

WILLOWS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting – October 11, 2012

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 Parisio called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were:
Mr. Ward, Mrs. Knight, Mr. Parisio, Mr. Geiger, and Mr. Munguia.
- 1.2 Welcome to Visitors
- 1.3 Flag Salute was led by Mr. John Petro.

2. AGENDA/MINUTES

- 2.1 Approve Minutes for the Regular Meeting of September 6, 2012. Mrs. Knight moved, seconded by Mr. Munguia, to approve Item 2.1. The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes.
- 2.2 Approve Agenda for October 11, 2012. Mr. Parisio wanted a change in this evening's agenda to bring the Public Hearing into Item 6A-2 to give the public a chance to ask questions or share concerns regarding the proposed solar project and agreement. Mrs. Knight moved, seconded by Mr. Geiger, to approve this evening's agenda with the aforementioned change. The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

4. REPORTS

4.1 **Employee Associations (WUTA & CSEA)** – No report was made from either unit.

4.2 **Principals**

(WCHS) Dr. Geivett reported:

- He mentioned that he was happy to see everyone this evening, especially Mr. Geiger.
- Enrollment is now up to 26 students.
- On September 25th some of the Willows Care Center patients had a barbeque with the WCHS students. Everyone enjoyed the lunch and visiting with each other.
- Kristen Cushman of the GCOE Tobacco Use Prevention Education Program has been working with the students and said she has enjoyed it. She would like to follow it up with lessons related to goal and career setting and acquisition of job skills.
- Kristen Cushman would like to conduct a pumpkin carving lesson related to Halloween and incorporated into the students' art instruction. Finished pumpkins would be displayed at various locations around Willows. She will check with Mr. Prinz on this potential project.

(WHS) Mr. Smith reported:

- He gave the Board a handout of upcoming activities.
- Next week is "Homecoming Week".
- FFA leaves for the National Convention on October 22nd for a week to Indianapolis.
- He spoke about yesterday's collaboration day and said he thinks it was the most productive he can remember in the last two years. Bob Virden from Data Works worked on EDI techniques with the staff. Bill Sturnis, last year's WASC lead, also volunteered to attend to watch the staff and was glad to see the advancements the staff had made.

(WIS) Mr. Sailsbery reported:

- Mr. Virden also had a productive visit at WIS on September 11th – he thought it was very helpful to the staff and administration. He will have a follow-up visit in January.
- They had their third collaboration day on September 19th at Stony Gorge with River Jim Adventure activities. It was time well spent together as a staff in a venue other than school.
- Their second student rally of the year was awesome. They recognized the sports teams and the band.

- Mr. Huntley, Mrs. Abold, and Mr. West approached him about having a battle of the bands with the high school band during the Homecoming Parade. It's all part of making WIS a better place for students and staff, including having a little bit of fun.
- The eighth grade team girls' volleyball team had a good season – they ended their season by hosting the WIS Tournament and winning the tournament. Girls' basketball team tryouts happened earlier in the week and games will start soon.

(MES) Ms. McLaughlin reported:

- Most important at Murdock is instruction, curriculum, and student achievement. Student engagement and EDI strategies continue to be worked on and refined.
- She thanked John Alves and his team for the installation of projectors because the kids are really engaged by technology. With EDI and technology – good change is easy and catching on.
- Yesterday Walmart representatives chose Murdock as their Partner in Education school and presented the 23 classroom teachers with a \$50 gift card for classroom supplies. She thanked Walmart publicly and said she appreciated their gesture very much.
- GCOE is bringing an opportunity classroom to Murdock for Grades 3-5. MES will provide the classroom and GCOE will provide Lisa Michael as the teacher.
- Vickie Berens gave birth to a little girl today and she was at work until 4:00 p.m. yesterday.

4.3 Director of Business Services – Mrs. Beymer reported:

- The unaudited actuals are finished.
- She is preparing for the auditors visitation in November.
- She is working on the site budgets – she met with Murdock today on their budget and will meet with the other sites next week.

