

WILLOWS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting – March 3, 2016

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 Kyle Schaad.

2. AGENDA/MINUTES

- 2.1 Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 4, 2016.
Mr. Ward moved, seconded by Mrs. Knight to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 4, 2016.
AYES: Ward, Knight, Geiger, Taylor, Parisio
NOES: None
MOTION PASSED: 5-0
- 2.2 Approve the Agenda for March 3, 2016.
Mrs. Knight moved, seconded by Mrs. Taylor to approve the Agenda for March 3, 2016.
AYES: Ward, Knight, Geiger, Taylor, Parisio
NOES: None
MOTION PASSED: 5-0

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

4. REPORTS

4.1 **Employee Associations (WUTA & CSEA) – No Reports**

4.2 **Principals**

(WCHS) Dr Geivett reported:

- Enrollment is 23 students
- Students took patients from the Willow Care Center to the Wall that Heals. The students were thankful for the opportunity to take the patients. A poster-board with pictures of the event was displayed at the meeting.

(WHS) Mr. Humphreys reported:

- A comparison of grades for the first semester from 2014/15 to 2015/16 is:
 - 14/15 overall percentage of letter grade distribution
A=35% B=24% C=20% D=10% F=8% Overall GPA = 2.72
 - 15/16 overall percentage of letter grade distribution
A=43% B=21% C=16% D=10% F=7% Overall GPA = 2.11
- The Wall that Heals went off very smoothly for the community and WHS. It was a wonderful event for all that attended. The Honker Band did an outstanding job at the opening ceremonies on February 25th.
- WHS will be hosting the Every 15 Minutes program on May 12th and 13th. The cost of the program is being covered by a grant from CHP and donations from different agencies in the community. Board members are welcome to attend any of the planning meetings.
- 10th grade Career Day will be held on April 15th from 8:00 a.m. – 11:25 a.m.
- The State testing window will be April 26 through May 10.
- Spring sports have started up.
- WHS Wrestling is having a drive-thru Tri-Tip dinner on Monday, March 7th from 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12.00.

(WIS) Mr. Sailsbery reported:

- Saturday, March 12th will be an Indoor Yard Sale/Bake Sale for the 8th grade class in the WIS Cafeteria from 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Donated items can be dropped off on Friday, March 11th from 2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- The Wall that Heals was a very good experience for all WIS students.
- WIS held a dance Friday, February 26th, and 180 students attended.
- 6th grade basketball has begun.
- On March 2nd, all WUSD bands attended the music competition at Chico State. Our students both behaved well and performed well. WIS has two Cardinal Bands, which not only helps manage the numbers but allows for students to grow. Both Cardinal Bands received a “Superior” rating for their performances, which represents the highest standard for intermediate school bands. The judge’s comment to the 8th grade band after their performance was that in all his 21 years, he had not heard an 8th grade band play that well.
- All 8th grade students will be visiting Butte College on March 24th. Thank you to Mrs. Ksander for organizing the event.

(MES) Mrs. Brown reported:

- Thank you to the Murdock Parent Teacher Organization for putting on the Spaghetti Feed. They raised approximately \$5,000 which will be used to purchase I-Pads and technology for Murdock students.
- Kindergarten Registration will be held on March 17th and 18th.
- Enrollment is currently 661 students.
- Six MES teachers received Cal Water grants and have been working on projects over the last couple of months. They will be wrapping them up and sending the finished projects to Cal Water to see if they win the next round.
- 12 teachers are involved in the Math Time grant. There is a large number of teachers participating in this grant, with Murdock having the most teachers involved. She attended one of the workshops on Saturday, February 20th to see what the teachers were learning. There is ongoing training and professional development over the two year period of the grant.
- MES just got accepted into a program called Project Esteem which has to do with teaching Science. 4th and 5th grade teachers are participating in this two year commitment.
- All 3rd – 5th grade students, as well as a couple of 2nd grade classes, attended The Wall that Heals. It was a great experience. She extended a huge thank you to all the community organizers who put this event on.
- There were about 10-12 people who attended the WUSD DELAC meeting, which is more than attended last year.

4.3 Associated Student Body Report – Lisa Pence reported:

- A rally is planned for the day before Easter, and a “Last Day Activity” day is being planned.

