

WILLOWS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting – March 3, 2022

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 7:00 p.m. Members present: Jeromy Geiger, Michelle Knight, Lourdes Ruiz, and Gina Taylor. Member absent: Alex Parisio
- 1.2 Welcome to Visitors
- 1.3 Flag Salute was led by Ryan Bentz.

2. AGENDA/MINUTES

- 2.1 Approve the Agenda for March 3, 2022.
President Geiger asked for Item D-1 to be pulled from the agenda and placed on the April board meeting. Michelle Knight moved, seconded by Lourdes Ruiz to approve the Agenda for March 3, 2022 as amended.
AYES: Geiger, Knight, Ruiz, and Taylor
NOES: None
ABSENT: Parisio
MOTION PASSED: 4-0-1
- 2.2 Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 3, 2022.
Jeromy Geiger moved, seconded by Gina Taylor to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 3, 2022.
AYES: Geiger, Knight, Ruiz, and Taylor
NOES: None
ABSENT: Parisio
MOTION PASSED: 4-0-1

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Joyce Ksander thanked the Board for their continued support of the 8th grade trip to Butte College. She also requested that the teachers be allowed to roll over their \$200 per year supply dollars to the next fiscal year.
- Monica Throm shared her concerns about the WHS pool and its condition and wanted the Board to understand its importance in the community. She also requested the new blocks be installed.

4. REPORTS

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

WUTA – President Cathy Fleming reported:

- Working on revising the bylaws.
- Finalizing the contract with the District.
- Money saved on not attending WUTA conferences due to COVID will be spent on vests or jackets for members.
- WUTA has decided not to endorse a County Superintendent candidate as members were split as to whom they were supporting.
- Thankful for March 14th when students do not have to wear masks to school.

CSEA – President Kathleen Morrison reported:

- Negotiations will take place on March 4, 2022.
- Recognized Martin Castillo at the last CSEA meeting for his efforts. He has held various jobs in the District.
- District Health & Welfare Benefits meeting will be held on March 23, 2022.
- CSEA fundraiser at Mar Val was a great success. Over \$1,000 was raised for scholarships.
- Thank you to all staff members who are retiring.

4.2 Associated Student Body President – President Alex McDonald reported:

- Preparing for Winter/Spring Homecoming which will take place the week of March 14-17, 2022.
- Sadie Hawkins dance will be held on April 2, 2022.
- Prom will be held on April 16, 2022 in a location in Orland.
- Senior trip will be held in May. Students will be going to San Francisco and hanging around Pier 39.
- Thank you CSEA for raising money for scholarships.

4.3 Principals**MES – Miguel Barriga reported:**

- Approaching the last MapGrowth benchmark. Looking to see growth and how to better look at the data to drive instruction. Teachers are excited about a K-3 reading initiative that will address curriculum, systems for teaching and learning, as well as direct instructional support. This will direct staff with a proactive instead of a reactive approach.
- TK/K enrollment has begun. Currently, MES has enrolled 38 kindergarten students and 17 TK students. Registration is scheduled for the month of March.
- One of the opportunity students graduated to a regular classroom. Opportunity class provides students with a behavior management plan that allows them to successfully reintegrate with a minimum of a six week stay. This student spent five months in the program.
- Working with GCOE to receive additional counseling services for students.
- A few teachers and an administrator is joining the Global Book Bags Program. This program invites teachers and administrators to identify children’s literature with global themes. It is building empathy, compassion, and curiosity. It is understanding multiple perspectives and intercultural sensitivity, effectively and respectfully communicating ideas and problem solving within our diverse society.
- MES PTO is holding a drive-thru spaghetti dinner on March 11, 2022 from 4:30p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10.
- Moving forward with the California Tribal Partnership and coordinating some events in the fall of 2022 that will be focused on education and cultural understanding.
- Starting to feel like a regular school year. Looking forward to staff bowling on March 25, 2022. MES flags and cheers are ready.
- Enrollment is 590, to include 15 on independent study:
 - TK – 14
 - K – 81
 - 1st – 85
 - 2nd – 120
 - 3rd – 94
 - 4th – 100
 - 5th – 96
- Congratulations to our retirees.
- Jen Porter, 5th grade teacher, reported on the upcoming Shady Creek field trip:
 - 75 students are going, along with 4 teachers
 - 5 days/4 nights
 - 14 high school students will be the cabin leaders. They were interviewed and selected from 30 students.
 - Students will be taking 6 classes that are related science/nature.
 - After fundraising, donations from the community, and help from the District, the week is fully funded.
 - Conducting COVID testing for all students and staff will occur on Sunday prior to the Monday departure.

