

WILLOWS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting – June 18, 2009

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 – Mrs. Brott called the Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Present: Mrs. Brott, Mrs. Domenighini, Mr. Parisio, Mr. Geiger Absent: None
- 1.2 Welcome to Visitors
- 1.3 Flag Salute – Led by Dallas Lindsey, WHS student.

2. AGENDA/MINUTES

- 2.1 Consider approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting of 5/07/09 and the Special Meeting of 5/07/09. Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Mr. Geiger, to approve the Minutes. The motion passed unanimously with 4 yes votes.
- 2.2 Consider approval of Agenda for 6/18/09 – Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Mr. Geiger, to approve the Agenda. The motion passed unanimously with 4 yes votes.

3. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Dallas Gunderson thanked the Board for doing a job that was difficult. He wanted to know what the core vision was for the district. He represented some concerned parents, who wanted to ensure that academics was paramount and couldn't understand the dismissal of a quality teacher.

Suzanne Myra, MES aide, shared her concerns about the impact of eliminating Class Size Reduction.

4. REPORTS

- 4.1 Employee Associations (WUTA & CSEA) – No report
- 4.2 Principals – Mr. Jerry Smith, WHS Assistant Principal, introduced Dallas Lindsey, FFA Vice President, to the Board. She reported on the latest FFA activities and the future plans for the organization. She thanked the community of Willows for their support.
- 4.3 Director of Business Services – Mrs. Skala had a handout for the Board on the Actuarial Study for GASB 45. She informed the Board it was Steven Rudy's last day and she thanked Mr. Rudy for all of his help.
- 4.4 Director of Technology Services – No report
- 4.5 Director of Transportation/Facilities Operations – Mrs. Taylor reported the summer cleaning had started. She was working closely with Linda Joseph at HRA and the 3 helpers were doing well. Martin Castillo and Sharon McMahon were their supervisors and they were doing a great job. She thanked her custodians for all of the cleaning and moving they were doing. They are servicing and repairing vehicles this summer. A lot of TLC was being done on the vans with shampooing and detailing. Mrs. Taylor was working to get the 3 bus routes down to 2.
- 4.6 Superintendent – Dr. Olmos thanked Mr. Rudy for helping the District for a year and a half and for all he had taught them. He reported maintenance was working on a number of projects this summer: roof repair at the WHS and replacing the carpet at WHCDS. Everyone is gearing up for the next school year. Administration is splitting weeks up for summer school being held for grades 9-12. Addie Vierra is running a two week Kinder Camp for students who have no preschool experience. This project is being paid for by a grant from First 5 and Migrant Ed. Mrs. Domenighini asked if students with low scores were included. Dr. Olmos replies Mrs. Vierra had contacted all parents of those students.
- 4.7 Governing Board Members – Mrs. Domenighini reported she had attended the WIS and WHS graduations. The Sober Grad night had been a great success. She said it had been a great end of the year and thanked everyone for their hard work. Mr. Parisio noted the WIS graduation had been the

shortest. He thanked Ms. Samons and Dallas for attending the meeting and bringing the Board up to date on the FFA events. He thanked Mr. Rudy and reported the FFA and 4H had been very successful at the Glenn County Fair. Mr. Geiger attended the WHS graduation. He complimented Mr. Smith and Mr. Geivett for doing a fantastic job. He said Mr. Parisio had helped a great deal at the fair. He felt that Mr. Roach's project should have been best of show. He hopes the new welding instructor continues with a very good program. He thanked Mr. Rudy for all he had done. Mrs. Brott reported she had attended all of the graduations. She thanked the administrators. She also thanked Mr. Rudy for helping WUSD. Mr. Rudy said there was only 1 other district he admired as much as WUSD. He had enjoyed working with everyone.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. GENERAL

B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. Approve Interdistrict requests for Students #09-10-14 through 09-10-41 to attend school in another district for the 2009/10 school year.
2. Approve Interdistrict request for Student #09-10-03 through Student #09-10-14 to attend school in the WUSD for the 2009/10 school year.
3. Approve the 2009/10 Consolidate Application for Funding Categorical Aid Programs (Part 1).
4. Approve field trip request from Amanda Samons to take FFA Officers to a retreat at Lake Almanor July 27 through July 30, 2009.

C. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Approve Mr. Jerry Smith and Mr. Mort Geivett as California Interscholastic Federation representatives for 2009/10.
2. Ratify employment of Matt Steele (history), Lauren Albert (English), Teresa Woods (English), and Mark Huntley/Paul DiGrande (split assignment of 2 weeks each for math)
3. Ratify employment of Alex Xanthus as Welding Teacher at WHS for the 2009/10 school year.
4. Ratify employment of Eric Owen as Social Science/English teacher at WHS for the 2009/10 school year.
5. Ratify employment of Shelley Taylor as Summer School Secretary.
6. Ratify employment of Debra Guzman as part-time Summer School Custodian (3.9 hours)
7. Ratify employment of Melody Bettencourt as Cafeteria Cook for Kinder Camp & Summer School.
8. Ratify employment of Lindsay Herrier-Berlin, Kristina Chavez, Norma Ramirez & Maxwell Bryant as Student Summer Help.
9. Ratify employment of Scott Thur and Cody Pastorino as Summer Help for maintenance.

