It was noted that Consent Calendar item C(10) was a duplicate and needed to be removed. Government Code numbers for the Closed Session should have been: §54957 and §54957.6. Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Mr. Thompson to approve the Agenda with the corrections. The motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 absent.

3. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

None

4. REPORTS

4.1 Employee Associations – CSEA/WUTA – No report

4.2 Principals:

(WHS) – Mr. Geivett reported:

- Fall sports had started.
- The Library was now open Monday – Thursday evenings from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- The After School Academy was being held Monday – Thursday from 2:50 – 3:00 p.m.
- Back to School Night will be held on September 12 from 6:30 – 8:15 p.m. They will be doing things differently this year. Parents will meet in the cafeteria for a few words from Mr. Geivett and Dr. Olmos and then will be free to visit any classroom. Teachers will have projects and programs and this will give parents the opportunity to see what is happening everyday in the classrooms. FFA will have a hot dog fundraiser that night.
- Progress reports go out on September 19 and all students will receive one.
- Friday, September 14 is the Willows/Orland game. Students will have a Spirit Day theme of Victory with Honor.
- The classes of the 1970's will have a reunion and a fundraiser for WHS at the September 21 football game.
- College night will be on October 26. They are inviting former students to come and talk about what to expect with dorm life and apartment living.
- The CAHSEE testing will be held on October 2 and 3. Tutoring will be offered to students prior to that date.
- They are very pleased with the results of the API. WHS scores were up by 10 points. They will be developing yearly goals and will give them to Dr. Olmos to share in the Board packet.
- Alex Ballew, ASB president, reported: Freshmen orientation had gone well; they hope to pump up their spirit and get them more involved. Homecoming will have a television theme.

(WCHS) Mr. Rutherglen reported:

- WCHS and the District Office had a BBQ at the school with the staff and students. He thanked Mrs. Brott for attending.
- He thanked Mr. Bultema and the maintenance crew for all of their efforts to make the moves and changes go very smoothly.
- The drug dogs visited the school. There will be two visits this month and they are working on future dates. Things had gone very well.
- The Aeries training was good.
- Mr. Sonberg and Mrs. Evans will be attending a Too Good for Drugs seminar on September 19.
- Back to School Night will be on September 20 and will start at 5:00 with a BBQ.

(WIS) Mr. Sailsbery reported:

- Things were going great. SRO Alves will be teaching the D.A.R.E. program to all of the fifth graders.
- The magazine sales fundraiser had started with an assembly today.
- There will be a watermelon feed for all of the students and staff as a reward for the great AYP/API scores. They will celebrate with music and watermelon.
- They had their first fire drill last week.
- Volleyball starts next week and intramurals started this week.
- Standards-based Interventions start next week.
- WIS has partnered with the City of Willows to have LA-TEC and M-TEC classes after school. The teachers will target basic and high basic students in Language Arts and Math. This program has proven to be a success.
- Back to School Night will be held on September 13 at 6:30 p.m. Dr. Olmos will speak and then the parents will have the opportunity to follow their child's schedule and meet their teachers.
- Mr. Shively and Mr. Johnson will be taking the Opportunity students on an overnight field trip to Lake Enright. There will be lots of outdoor activities and they will all focus on the Standards.
- Mrs. Brott thanked Mr. Sailsbery and Mr. Bazan for being in front of the school everyday to personally greet each student as they arrive.
- Scores were up and he reported that Mr. Sailsbery and Mr. Bazan had held an assembly to get kids "fired up" to do well during the testing period. He did an all call to let the students know that they had outscored the surrounding schools in the County. They were very excited. He also noted that the newspaper had incorrectly reported C.K. Price's scores, so the public didn't know that WIS had beat Orland.

(MUR) Mrs. Parsons reported:

- They have completed the beginning of the year assessments and have started intervention classes.
- They were very happy with the scores on the AYP/API tests.
- Picture Day and Back to School Night will be held on September 11 with an assembly and then classroom visitation.
- September 24 the cookie dough fundraiser will start.

4.3 Director of Business Services – Mr. Bultema reported:

- The audit results had 2 findings: an ASB finding and instructional minutes finding at the high school.
- The Aeries software training was going well. The teachers will receive training for Gradebook.
- Negotiations will be starting with CSEA/WUTA.

