

WILLOWS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Regular Meeting – May 5, 2011
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 7:02 p.m. Present were: Mr. Ward, Mrs. Knight, Mr. Geiger, Mr. Parisio, and Mr. Munguia.
- 1.2 Welcome to Visitors
- 1.3 Flag Salute was led by Gina Taylor.

2. AGENDA/MINUTES

- 2.1 Approve Minutes for the Regular Meeting of April 7, 2011. Mr. Munguia moved, seconded by Mr. Ward to approve the minutes of April 7, 2011, as submitted. The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes.
- 2.2 Approve Agenda for May 5, 2011. Mr. Ward moved, seconded by Mr. Munguia, to approve the Agenda for May 5, 2011. The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Linda Burnham gave a handout to the Board before she addressed them. She stated she was coming before them this evening to discuss children who do not pass the CAHSEE in regards to the graduation ceremony. She gave a background of her adopted son, Timur, who at 15 came to live with her and didn't know the English language. Since he didn't meet all the graduation requirements for WUSD she asked to be put on the next agenda so that she could ask the Board's consideration of this matter. The Board agreed to do so.

4. REPORTS

4.1 Employee Associations (WUTA & CSEA)

(WUTA) Shelley Amaro, WUTA President, addressed the Board. She gave handouts to the Board and audience regarding the PE Specialist Program at Murdock. She said this has been on the Cut List and talked about during negotiations as well. She discussed why WUTA wants to protect and save this position. She then shared with the Board about the "Race to Nowhere". She stated she thought this documentary was very powerful, thought provoking, and empowers everyone to get involved and take ownership. She said it is now showing in Chico and she would like to bring it to Willows for a viewing. She recommended everyone should see it. Mrs. Amaro also invited everyone to come out this Saturday and help support WUTA with their scholarship fundraiser. They will be selling soda floats at Lamb Derby with the profits going towards their senior scholarships.
(CSEA) - No report.

4.2 Principals

(Murdock) No report except for handout to the Board.

(WIS) No report.

(WHS) No report except for handout to the Board.

(WCHS) Dr. Geivett reported:

Two additional students have enrolled at WCHS which brings the total up to 28. STAR Testing preparation has been going on. At this time the school has five graduates. Dr. Geivett invited the Board members to attend and also let him know if they would like to speak at the ceremony. An end of the year barbecue is planned for June 10th at 11 a.m. and he invited the Board to attend.

- 4.3 **Director of Business Services** – Ms. Skala addressed the Board. She stated that May is a busy month. We are required to have a Third Interim Report to the State before June 1st since we certified as qualified. The District is down 8 ADA from our projections. The year-end process is in the works. Auditors will be here from May 23rd – May 25th. Ms. Skala has been working on the TRAN which is

sized tentatively for 1.4 million. We have received some additional funding from SPARK which will help enhance our schools.

