

**WILLOWS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Regular Meeting – October 1, 2009**

**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 – Vice President Parisio called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Present were: Mr. Ward, Mr. Geiger, Mr. Parisio, Mrs. Domenighini. Absent: Mrs. Brott was absent due to a medical emergency with her daughter
- 1.2 Welcome to Visitors
- 1.3 Flag Salute – Led by Awaaz Patel

**2. AGENDA/MINUTES**

- 2.1 Consider approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting of September 3, 2009 – Mrs. Domenighini moved, seconded by Mr. Geiger, to approve the minutes. The motion passed with 4 yes votes – 1 absent.
- 2.2 Consider approval of Agenda for 10/1/09 – Mr. Geiger moved, seconded by Mr. Ward, to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion passed with 4 yes votes – 1 absent.

**3. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**

None

**4. REPORTS**

- 4.1 Employee Associations (WUTA & CSEA)  
(WUTA) Shelley Amaro, WUTA President reported:  
Mrs. Amaro spoke on behalf of WUTA regarding the proposed cuts, larger class sizes, and challenges that teachers are facing. She asked the Board to be the voice for everyone – to think of the students first but to remember the teachers.  
(CSEA) – No report.
- 4.2 Principals  
(WHS) Mr. Geivett reported:
  - A handout of the WHS activities was given to the Board
  - Back to School Night was held on September 9<sup>th</sup> and was successful. They changed the format from an “open house” format to a “period by period” format and had a positive response to the change by both parents and staff
  - Mr. Geivett gave a thank you to the River City Gators for the successful event that benefited both Willows Youth Football and WHS Athletics – each received \$750.00
  - Karen Simas came on board at WHS as the new secretary and is fitting in very well
  - Homecoming Week is in full swing and Awaaz Patel will report further on the activitiesAwaaz Patel – WHS ASB President reported:
  - Homecoming Week activities are taking place – the parade will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Friday – themes for the class floats are “movies” – there will also be a rally introducing the homecoming candidates
  - The first Blood Drive will be on October 15<sup>th</sup>
  - On October 24<sup>th</sup> the first Saturday dance will be held and it will be a Costume Ball – everyone is looking forward to it.Gene Massa – WHS Boosters Treasurer reported:
  - Mr. Massa stated that the WHS Boosters organization is a non-profit organization
  - He discussed his handout of income and expenses report for the reporting period of August, 2008 through July, 2009. He explained the request procedure for Boosters requests. He went

over the list of the many different clubs, sports teams, classes, etc. that benefit from WHS Boosters

(WIS) Mr. Sailsbery

- No report (he had given a handout to the Board of upcoming WIS activities prior to the meeting)

(MES) Mrs. Parsons

- No report (she had given a handout to the Board of upcoming MES activities prior to the meeting)

(WCHS) Dr. Olmos reported:

- WCHS has made a schedule change and now Mr. Smith is splitting his time between three sites: WCHS on Wednesdays from 9-11 a.m. Murdock on Mondays from 9 a.m.–1 p.m. and Wednesdays from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; and the remainder of his time at the high school

- 4.3 Director of Business Services – Ms. Skala shared a video with the audience from School Services of California about the State’s outlook on the economy. It stated that the State has to recover before schools will be able to and that all districts need to review their policies and be conservative – tough times are not over. Ms. Skala reported that we need to start addressing mid year cuts now. She gave the Board a FCMAT document dated 9/09 to look over. She also shared several letters from different districts and discussed an article from Jack O’Connell, State Superintendent of Schools that talked about budget. Ms. Skala shared that our district has worked very hard to address issues early but since the California budget is terrible, education is taking a huge hit. Ms. Skala also gave a handout to the Board on the budget which showed we are living with 2009-10 expenses but receiving revenues equal to 2004-05. Ms. Skala said we need to plan for the worst and hope for the best. Ms. Skala shared some good news with the Board. Asa Shively, a former Willows student, is working as an intern with the District through Butte College and is very helpful and wonderful to work with.
- 4.4 Director of Technology Services – Bob Lillie wanted to remind everyone that during the instructional break his department will be catching up on things. Probably on Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> the network will be down, including email, for part of the day. He also stated that CALPADS which is the State’s system for tracking student data is right online with Aeries so he is thankful we made the transition to Aeries when we did since it will make the CALPADS transition easier. CBEDS day is October 2, 2009.
- 4.5 Director of Transportation/Facilities Operations – No report. Mr. Geiger asked Mrs. Taylor if the participation had increased from Murdock to WIS. She said that it had gone up to between 40-50 students and anticipates an increase with winter coming.
- 4.6 Director of Categorical Programs – AYP/API results/Title III – Mr. Parisio stated that Mrs. Perez was ill and would report on these items at the November board meeting.
- 4.7 Superintendent – Dr. Olmos welcomed Mrs. Schmies to her first official board meeting
- 4.8 Governing Board Members – Mrs. Domenighini – no report; Mr. Geiger – no report; Mr. Ward – no report; Mr. Parisio shared that the reason Mrs. Brott wasn’t here this evening was that her daughter had gotten hurt after volleyball practice. He also said he is enjoying going to the football and volleyball games and visiting the school sites. Mr. Parisio said that he doesn’t like the cuts either and wants to work together with everyone as a team to find a solution.