4.4 Director of Categorical Programs – API/AYP – Mrs. Perez reported:

- She handed out the APR – Accountability Progress Report to the Board. She explained that the Academic Performance Index (API) is the State accountability piece and the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) is the Federal accountability portion. The APR is a side by side comparison of API/AYP. She explained the assessments of each and which grade levels were tested. Indicator weights and additional factors such as CST/CAPA/CMA and CAHSEE were gone over on the API side. She went through the report page by page and explained the test scores. Overall, at all sites we had growth in the Hispanic or Latino group as well as the English learners. In other areas, there is a lot of work to do. Mrs. Perez said she was very proud of WIS and they should be commended since they showed the most positive growth and met their target in all areas. Discussion ensued regarding the test scores, the model assessment, and how to motivate the students to do their best on these tests. Dr. Geivett commented that we have work to do and that we can't be happy with our scores. This is the measurement the State uses and we need to get a grip on what it takes to get our scores up. Mr. Smith commented that our kids do well with the SATs and CAHSEE so they need to take these tests seriously also. Mrs. Perez continued with the AYP portion of the report and went over each school's scores. She did mention that with the graduation rate factored in, there is a difference between the API cut score of 350 and the AYP cut score of 380. The last page of the report lists all the many tests for the 2012-13 school year. It should be noted that accountability is big in the state of California and at the federal level.

4.5 Superintendent – Dr. Geivett reported:

- A lot of work has been going into passing our local school bond – Measure P. He thanked Jim and Ann Lambert, Gina Taylor and Sherry Brott and countless others for helping out. It has been a community effort – flyers are coming out and he said he is happy with the endorsements we have behind Measure P. The kids, schools, and community deserve our support. He stated he feels good about the bond election. He was invited to speak at a meeting at the Grange Hall in Bayliss to discuss Measure P and thought it went well. He will be at the Candidate's Night next week to answer any questions and share information about Measure P.
- Last week he attended the FFA Admin. Appreciation Dinner. Mr. Xanthus did a great job as the master of ceremonies.
- He had the opportunity to judge 4-H displays around the county and said there is a lot of talent out there. He enjoyed seeing different parts of the county and the different projects.
- Mrs. Beymer and he attended the SSDA Regional Meeting at GCOE and said they had some great presenters. He said there are negative feelings about the state initiatives passing in November. If both of the initiatives don't pass, WUSD will be in dire straits. Pension legislation was also discussed at the meeting.

- On a more positive note, he said he is enjoying getting out to the classrooms more often. He is seeing EDI strategies in the classroom and he is learning and growing as an administrator.
- Mrs. Knight asked about whether or not we should have a Town Hall meeting to give information to the public about Measure P. Dr. Geivett said that every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. tours are being given at Murdock and to answer questions from the public. WHS and MES are our biggest targets for showing deterioration, etc. More flyers are going out and the project list will be put on the website. If the Board would like him to have a Town Hall meeting he said he would be more than happy to so. Dr. Geivett said that he is open to any speaking engagement to promote the bond measure.

4.6 Governing Board Members

Mr. Ward:

- He said he is proud of the bond effort from the committee. He said that it is important to be positive when discussing it with community members. He said he feels positive about it from the quality of the flyers and phone calls he has received.
- He said he is a member of the DSLT which meets once a month. He stated it is a real eye opener for him to see the dedicated effort of the staff.

Mrs. Knight:

- She thanked everyone who is helping out with the bond measure.
- She thanked the staff for their hard work in the changes that are taking place with the delivery of education.
- She spoke of athletes in our schools and how pleased she is to see their good attitudes on the field and court. She thinks they are great representatives for our District.

Mr. Munguia:

- He said he is hearing good things about Measure P and that people are requesting yard signs.

Mr. Geiger:

- He attended the luncheon at WCHS and stated that Mr. Prinz is doing a good job with the students. He is also forming a positive attitude with the students and the community with their outreach of community services.
- He has been attending the high school football games and volleyball games at WIS.
- He spoke of a fundraiser program that he has been fortunate to take part in the last few weeks. He said we are very fortunate to be part of a community that is always willing to help out our schools and students. He said he really appreciates everyone's efforts.