4.4 Director of Business Services – Debby Beymer reported:

- She is working on the second interim budget report.
- WUSD will be paying an additional \$100,000 a year, with increases over the next six years to cover the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS) funding gap. School districts will ultimately have to pay out 20% on retirement for STRS members. It is impacting the employees as well, as their contributions are increasing. Currently, the state’s unfunded liability decreased by \$5 billion and California schools’ increased by \$11 billion.

4.5 Director of State and Federal Programs – Ellen Hamilton reported:

- Mrs. Hamilton distributed and went over a guide to Frequently Asked Questions for Transitioning to the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) which will begin with the 2017/18 school year and will replace NCLB.

4.6 Superintendent – Dr. Geivett reported:

- Wiring at WIS will be completed during Spring Break as well as some initial MES roofing work.
- Mr. Bazan and everyone who was involved during the threat to WHS on Wednesday, February 24th are to be commended on how they handled the situation.
- The Wall that Heals was an amazing experience for all WUSD students, not only because they got to see the wall, but they also got to see people’s reaction to the wall. He was grateful to Dan Roach and the VFW for bringing the wall to Willows.
- He shared an overview of the Superintendent’s Symposium he attended February 22-24, 2016.

4.7 Board of Education Members

Mr. Ward:

- The Wall that Heals was a nice tribute to the Willows community.
- Congratulations to the WHS/WIS Bands.

Mrs. Knight:

- Congratulations to the WHS/WIS Bands for their performance at the music competition at Chico State and to all the winter sports teams on their seasons.
- She commended Mr. Bazan and all of those who put safety first and made the decision to close the schools last Wednesday, February 24th due to the critical incident.
- Earlier this week the WHS Varsity Softball team set a great example to the JV Softball team by choosing to stay and support the JV girls' team after the Varsity game ended. The girls chose to stay and support the JV team when they could have gone home.

Mr. Parisio:

- It was a good decision to close the schools last week during the threat.
- The collaboration between the local VFW's to bring the Wall that Heals to Willows was outstanding. The Wall ended up having over 9,000 visitors.

Mrs. Taylor:

- Thank you to the Murdock PTO for a great spaghetti dinner.
- She chaperoned the WIS dance last Friday night and commended Mr. Sailsbery and Mr. Drury on how well behaved the students were.
- Thank you to Mr. Drury for the new TV in the hallway at WIS.
- Thank you to Jen Carriere for the work on the Academic Decathlon. Congratulations to WHS who had a good showing.
- Thank you to the VFW for working so hard to bring The Wall that Heals to Willows. It was a moving experience, and there were over 3,500 students in the area who were able to visit the wall.
- The music competition at Chico State was incredible, as was the parent, family and student support for the bands. She is proud of Mr. West and the work he put in to help our students be successful.

Mr. Geiger:

- Commended Mr. West and the WHS/WIS Bands for their performance at the music competition at Chico State.
- The Wall that Heals was very moving especially as a veteran.
- The school closure on February 24th was necessary as the safety of our students is important. It was good to see that CatapultEMS worked well with only a few flaws in the system that can be corrected for next time. Thank you to Mr. Bazan and all who were involved.
- Spring Sports have started.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. GENERAL

1. Accept donation from David McDonald in the amount of \$227.00 to go towards the Murdock Music Program.
2. Accept donation from Joyce Ksander in the amount of \$100.00 for the WHS Football program in memory of Jim Ward.
3. Accept donation from Willows Area 160 Club in the amount of \$100.00 for the Every 15 Minutes program.
4. Accept donation from Glenn County Fish, Game & Recreation Commission in the amount of \$2,000.00 for River Jim.

B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. Approve Interdistrict Request for Students #15-16-45 through #15-16-47 to attend school in another district for the 2015/16 school year.
2. Approve Interdistrict Request for Students #16-17-1 through #16-17-2 to attend school in the Willows Unified School District for the 2016/17 school year.
3. Approve the 2015/16 CARS (Consolidated Application and Reporting System) Winter Collection.

C. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Accept resignation from Nicholas Evans, MES Teacher, effective June 11, 2016.
2. Accept resignation from Shane Humphreys, WHS Principal, effective June 30, 2016.