## **5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **A. GENERAL**

### **B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

1. Approve Interdistrict Transfer request for Student #09-10-47 to attend school in another district for the 2009/10 school year.

### **C. HUMAN RESOURCES**

1. Ratify employment of Bao Chang as a Cafeteria Helper I for school year 2009/10.
2. Ratify employment of the following assignments at Murdock:

#### Yard Duty/Crossing Guard

Barbara Breuss  
Jamie Chang  
Debra Guzman  
Terry Mokler  
Julie Price  
Judy Spears

Samantha Taylor  
Laurin Tutsch

3. Ratify employment of Cherylle Waters as Independent Study Coordinator for Murdock for the school year 2009/10.
4. Ratify employment of the following extra duty assignments at WHS:  
Academic Decathlon Advisor  
Tori Perez

Saturday School Teachers

Eric Hanson  
Maria Herrera

CAHSEE Review Teachers

Amy Steele-Stemple  
Paul DiGrande

Library Night Hours

Margaret Ansel  
Paul DiGrande  
Maria Herrera

Detention

Margaret Ansel  
Tom Bryant  
Paul DiGrande  
Maria Herrera

After School Academy

Margaret Ansel  
Keri Conklin  
Paul DiGrande  
Teresa Woods

Amy Steele-Stemple

5. Ratify employment of the following coach for WHS:  
Varsity Head Football Coach      Jim Ward
6. Ratify employment of Karen Simas as Secretary II at Willows High School, effective September 14, 2009.
7. Accept resignation of Edward Zuckerman as WHS Head Wrestling Coach.

**D. BUSINESS SERVICES**

1. Consider approval of budget revisions.
2. Consider approval of warrants from 09/2/09 through 09/23/09.

Mr. Ward asked for item C-5 to be pulled. Mr. Geiger asked for item C-7 to be pulled for discussion. Mrs. Domenighini moved, seconded by Mr. Geiger, to approve the Consent Calendar with the exception of items C-5 and C-7. The motion passed with 4 yes votes – 1 absent. Item C-5: Mrs. Domenighini moved, seconded by Mr. Geiger, to approve Jim Ward as the WHS Head Football Coach. The motion passed with 3 yes votes – 1 abstaining (Mr. Ward) – 1 absent. Item C-7: Mr. Geiger thanked Coach Ed Zuckerman who was unable to attend the meeting for building one of the best “powerhouse” wrestling programs around and for his 20+ years of dedication. Mr. Geiger moved, seconded by Mrs. Domenighini, to approve the resignation of Ed Zuckerman as WHS Head Wrestling Coach. The motion passed with 4 yes votes – 1 absent.

**6. DISCUSSION/ACTION CALENDAR**

**A. GENERAL**

1. **(Information only)** Quarterly report on Williams Uniform Complaints per Education Code §35186. (There were no complaints)
2. **(Action)** Consider approval of the disposal of the attached non-value salvage items from WIS – Mr. Geiger moved, seconded by Mr. Parisio, to approve the disposal of the list of non-value items from WIS. The motion passed with 4 yes votes – 1 absent.
3. **(Action)** Consider approval of the disposal of the attached list of obsolete textbooks from WHS – Mrs. Domenighini moved, seconded by Mr. Geiger, to approve the disposal of obsolete textbooks from WHS. The motion passed with 4 yes votes – 1 absent.
4. **(Action)** Consider changing dates for the January 2010 board meeting to January 14, 2010 and for the June 2010 board meeting to June 17, 2010 – Mr. Ward thought maybe the audience might need clarification as to why the meetings needed to be changed. Dr. Olmos stated that for the January 2010 meeting the agenda would need to be out on January 1<sup>st</sup> which is a staff holiday. The June meeting would interfere with graduation. Mr. Geiger moved, seconded by Mr. Ward, to approve the motion to change the dates of the January and June 2010 meetings. The motion passed with 4 yes votes – 1 absent.

