

WILLOWS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting – March 5, 2015

Regular Session 7:00 p.m.

Willows City Council Chambers

201 N. Lassen Street, Willows, CA 95988

MINUTES

1. OPEN SESSION – CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1 Roll Call – President Geiger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were:
Mr. Ward, Mrs. Knight, Mr. Geiger, Mrs. Taylor and Mr. Parisio.
- 1.2 Welcome to Visitors
- 1.3 Flag Salute was led by Mr. Geiger.

2. AGENDA/MINUTES

- 2.1 Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 5, 2015. Mr. Ward moved, seconded by Mrs. Taylor, to approve the February 5, 2015 Minutes.
AYES: Ward, Knight, Geiger, Taylor & Parisio
NOES: None
MOTION PASSED: 5-0
- 2.2 Approve the Agenda for March 5, 2015. Mr. Parisio asked that Item 8 be put prior to Item 3 – Public Comments. Dr. Geivett also asked to keep Item 8 in place on the Agenda in order to give the audience another opportunity to speak on the Closed Session item prior to the Board going into Closed Session. Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Mr. Geiger, to approve the Agenda for March 5, 2015 with the above changes.
AYES: Ward, Knight, Geiger, Taylor & Parisio
NOES: None
MOTION PASSED: 5-0

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

The following staff members and students addressed the Board and gave their input as to why they thought the Board should retain Mr. Paul Bailey and Mr. Paul Gadbois: Teresa Woods, Emily Ellis, Keri Tafuro, Brandon Murry, Steven Torres, Jen Carriere, Kelley Lee, Jazmin Hernandez, Lisa Pence and Victoria Boschi.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Joyce Ksander addressed the Board and thanked them for the new chairs and addition of hot water to the WIS staff room. She shared her concerns for the reading and math interventions. She commented on how well behaved and how well the students spoke this evening.

4. REPORTS

4.1 **Employee Associations (WUTA & CSEA)**

(WUTA) Ms. Jessie Proctor, President addressed the Board. She stated negotiations were ongoing and thought progress was being made. She commented on her disappointment with the WHS administration regarding block scheduling and said that a change in working conditions has to be negotiated, the process has to be followed, and thinks the administration is trying to circumvent the process.

(CSEA) No report.

4.2 **Principals**

(MES) Mrs. Brown reported:

- Murdock has just finished up with their second trimester.
- She thanked the PTO – they raised approximately \$4,500.00 at the annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser. The majority of those funds will be used to purchase Mini IPADS to be used in the classrooms. She gave special thanks to Corey Richards for chairing the event and Monica Throm, PTO President.
- March 19th & 20th will be Kindergarten Registration at MES. She is in hopes of having four kindergarten classrooms and one TK classroom again next year.

- She shared the 5th Grade reading intervention data – there has been a 62% increase on weekly tests; a 59% increase on the STAR reading comprehension tests; and 46% increase in reading fluency. She stated that she has seen big improvements in each grade level.
- She thanked Amy Street, MES Music Teacher, for giving MES students the ground work to be able to go on to the programs at WIS and WHS. She teaches Grades 1-4 music theory and stated they all know how to read the notes, write the notes, and play the notes on the treble clef staff with classroom instruments.

(WIS) Mr. Sailsbery reported:

- On March 11th the 8th grade class and parents will meet with WHS counselors to go over scheduling for next year.
- The computer lab is open in the mornings for computer access and academic assistance.
- The Leadership Team and staff are working on a Google survey. The LCAP revisions are coming due and the State wants all stakeholders to have input, and this year there is a real emphasis to get more student data input.
- Sixth grade basketball started this week.
- Both Cardinal fighting bands will compete at the Chico State Band Festival on Friday.
- The WIS floating staff development day will be Saturday, March 14th. Google Applications for Education will be the focus.
- Upcoming 8th Grade Fundraisers: March 16th at Round Table Pizza and March 25th – Carnitas dinner at the WHS Cafeteria.

(WHS) Ms. McLaughlin reported:

- She congratulated the Boys Soccer Team and Coach Jose Cano for their Division III Championship and said WHS is extremely proud of them. This is the second year in a row winning this title.
- The WHS Band will also compete at Chico State tomorrow.
- Last week WHS lost a member of their team. John Bazan, custodian at WHS, was truly a Honker through and through. He loved WHS and will be dearly missed. The service for John will be tomorrow at Saint Monica's at 1:00 p.m.