4.4 Director of Technology – Mr. Lillie reported:

- The Aeries was doing well. He thanked Mr. Bultema for being his "tech assistant" whenever needed.
- When the Renaissance Learning program was installed, the server was not configured correctly. It is frustrating for the teachers and Mr. Lillie. They are straightening out the problem.
- They are still trying to find temporary helpers so Mr. Lillie can catch up.
- He had contacted the County for greater ability to help their teachers with their computers. The answer was no. This is unfortunate because he can't supply the level of support for their teachers as he can for ours.

4.5 Director of Transportation/Facilities Operations – Mrs. Taylor reported:

- She is applying for a couple of grants in order to obtain new buses. One is from the Air Resource Board and would cover the entire cost. She has a meeting on September 20 and one bus might qualify. The other grant is a Small School Grant.
 - Mr. Parisio asked if any of our buses were at the new level of requirement. Mrs. Taylor said that none of them had ever failed.
- 4.6 Director of Categorical Programs – STAR (Standardized Testing and Reporting) update; APR (Accountability Progress Report) including AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) and API (Academic Performance Index); Physical Fitness Testing Results. Mrs. Perez was delighted to share the APR/AYP/API information with the Board. The schools had done very well with good scores and improvement. Mr. Thompson congratulated the students and the teachers for doing an excellent job. Mrs. Domenighini said she was excited that all sub groups had met their goals.
- 4.7 Superintendent – Dr. Olmos said that everyone was excited about the great test scores. He said the teachers, students, and administrators had worked very hard with great results. Dr. Olmos thanked everyone involved in getting ready for the beginning of school and said things were running very smoothly.
- 4.8 Governing Board Members reported:
- Mr. Parisio had visited 3 campuses so far and said they all looked good and were moving well. He attended the FFA meeting.
 - Mrs. Brott said she appreciated that even though we've done well, we're looking at areas to improve. She thanked the teachers for doing a fine job.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. GENERAL

B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. Consider approval of Interdistrict transfer requests for Students #08-16 through #08-18 to attend school in the WUSD for the 2007/08 school year.
2. Consider approval of Interdistrict transfer requests for Students #08-47 through #08-54 to attend school in another district for the 2007/08 school year.
3. Consider approval of field trip request from Amanda Samons to take 7 WHS FFA students to Superior Region FFA in Camp Tehama – Mill Creek September 15 through September 17, 2007.
4. Consider approval of field trip request from Amanda Samons to take 6-8 FFA students to the National FFA convention in Indianapolis, Indiana October 24-27, 2007. (Students will fundraise and pay expenses).
5. Consider approval of field trip request from Mr. Johnson and Mr. Shively to take alternative education students to the Englebright Reservoir on September 20-21, 2007, to the River Jim Outdoor Education Adventure.
6. Consider approval of attached list of students in concurrent enrollment at Butte College for Fall 2007. (lavender)

C. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Ratify employment of Amanda Samons as FFA Advisor and Doug Bell as Young Farmer's Advisor for the 2007/08 school year.
2. Ratify employment of the following Yard Duty Supervisors at WIS: Belinda Arnold, Jocabeth Nava, April Ell, John Bazan, Jackie Click, Corrin King.
3. Consider approval of Richard Parham as Volunteer Swim Coach for WHS.
4. Ratify employment of Casey Johnson as 8th grade girls Volleyball Coach for 2007/08.
5. Ratify employment of Mike Tate as 7th grade girls "A" Basketball Coach for 2007/08.
6. Ratify employment of Steve Jones as 8th grade boys "A" Basketball Coach for 2007/08.
7. Ratify employment of Veronica Esparza as Instructional Aide I at Willows Intermediate Community Day School.
8. Ratify employment of Elizabeth Anne Carroll as Yard Duty Supervisor at Murdock.
9. Ratify employment of Carol Sprague as Classified Substitute.
10. ~~Ratify employment of Jackie Click as Yard Duty Supervisor at WIS.~~ (Item removed 9/06/07)
11. Ratify employment of J.J. Grigsby as Classified Substitute.

D. BUSINESS SERVICES

1. Accept ASB Quarterly/Annual Report from WIS
2. Consider approval of warrants from 8-01-07 through 8-29-07.

Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to approve the Consent Calendar with noted corrections. The motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 absent.

