

# WILLOWS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Special Meeting – February 6, 2014

Special Session 5:00 p.m.

Willows City Council Chambers

201 N. Lassen Street, Willows, CA 95988

## SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

### 1. OPEN SESSION – CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1 Roll Call – President Ward called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. Board members present were: Mr. Geiger, Mrs. Knight, Mr. Ward, Mr. Parisio & Mr. Munguia.
- 1.2 Welcome to Visitors
- 1.3 Flag Salute was led by Mrs. Beymer.

### 2. AGENDA/MINUTES

- 2.1 Approve Special Agenda for February 6, 2014. Mr. Geiger moved, seconded by Mr. Munguia, to approve the Special Agenda for February 6, 2014.

**AYES: Geiger, Knight, Ward, Parisio & Munguia**

**NOES: None**

**MOTION PASSED 5-0**

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

### 4. DISCUSSION/ACTION CALENDAR

#### 4.1 (Action) Fiscal & Program Sustainability Plan

Dr. Geivett gave some background on the Fiscal & Program Sustainability Plan and stated that it has a historical basis. Mrs. Beymer handed out a “draft” Restoration Plan #1 to the board members and to the public. The plan consists of the board members’ priority lists they submitted to Dr. Geivett and is in **no particular order**. Also included on the Restoration Plan were suggestions from School Site Councils, DSLT members, and community members. Mr. Ward said his priority list consisted of:

- Rewarding staff
- Improving and repairing facilities
- Addressing safety issues
- Staffing at the K-3 level to reduce class sizes
- Technology issues
- Raising wages for the yard duty/crossing guard personnel

On the Restoration Plan there are several items that have to be negotiated. Dr. Geivett said he would like the opportunity to talk at the table first with the bargaining units before decisions are made. The Board asked what the dollar amount was they could work with to bring items back. Mrs. Beymer addressed the Board and reported that at First Interim the ending fund balance in undesignated, unappropriated, and unrestricted funding is about \$587,000. She said she felt comfortable in spending about half of the ending fund balance (\$250,000) for one-time expenditures only since the LCFF will not be final until June. Assessment needs for modernization were discussed which the District is in line for, but would have to match 40% of funding. Mrs. Beymer went over the Restoration Plan #1 by each line item.

Mrs. Proctor, WHS teacher, addressed the Board:

- She asked if funding is left over from the solar project does it go to facilities?
- Requested reinstating a class for ASB at the high school.

Mrs. Ksander, WIS teacher, addressed the Board. Her requests included:

- Provide hot water in the WIS faculty room (health issue)
- Replace 14-18 older chairs for the WIS faculty room (safety issue)
- Reading & Math Enhancement classes
- Increase the time for the counselor
- Provide more electives for the students

Ms. Moore, WHS teacher, addressed the Board:

- She questioned the need for another part-time counselor at the high school
- She asked questions concerning the golf and swimming programs

- Pool – She would like to have the pool fixed so kids can learn how to swim
- Reinstate the ASB class period
- Questioned if all teachers would want an IPAD
- Community Day Schools - would like reinstated

Mrs. Amaro addressed the Board speaking on behalf of the MES teachers:

- Class size reduction!!! Classroom budgets are lacking and insufficient

Mr. West addressed the Board:

- He thanked the Board and community for their support of the music program
- He stated that he thinks our most important resources are the teachers and class size is important – with fewer students, instructors can teach better
- School Nurse needs more time for health/safety issues

Mr. Geiger stated that lowering class sizes and increasing staff levels overall is very important.

Mrs. Gina Taylor addressed the Board:

- WIS Sports is a huge responsibility and difficult for a parent-run program – she would like to see the District take it back
- IPADS concern – is training involved?
- Solar Project – asked about what resources are available for the teachers
- Technology – infrastructure is the foundation and needed first
- Cell Phones – can we utilize students’ use of smart phones?

Mr. Parisio asked the principals if increasing the substitute pay would increase our substitute pool. They thought it would. His priorities this evening include:

- Keeping staff and students safe is a high priority – need new vans
- The needs assessment would end up saving the district money
- Increase the substitute rate

Mr. Geiger moved to purchase two vans (new or used) with a good warranty; budget for two additional vans to be purchased next year; and then start on a rotation schedule for purchasing replacement vans. Discussion ensued regarding transportation for athletics and activities. The transportation fee was discussed in conjunction with athletics. Mr. Bazan stated that according to the Athletic Code it is called a donation. Dr. Geivett said he would discuss this matter with Ms. McLaughlin and Mr. Bazan. Mrs. Barley said there is a need for vans since there are not enough parent drivers available. Mr. Parisio seconded Mr. Geiger’s motion.

**AYES: Geiger, Ward, Parisio & Munguia**

**NOES: Knight**

**MOTION PASSED 4-1**

Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Mr. Geiger, to have a Needs Assessment for Bond Passage done (not to exceed \$15,000) and to increase our substitute pay from \$90/day to \$100/day.

**AYES: Geiger, Knight, Ward, Parisio & Munguia**

**NOES: None**

**MOTION PASSED 5-0**

Mrs. Knight moved to give \$200 per teacher for discretionary classroom budgets and to repair (not replace) the cafeteria food truck. Mr. Geiger stated he wanted the bargaining units to go to the table and discuss the negotiated items before acting on them. No action was taken.

Mr. Geiger moved, seconded by Mr. Munguia, to repair the cafeteria food truck.

**AYES: Geiger, Knight, Ward, Parisio & Munguia**

**NOES: None**

**MOTION PASSED 5-0**

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Special Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. The Regular Meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.