(WCHS) Dr. Geivett reported:

- The current enrollment is back up to 27 students.
- He congratulated two recent graduates, Amanda Flannery and Zach Arendell. Currently, WCHS has four graduates that will walk the stage in June and hopes to have a few more.
- With the nice weather we are having, the students will begin walking the Willows Care patients to the park.

4.4 Associated Student Body Report – Emily Ellis, ASB President reported:

- The classes are busy with fundraising - Seniors for their senior trip at Universal Studios; Juniors for their destination prom in Rocklin; and Sophomores for the Sadie Hawkins Dance.
- The band will attend the music festival tomorrow at Chico State.
- There will possibly be a Culture Day the end of April or in early May.
- Spring sports are in full swing. She also congratulated the Boys Soccer Team for being division champs.
- CSF is fundraising for senior scholarships and their camping trip in May.

4.5 Director of Business Services – Mrs. Beymer reported:

- The County Superintendents and CBOs in Glenn County are working with GCOE to secure ROP funding for next year. Discussion ensued regarding that funding.
- At First Interim, even with increased funding through the LCFF, five districts remain on the Negative Certification list and 38 districts remain in Qualified Status.
- She attended the MAA meeting in Anderson on Tuesday. They have disallowed all general education teachers to report in districts our size, which will reduce our allocation by 75% moving forward. Currently, our district is owed approximately \$125,000.00.
- The SELPA bill back continues to rise – it has increased \$86,151 over last year.
- The Second Interim will be presented for approval at the April board meeting.
- The next budget committee meeting is set for Tuesday, March 31, 2015, at 3:30 p.m. in the conference room at the district office.

4.6 Director of Categorical Programs – No report

4.7 Superintendent – Dr. Geivett reported:

- He congratulated the Boys Soccer Team for their section championship.

- Air conditioners have been installed in the WHS classrooms. They are now working at Murdock in the evenings, going from classroom to classroom.
- Work is continuing on the LCAP. The District School Leadership Team (DSLTL) has had a preliminary look at the LCAP and the District intends to get additional stakeholder input from the business community, parents, and local community members who didn't get a chance to have input last year.
- John Bazan will be missed and services are at 1:00 p.m. tomorrow.

4.8 Governing Board Members:

Mr. Ward – No report

Mrs. Knight – No report

Mr. Parisio:

- He thanked everyone for coming this evening and said that although the Board cannot engage into conversation with them, they are listening and will take what they have to say into consideration.
- Winter Sports - He also congratulated the Boys Soccer Team – back to back section championships. Both basketball teams made it to playoffs and had good seasons. Spring sports have begun and he is looking forward to watching some games.

Mrs. Taylor:

- She congratulated the Boys Soccer team and said the championship game was very exciting to watch.
- She is looking forward to attending the band festival tomorrow at Chico State.
- She attended the last DSLTL meeting a few weeks ago and they are working on goals for the LCFF. She said it was a very productive and worthwhile meeting.

Mr. Geiger:

- He also gave “kudos” to the Boys Soccer Team for being back to back champs. He congratulated Coaches Jose Cano and Martin Castillo. He also publicly recognized David Gonzalez, member of the soccer team. At one time he was ranked #2 in the State and #5 in the Nation in goals scored.
- He also said he appreciates all who came to this evening's meeting and told them their voices were heard.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. GENERAL

1. Accept donation from the David McDonald in the amount \$70.00 to go towards the Murdock Music Program.

B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. Approve Interdistrict Requests for Students #14-15-51 through #14-15-55 to attend school in another district for the 2014/15 school year.
2. Approve the Spring 2015 GCOE Adult Education Program (GAP) concurrent enrollment for WHS and WCHS students.
3. Approve the Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for Murdock Elementary, Willows Intermediate, and Willows High. (To be posted on website after Board approval.)
4. Approve the 2014/15 CARS (Consolidated Application and Reporting System) Winter collection.

C. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Approve employment of Janice Lohman as a temporary/part-time Home Hospital Teacher, effective 2/23/2015.
2. Approve the following volunteer WHS Spring Sports Coaches for the 2014/15 school year:
Tom Cox J.V. Softball – Volunteer Coach
Raina Arnold Golf - Volunteer Coach
3. Approve extension of contract from March 20, 2015 through June 5, 2015 for Rebekah Walker – Temporary WHS Academic Intervention Teacher.

