

**WILLOWS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Regular Meeting – January 10, 2008**

**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 – The Meeting was called to order by President Brott at 7:00 p.m. Present: Brott, Parisio, Domenighini, Thompson, Ward. Absent: None
- 1.2 Welcome to Visitors
- 1.3 Flag Salute – Led by Mr. William Shively, WIS teacher

**2. AGENDA/MINUTES**

- 2.1 Consider approval of Minutes for 12/06/07 – Mrs. Domenighini moved, seconded by Mrs. Ward, to approve the Minutes of 12/06/07. The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes.
- 2.2 Consider approval of Agenda for 1/10/08 – Mrs. Domenighini moved, seconded by Mrs. Ward, to approve the Agenda for 1/10/08. The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes.

**3. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**

None

**4. PRESENTATION**

- 4.1 Mr. Shively and Mr. Johnson presented a Power Point presentation on the River Jim's Adventure Education trip. Mr. Shively reported they hoped to have 2 more activities this year for the Opportunity students.

**5. REPORTS**

5.1 Employee Associations – WUTA/CSEA - None

5.2 Principals

(WIS) Mrs. Sailsbery reported:

- He praised Mr. Shively for his report.
- Grade level reviews will be held this week to identify kids at risk.
- Tomorrow a basketball tournament for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys will be held. The wrestlers have been very successful and there is a tournament being held at WHS tonight.
- The semester ends on January 18 and report cards will go home next week.
- He thanked the technology department, maintenance, custodians and grounds for their outstanding efforts in the clean up after the storm.

(WHS) Mr. Geivett reported:

- He thanked everyone involved in the clean up from the storm damage. The high school was fortunate to receive minimal damage from the fallen trees.
- Finals will be next week. There will be full days on Monday and Tuesday and classes will be in 2 hour blocks for finals. The semester ends January 18.
- January 23 will be a minimum day and the high school will be working on mandated cost training, WASC and STAR testing.
- WHS is addressing four goals this year: raising test scores; WASC recommendations; Standards based materials; Exam and block schedule. After an exhaustive review and surveys, it was decided to not pursue block scheduling for next year.
- He observed Mr. Korling's class while he was doing a lecture on Adolph Hitler. Mr. Geivett said Mr. Korling did an excellent job and was certainly one of the best teachers.
- ASB President Alex Ballew reported the Winter Ball would be held on Saturday. Homecoming would be held in 2 weeks and sports will be the theme. There will be a

Community Rally held on the 30<sup>th</sup> and plans were underway for the Every Fifteen Minutes activity in May.

(MES) – Mrs. Twede reported:

- She thanked the maintenance and custodial crews for the outstanding job of clean up at their site.
- Murdock is aiming at 800 and above for their API scores.
- Interventions are currently being offered to students.
- Parent requests will be open January 22 through March 28.
- There will be age appropriate Child Abuse Prevention videos in each class this week.
- January 25 there will be an assembly with Otto the Auto demonstrating safety.
- Minimum day will be held on January 23 the teachers will be working on curriculum.
- Mrs. Parsons then gave a lengthy report on a new intervention type that will not replace CORE instruction. They will start on January 22. Mrs. Brott shared her concerns about the program. Mrs. Domenighini was very excited about the program and complimented Mrs. Parsons and Mrs. Twede for pursuing it. Mrs. Ward questioned where the money for the program came from. Mrs. Parsons said it was a grant from the County. There was more discussion.

(WCHS) – Mr. Rutherglen reported:

- Independent Study has 25-30 short term students. Mrs. Welsh will be teaching Independent Study for 3 days a week.
- 9 students made it to the Hall of Fame this quarter and will be honored at the awards assembly tomorrow at 11:00 a.m.

5.3 Director of Business Services – No report

5.4 Director of Technology – Mr. Lillie reported:

- During the storm on Friday, Mr. Stevens and Mr. Lillie were able to work for a time at WIS because the school had power for a time. Mr. Stevens came to Willows on Sunday to finish his project so the teacher would not walk into a mess when school started. There were no damages to the servers or technology equipment.
- He has filed Form 470 for the E Rate program and will now talk to potential vendors. The Form 471 will be filed the first week of February.
- His department is focusing on a long-term network plan. He has asked for input from administrators on what they want technology to be in the future at their school sites.
- Mr. Parisio thanked Mr. Lillie for assuming more responsibility in his department because of the Business Manager vacancy.

