

# **WILLOWS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Regular Meeting – October 1, 2020**

**Regular Session 7:00 p.m.**

**Due to the current “Stay at Home” order,  
the Willows Unified School District  
will hold its regularly scheduled meeting through a virtual meeting.**

## **MINUTES**

### **1. OPEN SESSION – CALL TO ORDER**

- 1.1 Roll Call – President Parisio called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Jeromy Geiger, Michelle Knight, Alex Parisio, Gina Taylor, and Buck Ward.
- 1.2 Welcome to Visitors
- 1.3 Flag Salute was led by Alex Parisio.

### **2. AGENDA/MINUTES**

- 2.1 Approve the Agenda for October 1, 2020.  
Gina Taylor moved, seconded by Jeromy Geiger to approve the agenda for October 1, 2020.  
**AYES: Geiger, Knight, Parisio, Taylor, and Ward**  
**NOES: None**  
**MOTION PASSED: 5-0**
- 2.2 Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 3, 2020 and Special Meeting of September 10, 2020.  
Michelle Knight moved, seconded by Jeromy Geiger to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 3, 2020 and Special Meeting of September 10, 2020.  
**AYES: Geiger, Knight, Parisio, Taylor, and Ward**  
**NOES: None**  
**MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None

### **4. REPORTS**

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

**WUTA** – No report

**CSEA – Kathleen Morrison, President reported:**

- Held a chapter meeting via Zoom on October 1, 2020.
- Murdock opening was a big undertaking, and it has gone very well. Adjustments are still being made.

#### **4.2 Associated Student Body President** – No report

#### **4.3 Principals**

**WCHS – Emmett Koerperich reported:**

- Enrollment is 24 students with a 68% daily participation rate.
- Held a staff meeting to figure out ways to improve participation. These include instituting SARB, having parent meetings, doing home visits, and a positive recognition program.
- Have started cohorts to provide help to students. Only a couple have participated so far.

**WHS – David Johnstone reported:**

- Elections were held, and Maddy Nissen was elected ASB President. Almost all of the ASB positions have been filled. Still looking for a Junior and Sophomore class rally chair. ASB’s first mission is getting school spirit into action.
- Cohorts began the week of September 28, 2020 to help students in need. All safety measures are in place.
  - ELD students will be coming in for help on purple days during asynchronous times from 1:00-2:00 and from 2:00-3:00 in pods of up to five students.

- Special Education students and homeless youth will rotate in cohorts of 12 students on purple and gold days from 1:00-2:30. Teachers have worked diligently with parents to make this happen.
- Working on plans to bring in students for shop classes with parent permission for the greenhouse, plants sales, and welding projects.
- Thank you to fire crews that have been working tirelessly on the Mendocino National Forest. They donated close to 3,000 pounds of recyclables to the Recycle Club which amounts to more than \$1,000.
- Enrollment is holding steady at 467 students, 4 of which are on long term independent study. Daily attendance rates vary from 97% to 98%.
- CTEIG grand application has been submitted for all four pathways and are currently working on the Ag Strong Workforce grant.
- Working on the A-G completion rate and have added courses for Fine Arts and for letter “G” college approved electives.
- Life Touch will be taking formal senior portraits for the yearbook. They will be scheduling appointments in the gym on October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. They will be required to bring a mask and social distance guidelines will be followed.
- Teachers are still taking advantage of professional development opportunities in order to improve their instructional practices. SIP coaches are working hard learning new methods and helping the staff.
- GEAR Up has purchased \$28,000 worth of Chromebooks for all 9<sup>th</sup> graders.
- Greg Kitchen, Athletic Director reported:
  - Current status of Purple Tier prohibits WHS from opening the facilities for any school-sponsored conditioning and training. Coaches have been keeping in touch with student athletes on a regular basis. As soon as WHS gets the go ahead, they will resume training activities while observing safety protocols.
  - In a nearly unanimous decision amongst schools in the North Section, a calendar that features three seasons of sport has been selected.
  - The North Section commissioner has realigned WHS into the MVL (Hamilton, Biggs, Williams, and Los Molinos) for this year only for football, volleyball, boys and girls basketball, baseball, and softball. This realignment occurred because the mountain schools in the North Section understandably did not want to play football in January. This request from the mountain school complicated things for the valley schools in the MVL and CVL. Currently working on filling out the schedules in the event that Glenn County opens up, and sports can be resumed.