- 4.4 **Director of Categorical Programs** – 2010 API Report. Mrs. Perez addressed the Board and said that testing is going on throughout the District. She gave a handout to the Board on the Overview of California's 2010-11 Accountability Progress Reporting System for their information. The APR is the umbrella to the entire accountability system in the State of California. Included in the APR are the AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) and the API (Academic Performance Index). Mrs. Perez went over the 2010-11 Accountability Progress Reporting (APR) with the Board for the Willows Unified School District which basically reflects the API and is considered our base report. In the fall we receive a growth report which comes out as a result of scores from the previous spring testing. Mrs. Perez went through the report page by page with the Board. She explained that the desirable target number is 800. She has broken down the report into subgroups for each school. This was done to focus our attention for planning for the new year so we can fine tune areas that greatly need our attention. The significant subgroups we are concerned with that affect our API include Hispanic, white, socioeconomically disadvantaged and English learners. Each subgroup has their individual API ranking. Similar schools rankings are also included in the report.
- 4.5 **Director of Technology Services** - Mr. Lillie reported that the results for the EETT Competitive Grant have been received. WUSD was a member of the GCOE Consortium. GCOE did get funded under the grant but at about 20% of what we had hoped for. Murdock Elementary was selected to receive \$29,000. Twenty-five percent of that amount has to be set aside for professional development as defined by the grant.
- 4.6 **Director of Transportation/Facilities Operations** – No report
- 4.7 **Superintendent** – Dr. Geivett said this is a very busy time of year. Lamb Derby, the Glenn County Fair, graduation, and end of the year activities are all coming up. With the deadline for the release of personnel per Ed. Code, Dr. Geivett requested the Board to schedule a Special Meeting on May 12, 2011, to finalize personnel issues, Ms. Burnham's request to have an agenda item, as well as the Walden Academy Charter School Petition decision. The Board agreed to the Special Meeting. Dr. Geivett said he had met with Zane Schreder regarding the solar project and said he is disappointed to report that according to Zane, things he told us earlier have changed and just don't pencil out for WUSD as previously discussed. "No out of Pocket" for the District is not possible at this time. Zane's suggestion is to meet with the Office of Public School Construction to get in line for money for the solar project or modernization of our facilities. Mr. Schreder said his father who is a financial consultant would be willing to sit down and meet with us to try to obtain funding. The other suggestion would be to seriously consider a bond measure in 2012, and add the solar project or modernization as part of the bond. Mr. Geiger asked Dr. Geivett to contact the Schreders of possibly looking into one site (WHS), which is in the most need as far as power is concerned, and looking at doing only a portion of what we wanted to do. He also recommended that we talk to OPSC to assist us with the planning of passing a bond. Dr. Geivett has also been reading through the Walden Academy Charter Petition along with Betty Skala who is reviewing the fiscal portion and Janet Perez is looking over the categorical funding and educational instruction process. They are putting notes together to be sent to the attorney for his opinion. Dr. Geivett will make a recommendation to the Board to entertain at the May 12th meeting. Amanda Samons could not be here so she wanted him to share some ag related celebrations with the Board. Laura Ferreira was selected as the State Proficiency Award winner in the area of veterinary medicine. Her application will now be submitted to the National FFA Assn. and will find out how she does by mid-summer. If she is selected as a national finalist she will attend the National FFA Convention and interview for the national award. Mackenzie Gomes, chapter historian, has spent a lot of time on her 2010-11 scrapbook and placed first in the regional and fourth in the state. She was also named third high individual at the Section Project Competition Banquet and it was based on her supervised ag experience projects and record books. Mackenzie wanted to invite the Board and community members to attend the fair and witness their projects and hard work. The annual awards ceremony will be on Friday, May 27th and invited the Board to attend.
- 4.8 **Governing Board Members:**
- Mr. Munguia** – He visited Murdock and spent time in each of the classrooms and met the teachers. He is now looking forward to visiting WIS, WHS, and WCHS.
- Mr. Parisio** – High school sports are in the playoff modes; fair and graduation are coming up soon and keeping kids focused is always a challenge. He invited everyone to attend the fair and graduation to celebrate our kids.
- Mrs. Knight** – No report.
- Mr. Ward** – No report.
- Mr. Geiger** – He said it is great to see our kids competing in different areas all over the State. He invited everyone to look at all the exhibits. He encouraged the audience if they aren't interested in

buying an animal that they can donate to the buyers' group which is made available to make sure every child has a buyer. The wood and welding projects are amazing and many are for sale.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. GENERAL

1. Accept donation from Frank Taylor in the amount of \$100.00 to go towards the WHS Boys Tennis Program.
2. Accept donation from Manni Jones in the amount of \$300.00 to go towards the WHS Boys Tennis Program.
3. Accept donation from George & Linda Corbin in the amount of \$100.00 to go towards the WHS Golf Program.
4. Accept donation from Wal-Mart for school supplies for all sites.

B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. Approve Interdistrict requests for Students #11-12-37 to attend school in another district for the 2011/12 school year.
2. Approve 2011/12 textbook lists for all WUSD schools (MES, WIS, WHS, WCHS).

C. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Accept letter of resignation from Maureen Calonico, Certificated Teacher, effective June 11, 2011.