5.5 Director of Transportation/Facilities Operations – No report

5.6 Director of Categorical Programs – No report

5.7 Superintendent Olmos reported:

- Steven Rudy is the District's interim business manager and will be working on Mondays and Thursdays.
- He thanked all the employees who helped clean out the old District Office. The carpets have been cleaned and some spot painting has been done. There's a little more work to do, but they hope the building will be ready in February.
- FCMAT will review the District's food services January 31 and February 1.
- He complemented maintenance and custodial for their clean up efforts after the storm. The City of Willows sent over their chopper to help with the fallen trees. Cafeteria staff worked hard cleaning and checking all equipment before the students came back.
- Mr. Parisio thanked Dr. Olmos for stepping up to additional responsibilities because of the Business Manager vacancy.

5.8 Governing Board Members reported:

- Mrs. Domenighini thanked everyone for working so well together in dealing with the storm damage.
- Mr. Parisio thanked Mrs. Twede for her years of service and thanked the staff for their efforts.
- Mrs. Ward expressed her thanks to Mrs. Twede and said she was an outstanding educator.
- Mrs. Brott thanked Mrs. Twede and wished her well on her retirement. She thanked all Willows Unified staff for their hard work cleaning up after the storm. She attended the WIS Holiday play and thought it was excellent. She felt the Veggie Bunch were outstanding. She also attended Mrs. Capriola's class program. They recited, The Night Before Christmas, from memory. Shirley Cooper's grandson is in the class and he taught them Silent Night in sign language. It was very nice.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. GENERAL**

**B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

1. Approve Interdistrict transfer for Student #08-25 to attend school in the WUSD for the 2007/08 school year.

**C. HUMAN RESOURCES**

1. Ratify employment of Garrick Freehill as Assistant Wrestling Coach at WIS.
2. Accept resignation from Judy Twede as Murdock Principal, effective the end of the 2007/08 school year.
3. Approve Will Clark as Volunteer Coach for the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball. (Assisting Jason Romano)
4. Approve Darren Brown as Volunteer Basketball Coach at WIS. (Assisting Kellen Ferrell)
5. Ratify employment of Kimberlee Welsh as Independent Study Teacher for the 2007/08 school year.

**D. BUSINESS SERVICES**

1. Consider approval of warrants from 12-05-07 through 1-02-08.

Mrs. Ward moved, seconded by Mr. Parisio, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes.

**7. DISCUSSION/ACTION CALENDAR**

**A. GENERAL**

1. **(Action)** Consider approval of declaring attached list of WHS textbooks as obsolete. Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Mrs. Ward, to approve declaring textbooks obsolete. The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes.
2. **(Information)** Quarterly report on Williams Uniform Complaints per Education Code §35186. There were no complaints filed this quarter.
3. **(Discussion)** The First Reading of Board Policy 5131.61, Athletic Drug Testing and Administrative Regulations 5131.61(a) will be held at this time. Mr. Smith reported on the Policy and noted there would be a couple of changes before the second reading. He stated the Policy needed to be in line with the Athletic Code. Mrs. Brott said she appreciated the hard work Mr. Smith had put into the revision. There was discussion on extra curricular activities.
4. **(Discussion)** Capital Plan update – Dr. Olmos reported he, Mrs. Pastorino, and the architect had met at WIS and discussed the music room that would be part of the Bond issue. There is a possibility of getting 21 million dollars from the Bond. There will be a Board Resolution when the Capital Plan has finished with revisions. The money will come in stages and we need to prioritize the list of needs. At the moment, Murdock seems to have the biggest need.

**B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

**C. HUMAN RESOURCES**

**D. BUSINESS SERVICES**

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Next Regular Board Meeting will be held at the Willows Civic Center on Thursday, February 7, 2008, at 7:00 P.M.

**9. CLOSED SESSION**

The Meeting adjourned for a 5 minute recess and reconvened at 9:28 for Closed Session

1. A Hearing will be held regarding an appeal to the denial of an Interdistrict transfer. After discussion and documents presented by the parents, Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Mrs. Ward, to approve the Interdistrict transfer. The motion passed with 4 yes votes. Mrs. Brott voted no.
2. Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6: Conference with Labor Negotiator – Agency negotiator: Steve Olmos. Employee Organization: WUTA/CSEA
3. Pursuant to Government Code §54957: Public Employment – Business Manager  
Direction was given to negotiator.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The Meeting adjourned at

Meeting facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. By request alternative agenda document formats are available to persons with disabilities. To arrange an alternative agenda document format or to arrange aid or services to modify or accommodate persons with a disability to participate in a public meeting, please provide a written request to:

The Willows Unified School District Office at least three (3) working days prior to any public meeting.