D. BUSINESS SERVICES

1. Approve budget revision summary.
2. Approve warrants from 2/4/15 through 2/25/15.

Mr. Geiger pulled Item A-1. Mr. Geiger moved, seconded by Mrs. Knight, to approve the Consent Calendar with the exception of Item A-1. Mr. Geiger said that every month people from our community come forward and support the students and/or programs of WUSD.

(CONSENT VOTE)

AYES: Ward, Knight, Geiger, Taylor & Parisio

NOES: None

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

Item A-1: Mr. Geiger moved, seconded by Mr. Parisio, to approve Item A-1 of the Consent Calendar.

AYES: Ward, Knight, Geiger, Taylor & Parisio

NOES: None

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION CALENDAR

A. GENERAL

1. **(Information/Discussion)** Facilities Master Plan – Dr. Geivett introduced this item and said that certain matters need to be addressed.

- Technology – It is a huge issue for all sites and needs to be addressed.
- Murdock Roofing Project – The contract is signed and work will begin after school gets out in June and should be finished prior to school starting in August. This project is being funded with the leftover QZAB dollars. The cost of an additional wing is approximately \$120,000.00 per wing.
- WIS – The asphalt is in very bad shape – the least we need to do is to have it resurfaced. This is a safety issue. The sidewalks are also in bad shape. The Board asked for the Superintendent to bring estimates on this project to the next meeting.
- The fire alarm systems are antiquated (but do work) at all sites.
- WHS – HVAC units are being installed through Prop. 39 funding. A better ventilation system is still needed for the gym.
- Architect’s costs vs. local contractors were discussed.

B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. **(Information/Discussion)** Findings/Recommendations on change to WHS Bell Schedule for the 2015/16 school year. Ms. McLaughlin addressed the Board and gave out three handouts on this item: An open Google document with teacher feedback; Google document – student survey which showed the first 100 responses; and the “Williams” model schedule and what it would look like at Willows High. Discussion ensued regarding block scheduling: The cost of implementing a block schedule; Butte classes; and the Intervention period. No action was taken – discussion only at this time.

C. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. **(Action)** Approve Certificated Job Description for the Counselor position. Mr. Geiger moved, seconded by Mrs. Taylor, to approve the job description for the Counselor position.

AYES: Ward, Knight, Geiger, Taylor & Parisio

NOES: None

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

2. **(Action)** Approve the Revised Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for the 2014/15 school year. Mrs. Knight moved, seconded by Mrs. Taylor, to approve the Revised Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for the 2014/15 school year.

AYES: Ward, Knight, Geiger, Taylor & Parisio

NOES: None

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

D. BUSINESS SERVICES

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

7.1 Kindergarten Registration will be held on March 19th & 20th from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. in Room 101 at Murdock Elementary School.

7.2 The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on April 2, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at the Willows Civic Center.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

This item was opened again to give a chance for more people to address the Board. The following individuals shared their input as to why they thought the Board should retain Mr. Paul Bailey and Mr. Paul Gadbois: Victor Briones, Stephanie Carriere, Grace Wilson, Mr. Eddie Woods, and Mrs. Valerie Boschi.

At 8:52 p.m., the Board took a short recess after the Regular Meeting before going into Closed Session. President Geiger stated that he would report out in Open Session upon the conclusion of Closed Session.

9. **CLOSED SESSION**

Closed Session began at 9:00 p.m.

9.1 Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6: Conference with Labor Negotiator – Agency Negotiator:

Mort Geivett. Employee Organization: WUTA/CSEA, Non-Represented: Management and Confidential

9.2 Pursuant to Government Code §54957: Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

10. **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

11.1 Announcement of Action Taken in Closed Session

At 10:02 p.m., the meeting reconvened to Open Session. President Geiger reported out:

Item 9.1: Update given to the Board.

Item 9.2: The Board met in Closed Session to discuss Government Code §54957 (b) (1): Public Employee Release. The Board took the following action in Closed Session. The roll call vote was a 5-0 unanimous vote to adopt Resolution #2014-15-10 and #2014-15-11, non-reelecting two (2) probationary teachers, to take effect at the end of the 2014-15 school year.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:06 p.m.