D. BUSINESS SERVICES

1. Approve budget revisions.
2. Approve warrants from 4/6/11 through 4/27/11.
3. Approve ASB Quarterly Reports – MES & WHS

Mr. Munguia moved, seconded by Mr. Ward, to approve the Consent Calendar. Discussion – Mr. Parisio thanked the people under Item 5A for their generous donations and congratulated Mrs. Calonico on her retirement. Mr. Geiger also congratulated Mrs. Calonico on her years of service to WUSD. The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes.

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION CALENDAR

A. GENERAL

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

BP 5141.21	Administering Medication & Monitoring Health Conditions
BP 5145.8	Refusal to Harm or Destroy Animals
BP 6162.5	Student Assessment

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

- Mr. Munguia moved, seconded by Mr. Geiger, to approve the Board Policies per CSBA's Recommendations. The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes.
2. **(Action)** Approve Resolution No. 2010-11-24, Adopting a Conflict of Interest Code. Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Mr. Munguia, to approve Resolution No. 2010-11-24. Roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes.

B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. **(Action)** Approve prospective graduates from WIS. Mr. Geiger moved, seconded by Mrs. Knight to approve the prospective graduates from WIS. The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes.
2. **(Action)** Approve prospective graduates from WHS. Mr. Ward moved, seconded by Mr. Munguia, to approve the prospective graduates from WHS. The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes.
3. **(Action)** Approve prospective graduates from WCHS. Mrs. Knight moved, seconded by Mr. Munguia, to approve the prospective graduates from WCHS. The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes.
4. **(Action)** Approve Summer School for Grades 9-12 (English & Social Studies). Mrs. Knight moved, seconded by Mr. Munguia, to approve Summer School for Grades 9-12 (English & Social Studies). The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes.
5. **(Action)** Approve Certificated/Student Calendar for the 2012/2013 school year. Mr. Geiger moved,

- seconded by Mrs. Knight, to approve the Certificated/Student Calendar for the 2012/2013 school year. The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes.
6. **(Action)** Approve Resolution No. 2010-11-23, Lincoln's Birthday Observance. Mr. Ward moved, seconded by Mr. Parisio, to approve Resolution No. 2010-11-23. Roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes.
 7. **(Action)** Consider expulsion of Student #2010/11-02 through the fall semester of the 2011/12 school year. Student to comply with suggested remediation plan. Any violation of the Stipulated Expulsion Order will result in the student's immediate expulsion and lead to a change in placement that could include a neighboring school district without further Board Hearing. Mr. Geiger moved to approve the expulsion of Student #2010/11-02 according to the Stipulated Expulsion Order, with a change to increase the community service hours from 30 hours to 40 hours. Mr. Parisio seconded the motion with the increase of community service hours. The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes.
 8. **(Action)** Consider expulsion of Student #2010/11-03 through the fall semester of the 2011/12 school year. Student to comply with suggested remediation plan. Any violation of the Stipulated Expulsion Order will result in the student's immediate expulsion and lead to a change in placement that could include a neighboring school district without further Board Hearing. Mr. Geiger moved to approve the expulsion of Student #2010/11-03 according to the Stipulated Expulsion Order, with a change to increase the community service hours from 30 hours to 40 hours. Mr. Munguia seconded the motion with the increase of community service hours. The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes.
 9. **(Action)** Consider expulsion of Student #2010/11-04 through the fall semester of the 2011/12 school year. Student will be dropped from attendance in WUSD and parent/guardian has agreed to enroll student in another district. Mr. Geiger moved, seconded by Mrs. Knight, to approve the expulsion of Student #2010/11-04. The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes.
 10. **(Action)** Consider expulsion of Student #2010/11-05 through the spring semester of the 2010/11 school year. Student to comply with suggested remediation plan. Any violation of the Stipulated Expulsion Order will result in the student's immediate expulsion and lead to a change in placement that could include a neighboring school district without further Board Hearing. Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Mr. Geiger, to approve the expulsion of Student #2010/11-05 according to the Stipulated Expulsion Order. The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes.

C. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. **(Action)** Approve Resolution No. 2010-11-21, Establishing May 11, 2011, as California Day of the Teacher. Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Mr. Munguia, to approve Resolution No. 2010-11-21. Roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes. Mr. Ward thanked all of the teachers in the Willows Unified School District.
2. **(Action)** Approve Resolution No. 2010-11-22, Classified School Employees Week, May 15-21, 2011. Mr. Geiger moved, seconded by Mr. Parisio, to approve Resolution No. 2010-11-22. Roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes.

D. BUSINESS SERVICES

1. **(Action)** Approve Resolution No. 2010-11-20, Classification of Fund Balances in Governmental Funds (GASB 54). Ms. Skala addressed the Board. She stated that this is the resolution that was discussed at last month's meeting. She briefly reviewed with the Board GASB 54. Mr. Geiger moved, seconded by Mr. Parisio, to approve Resolution No. 2010-11-20. Roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes.
2. **(Action)** Approve contract for services with Demey, Filliger & Associates to complete the required GASB 45 Actuarial Analysis of Retiree Medical Benefits. Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Mr. Munguia, to approve the contract for services with Demey, Filliger & Associates to complete the required GASB 45 Actuarial Analysis of Retiree Medical Benefits. The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes.
3. **(Discussion/Possible Action)** Cut List. Dr. Geivett passed out an amended version of the Cut List to the Board and audience. He stated that he and Ms. Skala had met with the managers within the District, Valerie Taylor, John Alves, and Jolene Flanagan to discuss the possibility of additional cuts. He commended them for being very professional in their relationship and communication with each other. Two additions and one revision were made to the Cut List. Item #16 – Groundskeeper, modified position from 75% to 50% (3.9 position) which would save the District money on the salary and the benefit package. Item #26 – Cafeteria Cook, reduced this position from an 8 hr. to a 3.9 position, savings for the District on the salary and the benefit package. Item #27 – 3.9 Custodian, eliminated, savings on the salary. Discussion ensued regarding the possible reduction of school days for next year. Mr. James Stevens addressed the Board. He stated that Items #1-7 would save most all of the positions. He feels everyone should sacrifice a little to save all positions. He suggested maybe

taking a 3% salary rollback. He is very concerned about the loss and reduction of the positions listed below Item #7. He said taking salary rollbacks now also helps in the future. Michelle Thomas asked about the benefits package and the preference of opting out. Opting out was discussed and Ms. Skala said she will get clarification on this item. Karen Hanson, CSEA President, addressed the Board. She expressed her sadness with the Cut List and recognizes the Board has tough decisions to make. She thanked James Stevens for his presentation. She hopes to find something that is workable for everyone in negotiations. She shared her concerns with the additions to the Cut List. No action was taken.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

7.1 Graduation schedules:

WCHS	Wednesday, June 8, 2011	10:00 a.m.	WHS Cafeteria
WIS	Thursday, June 9, 2011	7:30 p.m.	WHS Football Field
WHS	Friday, June 10, 2011	7:30 p.m.	WHS Football Field

7.2 The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 23, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. at the Willows Civic Center.

Mr. Geiger announced that Baccalaureate will be held on Wednesday, June 8, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. at the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. with a recess before going into Closed Session. President Geiger will report out in Open Session upon the conclusion of Closed Session.

8. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session began at 9:07 p.m.

8.1 Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6: Conference with Labor Negotiator – Agency negotiator: Mort Geivett. Employee Organization: WUTA/CSEA, Non-represented: Management and Confidential.

8.2 Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(a): Conference with Legal Counsel: Existing Litigation (3 cases) Tim Crews v. Willows USD, et.al, Case No. 09CV00697 and Case No. 10CV00860 ; and Muyassar Al-Rifai, on behalf of her children, v. Willows USD, et. al, Case No. 2:10-CV-02526-MCE-CMK

8.3 Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9: Conference with Legal Counsel: Anticipated Litigation – (1 case)

At 10:00 p.m., the meeting reconvened to Open Session. President Geiger reported out:

Item 8.1: Update given to the Board.

Item 8.2: Update given to the Board.

Item 8.3: Update given to the Board.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:01 p.m.