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION CALENDAR

A. GENERAL

1. **(Action)** Consider donation of 2 automobiles from Keith Corum to WHS auto shop program – Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Mrs. Domenighini, to accept the donation. The motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 absent.
2. **(Possible Action)** Presentation: Voter Opinion Survey Results - Caldwell Flores Winters, Inc. – Mr. Greg Kato of Caldwell Flores Winters, Inc. gave a Power Point presentation on the survey results. He informed the Board they could try for the February election or the June election. There was discussion and it was the consensus of the 4 Board Members present to have the bond issue on the June 2008 ballot.

Mr. Parisio introduced Ms. Amanda Samons, WHS Ag. Teacher, to the Board. She introduced Josh Enos and Cole Perry, FFA students. Mr. Enos was very enthusiastic about going to the National FFA Convention and thanked the Board for allowing them to do so. The students are very excited about the future of the program and the community support shown to them.

3. **(Action)** Consider changing date of January 3, 2008 Meeting – Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to change the January meeting to January 10, 2008. The motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 absent.
4. **(Information/Discussion)** First Reading and Discussion of Board Policy revisions: AR 4127 (a-d), 4227, 4327 – Temporary Athletic Team Coaches plus (Exhibit 1) – A First Reading was held at this time and opportunity for public input was given.
5. **(Information/Discussion)** First Reading and Discussion of Board Policy revisions (buff):

Series: 0000 - Philosophy, Goals, Objectives and Comprehensive Plans

BP/AR 0420 – School Plans/Site Councils

AR 0420.4 – Charter Schools

BP/AR 0430 – Comprehensive Local Plan for Special Education

BP/AR 0520.4 – Quality Education Investment Schools

Series: 1000 – Community Relations

BP/AR 1330 – Use of School Facilities

Series: 3000 – Business and Noninstructional Operations

BP/AR 3280 – Sale, Lease, Rental of District-Owned Real Property

BP/AR 3515.2 – Disruptions

BP 3517 – Facilities Inspection

BP 3580 – District Records

Series: 4000 - Personnel

AR 4112.2 – Certification

BP/AR 4112.21 – Interns

BP/AR/E 4112.24 – Teacher Qualifications Under the No Child Left Behind Act

BP/AR 4131 – Staff Development

BP 4131.1 – Beginning Teacher Support/Induction

BP/AR 4131.5 – Professional Growth

BP/AR 4138 – Mentor Teachers

BP 4131.1 – Load/Scheduling/Hours of Employment

Series: 5000 - Students

AR 5111.1 – District Residency

AR 5144.2 – Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities)

BP/AR 5148.2 – Before/After School Programs

Series: 6000 - Instruction

AR 6112 – School Day

AR 6159 – Individualized Education Program

BP/AR 6159.1 – Procedural Safeguards and Complaint for Special Education

BP/AR 6161.1 – Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials

BP/AR 6162.52 – High School Exit Examination

BP/AR 6164.2 – Guidance/Counseling Services

Series: 7000 - Facilities

BP/AR 7214 – General Obligation Bonds

Series: 9000 – Board Bylaws

BB 9220 – Governing Board Elections

BB 9221 – Recruiting New Board Members

BB 9323 – Meeting conduct

A First Reading was held at this time and opportunity for public input was given.

B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. **(Action)** Consider approval of District Minimum Days – 10/24/07; 11/14/07; 1/23/08; 3/19/08 – Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Mr. Thompson to approve the minimum days. The motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 absent.
2. **(Action)** Consider approval of WIS Staff Development Minimum Days – 9/19/07; 2/27/08; 4/23/08; 5/21/08 – Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to approve the minimum days. The motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 absent.
3. **(Action)** Consider approval of WHS/WIS Minimum Days for STAR testing – 4/29/08; 4/30/08; 5/01/08 – Mrs. Domenighini moved, seconded by Mr. Parisio, to approve the minimum days. The motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 absent.
4. **(Action)** Consider approval of Murdock Minimum Day for parent conferences – 11/15/07 – Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Thompson, to approve the minimum days. The motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 absent.
5. **(Action)** Consider expulsion of Student #2007-08-01 from the WUSD. Administration recommends: Student #2007-08-01 be expelled from the WUSD through the end of school year 2007/08 for violation of Education Code §48900(c), possession and under the influence of a controlled substance. The expulsion shall be suspended and the student will be placed in the Willows Continuation High School. Any violation of the Stipulated Expulsion Order, which includes: substance abuse counseling, periodic drug testing, extended day on Fridays, and 50 volunteer community service hours will result in the student's immediate placement in the Willows High Community Day School without further Board Hearing – Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to accept the recommendation by Administration to expel Student #2007-08-01 from the WUSD. The motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 absent.
6. **(Action)** Consider expulsion of Student #2007-08-02 from the WUSD. Administration recommends: Student #2007-08-02 be expelled for the remainder of the 2007/08 school year for violation of Education Code §48900(c), possession and under the influence of a controlled substance. The expulsion shall be suspended and the student shall be enrolled in the WUSD Independent Study Program. The student will be allowed to return to Willows High School at the beginning of the spring semester. Any violation of the Stipulated Expulsion Order which includes: substance abuse counseling, periodic drug testing, and 25 hours of volunteer community service hours (by January 2008), 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 Administration's recommendation and expel Student #2007-08-02 from the WUSD. The motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 absent.

C. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. **(Action)** Ratify establishment of Committee on Assignments in accordance with Education Code §44258.7(d) for the 2007/08 school year – Mr. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. Parisio, to ratify establishment of Committee on Assignments. The motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 absent.
2. **(Action)** Consider approval of assignments of the following teachers per designated Education Code §44258.3/§44258.7 as noted:

Ellen Pastorino	Choir & Band (5-12)
Diana Abold	Art (5-6)
Mike Fleming	Spanish (7-8)
Carol Logan	Computer Literacy (7-8)
Sondra Landberg	Student Government/Drama (7-8)
Margaret Ansel	Reading (9-12)
Tom Chisholm	Algebra Lab (9-12)
Maria Herrera	Reading (9-12)
Pat Perry	Economics (12)
Randy Prinz	Yearbook (9-12)
(Jack Townley	<i>Beginning Sign Language [9-12] – Removed for separate vote)</i>
Amanda Samons	Algebra Lab (9-12)

Mrs. Brott asked that Beginning Sign Language (9-12), Mr. Townley be removed in order to be discussed and voted on separately. Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to approve assignments of teachers with Sign Language removed. The motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 absent.

Jack Townley, Beginning Sign Language [9-12] – Removed for separate vote – Questions were asked and answered about how, with declining enrollment, the high school had room for another class. Mr. Geivett explained to the Board that the Keyboarding class had become a semester class, so there was a need for another semester class to be offered. After further discussion, Mrs. Brott moved, seconded by Mr. Parisio, to approve the class for one semester because it was a new class. Mr. Geivett will report to the Board on his evaluation of the program and make a recommendation whether to continue the class for the second semester. The high school will be purchasing textbooks and Mr. Geivett and Mr. Townley will be having discussion on curriculum, standards, etc. The motion passed with 3 yes votes and 1 absent. Mr. Thompson voted no.

D. BUSINESS SERVICES

1. **(Action)** Surplus – Mr. Thompson moved, seconded by Mrs. Domenighini, to approve disposal of surplus technology items that had been stored for several years. The motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 absent.
2. **(Information/Discussion)** Process for budget reduction recommendations for 2008/09 – Mr. Bultema brought the Board up to date on the budget. This is the fourth year of spending down the reserves. The District needs to cut \$600,000 from the 2007/08 budget because of continuing declining enrollment and the Special Education bill-back. Mr. Bultema reported the District will solicit input of ideas from employees and the District at large. The time to act is now. Recommendations need to be made by January of 2008. There will be discussions and the Board will be kept informed. A Budget Committee will be formed.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Next Regular Board Meeting will be held at the Willows Civic Center on Thursday, October 4, 2007, at 7:00 P.M.
2. Back to School Nights:
 - Murdock – Tuesday, September 11 (7:00 – 8:00 p.m.)
 - WHS – Wednesday, September 12 (6:30 – 8:15 p.m.)
 - WIS – Thursday, September 13 (6:30 – 8:00 p.m.)
 - WCHS – Thursday, September 20 (5:00 – 6:30 p.m.)

8. CLOSED SESSION

The Meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 9:10 p.m.

1. Pursuant to Government Code §~~54956.7~~ 54957 (Corrected 9/06/07): Public employment – Status of Teachers
2. Pursuant to Government Code §~~54956.7~~ 54957.6 (Corrected 9/06/07): Conference with Labor Negotiator – Agency negotiator: Steve Olmos. Employee Organization: WUTA/CSEA; Unrepresented employees: Confidential/Management

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m. Direction was given to the negotiator.