**WIS – Emmett Koerperich reported:**

- Teachers are doing an excellent job and making positive connections with their students daily. It is evident that they are adapting to distance learning and becoming more proficient at managing this new way of teaching.
- Held the first spirit day, asking the students and staff to show “WIS Pride” by wearing school colors. They were encouraged to share pictures of themselves to put in the yearbook.
- WIS has been assigning more hotspots where needed and changing out some to more reliable versions.
- Held a second distribution day where students received a mouse, ear buds, and a jump rope.
- Developing cohorts for ELD and special education students in the afternoons.
- Mr. Johnstone and Mr. Kitchen will be going to WIS in the mornings to support Mr. Huntley while he is in class and will continue to do so during Mr. Sailsbery’s absence.

**MES – Shirley Williams reported:**

- MES is on day 6 of in-person instruction. About 20 staff members help with the arrival and dismissal of students to help ensure social distancing and to take temperatures of every student who arrives on campus. Maintenance painted duck feet on the sidewalks, 6 feet apart, to help kids know where to stand.
- It’s been a team effort to get school open. Thank you to all areas to include: Food Services; Transportation; Maintenance and Custodial staff; all MES classified and certificated staff; District Office; WUSD Board; parents and community.
- Distributed 25 additional Chromebooks and are awaiting about 200 more. They are good on hotspots.
- Enrollment is 585, with 97 of those students on long term independent study.

**4.4 Director of Business Services – No report**

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

- No testing last year, so there will not be any test scores this year.
- At this time, the only test that has been suspended for the 2020/21 school year is the Physical Fitness Test.

**4.6 Superintendent – Emmett Koerperich reported:**

- Opening of MES for in-person instruction is definitely a highlight so far as Superintendent. Fun to see the kids show up wearing masks. All staff worked hard to get it opened up.
- Attendance so far by site in the first month of school:
  - MES – 545 students in the regular program, with a 92% participation rate. There are now more than 90 students on independent study since in-person instruction started.
  - WIS – 290 students in the regular program, with a 98% participation rate. Six students are on independent study.
  - WHS – 463 students in the regular program, with four students on independent study.
- There is not an After School Program at this time, however the staff have been hired. They are assisting with the drop off and pick up of students, meal delivery, and helping in the classrooms.
- Michelle Knight suggested a survey go out to parents to ask how things are going, look for suggestions, and any comments that will assist us in delivering services to our students.

**4.7 Board of Education Members****Michelle Knight reported:**

- Thank you to all staff and parents for getting Murdock open to in-person instruction.

**Jeremy Geiger reported:**

- Thank you to Mrs. Williams and all the individuals who were on the reopening committee to put together the waiver in order to have in-person instruction at MES.

**Buck Ward reported:**

- So happy to see the excitement at MES when they opened for in-person instruction.
- Thank you to everyone for the work that has been done this year.

**Gina Taylor reported:**

- Congratulations to MES for successfully reopening to in-person instruction. Temporary fencing looks great and hoping for a permanent fence. Hopeful the other sites can open to in-person instruction.
- As a District, hoping we are helping families and students navigate what's happening this year.
- Attended the September Golden State Risk Management Authority board meeting.

**Alex Parisio reported:**

- Very trying times in our state. Hope to get the kids back in class and back on the field.
- Thank you to all staff and Mr. Koerperich for the hard work getting the waiver to allow MES to open back up to in-person instruction.
- Remind all staff and parents that we need to all work together. If there is an issue, start with the teacher, then the principal, and finally the superintendent to get it resolved.

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR****A. GENERAL**

1. Approve the Comprehensive School Safety Plan for the 2020/21 school year.

**B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

1. Approve Interdistrict Requests of Students #20-21-33 through #20-21-35 to attend school in Willows Unified School District for the 2020/21 school year.

**C. HUMAN RESOURCES**

1. Approve employment of Gene Smith, After School Program Activity Assistant at MES, effective 9/3/20.
2. Approve employment of Amy Deniz, After School Program Activity Assistant at MES, effective 9/21/20.
3. Approve employment of Tara Hansen, After School Program Activity Assistant at MES, effective 9/23/20.
4. Approve employment of Amber Smith, After School Program Activity Assistant at MES, effective 9/21/20.
5. Approve employment of Camden Johnstone, After School Program Activity Assistant at MES, effective 9/21/20.