D. BUSINESS SERVICES

1. Approve budget revision summary.
2. Approve warrants from 2/3/16 through 2/17/16.

Mr. Geiger moved, seconded by Mr. Parisio to approve the Consent Calendar.

AYES: Ward, Knight, Geiger, Taylor, Parisio

NOES: None

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION CALENDAR

A. GENERAL

1. **(Information/Discussion)** First Reading of the following additions/deletions/changes to Board Policies per CSBA's Policy Guidesheet Recommendations:

BP 2121	Superintendent's Contract
BP 4030	Nondiscrimination in Employment
BP 4121	Temporary/Substitute Personnel
BP 5111.1	District Residency
BP 5141	Health Care and Emergencies
BP 6142.1	Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction
BP 6146.1	High School Graduation Requirements
BP 6152.1	Placement in Mathematics Courses
BP 6173	Education for Homeless Children
BP 6179	Supplemental Instruction

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

This is an information only item at this time. No action was taken.

2. **(Action)** Approve WIS Communications Cabling Contract with Pacific Data Connection.
Mrs. Taylor moved, seconded by Mr. Geiger to approve the WIS Communication Cabling Contract with Pacific Data Connection.
AYES: Ward, Knight, Geiger, Taylor, Parisio
NOES: None
MOTION PASSED: 5-0
3. **(Discussion/Direction)** Morgan Hill Concerned Parents Association vs. California Department of Education. In Morgan Hill, CA, parents thought there was a strong possibility that the children who receive special education services in their school district weren't being serviced properly. The parents sued CDE, because they were concerned this was happening throughout the state. A federal judge said CDE needed to release student information (retrieved from CALPADS) from students throughout California to Morgan Hill Parents Association in order to determine if this was accurate. After some concerns were relayed by CDE, the judge has now said there will be a court appointed special master who will make a determination of what Morgan Hill Parents actually needed to see. There is a form available for parents to sign and mail to the judge by April 1, 2016 to indicate they don't want their child's information to be released. It does not keep the student information from being released but lets the judge know that parents are against their child's information being released. Information about this case and the form is currently on our website. The Board directed Dr. Geivett to do an all call home to parents notifying them about the case and what is available on the website.
4. **(Action)** Vote for 2016 CSBA Delegate Assembly candidate to be submitted to CSBA on or before March 15, 2016. Mr. Geiger moved, seconded by Mr. Parisio to vote for Rod Thompson from Red Bluff Joint Union HSD, as the 2016 CSBA Delegate Assembly candidate.

AYES: Ward, Knight, Geiger, Taylor, Parisio

NOES: None

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. **(Action)** Approve Certificated/Student Calendar for the 2016/17 School Year.
After some discussion, Mr. Geiger moved, seconded by Mr. Ward to approve the Certificated/Student Calendar for the 2016/17 School Year "Option D".

AYES: Ward, Geiger, Taylor

NOES: Knight, Parisio

MOTION PASSED: 3-2

C. HUMAN RESOURCES

D. BUSINESS SERVICES

1. **(Action)** Approve Form J-13A Request for Allowance of Attendance Because of Emergency Conditions. Because of the “viable threat” to the safety of students at Willows High School on Wednesday, February 24, 2016, Willows Police Department recommended all schools in WUSD be closed. Mr. Geiger moved, seconded by Mr. Parisio to approve Form J-13A.

AYES: Ward, Knight, Geiger, Taylor, Parisio

NOES: None

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 7.1 WIS Indoor Rummage Sale & Bake Sale will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2016 from 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the WIS Cafeteria.
- 7.2 Kindergarten Registration will be held on March 17th & 18th from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. in Room 101 at Murdock Elementary School.
- 7.3 Glenn County STEM Fair will be held March 21-24, 2016 at the Orland Fairgrounds.
- 7.4 March 25th & 28th will be district-wide days off.
- 7.5 The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on April 7, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at the Willows Civic Center.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEMS** - None

At 8:54 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 9:02 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

10. **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

- 10.1 Announcement of Action Taken in Closed Session.

At 9:30 p.m. the meeting reconvened to Open Session. President Geiger reported out:

Item 9.1: Update given to the Board.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.