5. **(Action)** Second Reading of Revision to Board Policy 6146.1, Graduation Requirements – Mrs. Domenighini stated she will be voting no on this because she doesn't believe a student who doesn't pass the CAHSEE should be excluded from walking at graduation. She said the State mandates students to take the test but it is a WUSD policy that students who don't pass can not walk at graduation. Mr. Parisio stated that students have from their sophomore year until their senior year to pass the test. Mr. Geiger approved, seconded by Mr. Parisio, to approve the Graduation Requirements. The motion passed with 3 yes votes – 1 no (Mrs. Domenighini) – 1 absent.
6. **(Action)** Second Reading of the following Board Policies:
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| BP/AR/E 0520.2  | Title I Program Improvement Schools                 |
| BP 3280         | Sale or Lease of District-Owned Real Property       |
| BP/AR/E(6) 3320 | Claims and Actions Against the District             |
| BP/AR 4111.2    | Legal Status Requirement                            |
| 4211.2          |   |
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| BP/AR 4113      | Assignment  |
| AR 4161.8       | Family and Medical Leave                            |
| 4261.8          |   |
| 4361.8          |   |
| BP/AR 5125      | Student Records                                     |
| AR 5125.1       | Release of Directory Information                    |
| BP/AR 5126      | Awards for Achievement                              |
| BP/AR 5145.7    | Sexual Harassment                                   |
| BP/AR 6159.1    | Procedural Safeguards and Complaints for Special Ed |
| BP/AR 6163.4    | Student Use of Technology                           |
| AR 6164.4       | Identification and Evaluation for Special Ed        |
| BP 6300         | Preschool/Early Childhood Education                 |

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

Mrs. Domenighini moved, seconded by Mr. Geiger, to approve the second reading of the board policies mentioned above. The motion passed with 4 yes votes – 1 absent.

## **B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

### **C. HUMAN RESOURCES**

1. **(Action)** Consider approval of assignments of the following teachers per designated Education Code §44258.3/§44258.7 as noted:

Dianna Abold	Journalism/Leadership	Grades 7-8
Lauren Albert	Computer Literacy	Grades 7-8
Margaret Ansel	Reading	Grades 9-12
Mike Buckley	Computer Literacy	Grades 7-8
Tom Chisholm	World History	Grade 10
Mike Fleming	Spanish	Grades 7-8
Karen Furtado	Study Skills	Grade 6
Maria Herrera	Reading	Grades 9-12
Ellen Pastorino	Band & Choir	Grades 9-12
Pat Perry	Economics	Grade 12
Randy Prinz	Yearbook	Grades 9-12
Amanda Samons	Earth Science	Grade 9
Bill Shively	General Math	Grades 7-8
Amy Street	Sign Language	Grades 7-8
Addie Vierra	English 10	Grade 10

Mrs. Domenighini moved, seconded by Mr. Geiger, to approve the assignments of teachers per designated Education Code §44258.3/§44258.7. The motion passed with 3 yes votes – 1 abstaining (Mr. Parisio) – 1 absent.

### **D. BUSINESS SERVICES**

1. **(Discussion)** Possible budget cuts for 2010/11 school year: Dr. Olmos stated that the one time money is helping at this time only. The District has already made cuts over the last two years and that the proposed cut list will be devastating for our District and community. Discussion followed. Ms. Skala answered questions regarding the budget. BOSS was discussed. Mrs. Domenighini thought that the Board might want to add their stipends to the cut list and asked for this item to be

put on next month's agenda for discussion. Mrs. Joyce Ksander, WIS teacher, addressed the Board with concerns about the cut list. Mrs. Landry Otterson, a parent, addressed the Board with concerns about our API/AYP scores if we cut athletics or music. She said that it has been proven there is a direct correlation between these activities and better scores. She wants the Board to take this under serious consideration. She also offered her help to the Board in any way to be part of the solution. Mr. Parisio said that this was a discussion item only at this time and asked the audience for any ideas, suggestions or solutions. No one from the audience responded.

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 5, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at the Willows Civic Center.

The regular meeting was adjourned to closed session at 8:30 p.m. Mr. Parisio will report out in open session.

**8. CLOSED SESSION**

1. Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6: Conference with Labor Negotiator – Agency negotiator: Steve Olmos. Employee Organization: WUTA/CSEA, Non-represented: Management and Confidential.
2. Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(a): Conference with Legal Counsel: Existing Litigation – Tim Crews v. Willows USD, et. al, Case No. 09CV00697
3. Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6(b): Conference with Legal Counsel: Anticipated Litigation – one case

Closed session began at 8:45 p.m.

Mr. Parisio reported out in open session at 9:28 p.m. on the closed session items. Item No. 1: No action – information only; Item 2: Direction was given to the Superintendent and Counsel; Item 3: No action.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.