Mr. Parisio:

- He attended the memorial for Ron Mongini and said it was well attended. Kind words were spoken about him and one thing that was repeated over and over was that Mr. Mongini really cared about Willows Unified and its students.
- Our community does support our students, athletes and achievers. People see the athletes more, but academics needs to be highlighted more. Academics have to be concentrated on more and be our top priority.
- On November 6th important decisions will be made for our future. Get out and vote!

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. GENERAL

1. Accept \$190.00 donation from the David McDonald Family to go to the Murdock Elementary School Music Program.

B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. Approve Interdistrict requests for Students #12-13-20 through #12-13-21 to attend school in the WUSD for the 2012/13 school year.
2. Approve Interdistrict requests for Students #12-13-57 through #12-13-59 to attend school in another district for the 2012/13 school year.

C. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Ratify employment of Valerie Taylor as the Bus Driver/Lead, effective 8/27/2012.
2. Ratify employment of Morgan Cirigliano, MES First Grade Teacher, effective 8-14-12 for the 2012/13 school year.

D. BUSINESS SERVICES

1. Approve budget revisions.
2. Approve warrants from 9/5/12 through 9/26/12.

Mr. Geiger moved, seconded by Mrs. Knight, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with 5 yes votes.

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION CALENDAR

A. GENERAL

1. **(Information)** Williams Uniform Complaint Quarterly Report (There were no complaints.) Information only item - no action taken.
2. **(Information/Discussion)** Presentation by Indoor Environmental Services (IES) in coordination with IEC Power, LLC – Facility Solutions Agreement. This item is being opened as part of the public hearing so the public has a chance to ask questions or share any concerns they may have in connection with the solar project.

PUBLIC HEARING: A Public Hearing will be held at this time to allow for public input to discuss the IEC Power, LLC – Facility Solutions Agreement as presented by Indoor Environmental Services (IES). President Parisio opened the Public Hearing at 8:18 p.m. Mr. John Petro of IES went through his presentation in a Public Hearing format. He presented his financial document from the September 6th meeting which showed the 25-year cash flow analysis. The only change he made to the document was adding what the 3-year cumulative payments to PG&E would be - \$596,815.00. With the project, the District would save approximately \$250,000.00 after three years. He said PG&E expenses go up approximately 4.6% per year. With this project there would be an annual savings each year to the District. At the end of the 25 year period if we were not to do the project we would pay PG&E approximately 8.5 million dollars but if we decide to proceed with the project we would save approximately 3.8 million dollars. He stated their goal would be to get the project done in the summer if the funding is available. Dr. Geivett stated that when the first presentation was conducted there wasn't a contract and that the Board still does not have a contract to look over this evening. He gave "kudos" to Mr. Petro for sitting in on a 2½ hour teleconference with him and Mrs. Beymer along with a representative from IEC Power and three attorneys from Bob Kingsley's office going over the agreement, page by page. Dr. Geivett said that with a 3.5 million dollar project he was not comfortable in signing the agreement of that magnitude without legal counsel's advice. At this point we are in the negotiation process with IES, IEC, McLiney (the funding source), and WUSD with their attorneys to work things out. He said the revised resolution that is coming up after the public hearing is closed will allow him to continue to work with the appropriate parties and pursue the project if the Board approves the resolution. Dr. Geivett thanked Mr. Petro for being here tonight and said he has showed a lot of integrity and thinks his company is reputable and he is a reputable representative from that company. Mr. Petro thanked Dr. Geivett and the Board for working with him and thinks the project is very fiscally sound and it is a wise decision to pursue it. No one else wished to comment. Mr. Parisio closed the Public Hearing at 8:33 p.m.