D. BUSINESS SERVICES

1. Consider approval of budget revisions.
2. Consider approval of warrants from 5/06/09 through 6/10/09.

Mrs. Domenighini asked for items C2 and C4 be voted upon separately. Mr. Geiger moved, seconded by Mr. Parisio, to approve the Consent Calendar with item C2 and C4 removed. The motion passed unanimously. It was clarified that C2 referred to summer school teachers. Mrs. Domenighini moved, seconded by Mr. Parisio, to approve item C2. The motion passed unanimously with 4 yes votes. Mrs. Domenighini questioned the qualifications of the teacher in item C4. She wanted to know if he had a credential to teach AP classes. Dr. Olmos explained there wasn't a credential required; only training. Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Mr. Geiger, to approve item C4. The motion passed with 3 yes votes. Mrs. Domenighini voted no.

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION CALENDAR

A. GENERAL

1. **(Information)** First Reading of Revision to Board Policy 6146.1, Graduation Requirements – There was lengthy discussion on the Policy. Some corrections and changes need to be made. Dr. Olmos will bring it back to the next Meeting, with changes.

B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. **(Action)** Consider expulsion of Student #2008-09-10 through the fall semester of the 2009/10 school year. Student to comply with suggested remediation. Any violation of the Stipulated Expulsion Order will result in the Student's immediate expulsion and continued placement in the Community Day School without further Board Hearing. Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Mrs. Domenighini, to approve the expulsion of Student #2008-09-10. The motion passed unanimously with 4 yes votes.
2. **(Action)** Consider expulsion of Student #2008-09-11 through the fall semester of the 2009/10 school year. Student to comply with suggested remediation. Any violation of the Stipulated Expulsion Order will result in the Student's immediate expulsion and placement in the Community Day School without further Board Hearing. Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Mr. Geiger, to approve the expulsion of Student #2008-09-11. The motion passed unanimously with 4 yes votes.

C. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. **(Action)** Decision to call Special Election or make provisional appointment for replacement of Board Member Thompson. Mrs. Domenighini moved to have a Special Election to select the new member. The motion died for lack of a second. Mr. Parisio noted the cost of an election would be \$14,000 and the District had a very tight budget. He also noted that no one had run for Mr. Spurlock's position after he retired, and the Board had to make a selection. This term would only be for one year and the person would have to run again. Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Mr. Geiger, to fly the vacancy and the Board would make an appointment. The motion passed with 3 yes votes. Mrs. Domenighini voted no.
2. **(Action)** If decision to make provisional appointment is made, set timeline and guidelines – give direction to Superintendent and set date for Special Meeting – After discussion, Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Mr. Geiger, to have a Special Meeting on July 30, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. at the Willows Civic Center. The motion passed unanimously with 4 yes votes.
3. **(Action)** Consider modifying the Governing Board's previously adopted Resolution No. 2008-09-20, regarding the teaching position at Willows Community High School to reinstate the position to 1.0 FTE for the 2009/10 school year and directing administration to notify affected certificated employee(s) accordingly. After discussion, Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Mrs. Domenighini, to approve modifying the Resolution. Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously with 4 yes votes.

D. BUSINESS SERVICES

PUBLIC HEARING: In accordance with Education Code §42103, a Public Hearing will be conducted at this time to allow public input on the Willows Unified School District's 2009/10 original budget. (available for preview at the District Office, 823 W. Laurel) Mr. Dallas Gunderson asked if the District had considered having a person on staff who could focus on Grant writing. Dr. Olmos said there were a number of people, who had obtained grants, in their position, but there wasn't just one person. Mrs. Brott said they were trying to establish an education foundation.

1. **(Action)** Consider approval of the Willows Unified School District's 2009/10 original budget – Ms. Skala explained the budget and the projections for next year. Mrs. Domenighini asked if the Board needed to give direction to the SELPA on how they wanted the extra money for Special Ed to be spent. After discussion, Mr. Geiger moved, seconded by Mr. Parisio, to approve the Budget. The motion passed unanimously with 4 yes votes.

PUBLIC HEARING: In accordance with Education Code §42103, a Public Hearing will be conducted at this time to allow public input on the Budget trailer bill (SBX 3 4) Flexibility Transfers for State Categoricals on the Tier II list. – There was no public input.

2. **(Action)** Consider approval of receipt of flexibility transfers as prescribed by the Budget trailer bill (SBX 3 4) approved February 20, 2009 to be used to meet other educational purposes – Mrs. Domenighini moved, seconded by Mr. Parisio, to approve receipt of flexibility transfers. The motion passed unanimously with 4 yes votes.
3. **(Action)** Consider approval of Agreement for Professional Services with Miller Brown & Dannis for the 2009/10 school year – Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Mr. Geiger, to approve the Agreement. The motion passed unanimously with 4 yes votes.

4. **(Action)** Consider approval of Agricultural Vocational Education Incentive Grant 2009-2010 Application for Funding (\$15,900) – Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Mr. Geiger, to approve the Grant. The motion passed unanimously with 4 yes votes.
5. **(Action)** Consider approval of American Red Cross Shelter Agreement – After discussion, Mr. Geiger moved, seconded by Mr. Parisio, to approve the Agreement. The motion passed unanimously with 4 yes votes.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Special Meeting will be held on July 30, 2009 to select a new Board Member.

8. CLOSED SESSION

9:00 p.m.

1. Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6: Conference with Labor Negotiator – Agency negotiator: Steve Olmos. Employee Organization: WUTA/CSEA, Non-represented: Management and Confidential.
2. Pursuant to Government Code §54957: Public Performance Evaluation – Superintendent
3. Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(a): Conference with Legal Counsel: Existing Litigation – Tim Crews v. Willows USD, et.. al, Case No. 09CV00697.

At 10:06 p.m., the Meeting reconvened to Open Session. Mrs. Brott reported out that direction was given to Negotiator and direction was given to Superintendent.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.