**D. BUSINESS SERVICES**

1. Approve warrants from 9/2/20 through 9/23/20.

Michelle Knight moved, seconded by Gina Taylor to approve the Consent Calendar.

**AYES: Geiger, Knight, Parisio, Taylor, and Ward**

**NOES: None**

**MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

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**6. DISCUSSION/ACTION CALENDAR**

**A. GENERAL**

1. **(Action)** Approve Resolution #2020-21-02, Week of the School Administrator.  
Michelle Knight moved, seconded by Jeromy Geiger to approve Resolution #2020-21-02, Week of the School Administrator.  
**AYES: Geiger, Knight, Parisio, Taylor, and Ward**  
**NOES: None**  
**MOTION PASSED: 5-0**
2. **(Information)** Williams Uniform Complaints Quarterly Report. (There were not any complaints.) – Information only – no action taken.

**B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

1. **(Discussion/Possible Action)** Approve the 2020/21 WUSD Mission, Vision, and Goals.  
Jeromy Geiger moved, seconded by Gina Taylor to approve the 2020/21 WUSD Mission, Vision, and Goals with the following changes/additions:
  - Goal #1 - Replace Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) with the Learning Continuity Plan (LCP)
  - Goal #8 – Replace it with “Implement effective online instruction to engage all students through distance learning.”
  - Add Goal #13 – “Mitigate learning loss due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.”
  - Add Goal #14 – “Implement California Department of Public Health Coronavirus safety protocols.”**AYES: Geiger, Knight, Parisio, Taylor, and Ward**  
**NOES: None**  
**MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

**C. HUMAN RESOURCES**

1. **(Action)** Approve the establishment of the District Plan for Committee on Assignments in accordance with Education Code §44258.7 (c) and (d) for the 2020/21 school year.  
Jeromy Geiger moved, seconded by Gina Taylor to approve the establishment of the District Plan for Committee on Assignments in accordance with Education Code §44258.7 (c) and (d) for the 2020/21 school year.  
**AYES: Geiger, Knight, Parisio, Taylor, and Ward**  
**NOES: None**  
**MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

2. **(Action)** Approve the assignments of the following teachers per designated Education Code §44258.3/§44258.7 as noted:

Maria Briones	U.S. History	Grade 8
Jennifer Carriere	Computer Science I	Grade 9-12
Caleb Fleming	Physics	Grades 11-12
Joyce Ksander	Social Studies/History	Grades 7-8
Eloise Lengyel	AP Computer Science	Grade 10-12
Jessa McCarty	Computer Literacy	Grade 7-8
Leah Nunes	Computer Apps	Grades 9-12
Jessie Proctor	AP Psychology; Psychology	Grades 11-12
Pam Steward	Social Studies/History; Art	Grade 7-8

Jeromy Geiger moved, seconded by Michelle Knight to approve the abovementioned teaching assignments per Education Code §44258.3/§44258.7.

**AYES: Geiger, Knight, Parisio, Taylor, and Ward**  
**NOES: None**  
**MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

**D. BUSINESS SERVICES**

1. **(Action)** Approve Resolution #2020-21-03, Adoption of the “Gann Limit”. (Annual Requirement)  
Jeromy Geiger moved, seconded by Michelle Knight to approve Resolution #2020-21-03, Adoption of the “Gann Limit”.  
**AYES: Geiger, Knight, Parisio, Taylor, and Ward**  
**NOES: None**  
**MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

2. **(Action)** Approve the Unaudited Actuals Financial Report for the Fiscal Year 2019-20.  
Michelle Knight moved, seconded by Gina Taylor to approve the Unaudited Actuals Financial Report for the Fiscal Year 2019-20.

**AYES: Geiger, Knight, Parisio, Taylor, and Ward**

**NOES: None**

**MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

7.1 The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on November 5, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

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

At 7:48 p.m., the Board took a short recess after the Regular Meeting before going into Closed Session. President Parisio will report out in Open Session upon the conclusion of Closed Session.

9. **CLOSED SESSION**

Closed Session began at 7:50 p.m.

9.1 Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6: Conference with Labor Negotiator – Agency Negotiator: Emmett Koerperich. Employee Organizations: WUTA, CSEA, Management, Confidential, and Non-Represented.

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

10. **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

10.1 Announcement of Action Taken in Closed Session

At 8:07 p.m., the meeting reconvened to Open Session. President Parisio reported out:

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11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.