3. ~~**(Action) Approve Resolution No. 2012-13-09, Findings Required by Government Code Section 4217.12; Approval of Energy Supply Agreement between District and IEC Power, LLC for the Purpose of Construction, Installation, Maintenance, and Operation of Solar Photovoltaic Systems and Energy Efficiency Measures on Selected District Sites.**~~ (Per law, the revised resolution was sent out to the public prior to the meeting and posted on the website.) Approve Revised Resolution No. 2012-13-09, Approval of Findings after Public Hearing required by Government Code Sections 4217.10 *et seq.* for Solar Energy Project. Mr. Geiger moved, seconded by Mr. Munguia, to approve Revised Resolution No. 2012-13-09. Roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes.
4. **(Action)** Approve IEC Power, LLC – Facility Solutions Agreement. Mr. Parisio said that in the absence of the agreement and because time is of the essence, he made a motion that the Board give the Superintendent and legal counsel authorization to engage in further negotiations with IEC Power, LLC to reach an agreement, and furthermore, because of the time factor, authorize the Superintendent to sign said Agreement on behalf of the District when an agreement has been reached. Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Mr. Geiger, to give authorization to the Superintendent to continue in negotiations with IEC Power and sign said Agreement when the contract is agreed upon. The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes.

B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

C. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. **(Action)** Approve maternity leave request for Vickie Berens, MES 3rd Grade teacher, to commence approximately October 15, 2012, and returning to work on January 7, 2012. Mrs. Knight moved, seconded by Mr. Geiger, to approve the maternity leave request for Vickie Berens. The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes.

D. BUSINESS SERVICES

1. **(Action)** Approve Resolution No. 2012-13-10, Adoption of the “Gann” Limit. (Annual Requirement) Mrs. Knight moved, seconded by Mr. Munguia, to approve Resolution No. 2012-13-10. Roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes.
2. **(Action)** Approve Unaudited Actuals Financial Report for the Fiscal Year 2011/12. Mrs. Beymer addressed the Board to report on the unaudited actuals. She said that the ending fund balance on the unrestricted side of the budget increased by \$576,000.00. With that, the District was able to maintain the 6% reserve for economic uncertainties in lieu of the statutory 3%. We decreased the restricted ending fund balance. This makes it more difficult for us to maintain our classroom programs status quo. It also results in deeper encroachment to the unrestricted side of the budget and decreases cash. This reflects a potential reduction to the 2012-13 adopted budget ending fund balance of \$758,000.00. The adopted budget includes the \$450,000.00 in trigger cuts and does not currently reflect carryover in the categorical programs. The main reason for the reduction in the restricted categorical dollars is that the federal program dollars have been spent which amounted to about 1.5 million dollars to WUSD in the last few years and they were fully expended as of June 30, 2012. She said we need to continue on a very conservative path to retain fiscal solvency. As Dr. Geivett stated, recent polls indicate that neither State Proposition 30 or 38 look likely to pass and so it is very probable that the State will pull the trigger. If the trigger is pulled WUSD will receive approximately \$4,800 per ADA - we are owed \$6,747 per ADA. If the trigger is pulled it is estimated that more than 40 school districts will go bankrupt. Charter schools continue to make a huge impact on our district, not only in loss of revenue, but also in the share of property taxes. Declining enrollment continues to be a major concern. MAA program revenues are also on hold. The State continues to defer funding – nearly 35% of our current year revenue will not be paid until July and August of the next school year. It’s crucial to hold onto every dollar we have. Mr. Geiger moved, seconded by Mr. Parisio, to approve the Unaudited Actuals Financial Report for the Fiscal Year 2011/12. The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 7.1. Candidate’s Night will be held on October 18, 2012, at the Willows Elks Club beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- 7.2. The next Regular Board Meeting on will be held on November 1, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at the Willows Civic Center.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEM

At 8:43 p.m., the Board took a short recess after the Regular Meeting before going into Closed Session. Mr. Parisio stated that he will report out in Open Session upon the conclusion of Closed Session.

9. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session began at 8:53 p.m.

- 9.1 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
- 9.2 Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6: Conference with Labor Negotiator – Agency negotiator: Mort Geivett. Employee Organization: WUTA/CSEA, Non-represented: Management and Confidential
- 9.3 Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9: Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (one case)

10. **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

10.1 Announcement of Action Taken in Closed Session

At 9:24 p.m., the meeting reconvened to Open Session. Mr. Parisio reported out:

Item 9.1: Update given to the Board.

Item 9.2: Update given to the Board.

Item 9.3: Update given to the Board.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.