WIS – Chris Harris reported:

- Enrollment is 304. 101, 99, and 104 students in grades 6, 7, 8 respectively. 13 students are on long-term independent study.
- Attendance rate for the first four months of school is just under 94% and hoping to improve on that number.
- WIS PTO hosted a Teriyaki Chicken dinner on February 18, 2022 and a Poker night on February 26, 2022.
- 8th grade will have its 3rd Career Expo presentation. Jason Ugie will be presenting on his career as an online Product Developer/Marketing/Human Computer Interactions. Express Employment Professionals will also be making a presentation.

- Continuing discussions of summer school and master schedule. Discussions around graduation have also started.
- Teachers met this week to identify students for intervention for the end of the year, but also for next year.
- Science teachers prepared for the curriculum adoption meeting.
- ELA and math teachers prepped for the MapGrowth testing.
- Four teachers visited Rosedale Elementary School in Chico and will next visit schools in Red Bluff to look at options for interactive boards to use in their classes.
- Working with the school counselor on setting dates to communicate with parents of 8th grade students that are in jeopardy of not being able to participate in the graduation ceremony.
- 6th grade basketball has begun.

WHS – David Johnstone reported:

- District WHS Enrollment is 478, to include 24 students on long-term independent study and 30 students on short-term independent study.
- County program (SDC/Eagle) enrollment is 24.
- Busy time for Seniors as they are attending Reg-to-Go at Butte College, completing the FAFSA, and applying for college scholarships, along with the first round of portfolio reviews.
- Master scheduling with course selection sheets will be going out this week and next.
- Students are taking the SAT test and teachers are preparing students for state testing. Teachers are counselors are also preparing for AP testing and PE teachers are preparing for the physical fitness testing.
- Working through Nor Cal ELC on math and English improvement plans.
- FCCLA is completing all students certified in CPR and first aid. They are taking industry and college tours and preparing for their state leadership conference.
- FFA is preparing for the state conference and the fair.
- Greg Kitchen, Athletic Director reported:
 - Coaches are in the process of collecting equipment and end-of-season meetings are occurring.
 - Standout athletes for Winter Sports:
 - Boys Basketball – Jose Jaramillo (All SVL)
 - Girls Basketball – Chelsea Weinrich (All SVL)
 - Boys Soccer – Damian Placencia, David Garcia (All SVL)
 - Girls Soccer – Kenya Gallardo, Dafnee Ruiz (All SVL)
 - Wrestling:
 - Angel Quintero – League Champion (195 lb)
 - Aiden Vasquez – League and Division Champion (106 lb) and 5th in Section
 - Anthony Richards – League and Division Champion (170 lb) and 4th in Section
 - Damian Medina – League and Division Champion (184 lb)
 - Spring sports are getting started. Unfortunately, we are unable to carry a JV softball team (lack of coaching candidates) and JV baseball team this year (lack of players). Varsity coaches have been working with the younger athletes to develop a quasi-red shirt program in which these student athletes are still allowed to practice with the team to keep their skills sharp. All of the other sports are in full swing. Very excited about being able to continue without a COVID testing requirement for the athletes.

WCHS – Emmett Koerperich reported:

- Enrollment is 21 students.
- Mrs. Beck continues to make phone calls each day to verify student absences, with Ron Bazan following up with home visits.
- Counselor Bibiana McNeil is currently conducting parent-counselor meetings to ensure seniors stay on track for graduation.
- Bibiana McNeil and Randy Prinz are developing an elective unit of study about the “Wizard of Oz” in preparation for the April field trip to see “Wicked”. The unit will be for Visual and Performing Arts credits.
- The ASVAB results will be in and Bibiana McNeil will be meeting with each student individually to go over the results.

4.4 Director of Business Services – Debbie Costello reported:

- Went over the 2022/23 Governor’s Budget Proposal. Not much has changed but potentially more funding for TK expansion; increased professional development and teacher pipeline resources; changes to the

Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) timelines and funding levels; and a higher COLA expected (currently projected at 5.33%) based on CPI data.

- Discussions are happening in regards to funding schools on a higher of the past three years for the 2022/23 school year.
- Due to technical/data issues in the QSS financial system, the 2nd Interim Budget will be presented at the April 7th meeting.
- Facilities:
 - The CalSHAPE Plumbing grant application was approved for \$165,588 and will provide resources to replace toilets and urinals in most restrooms on all campuses and the MES kitchen dishwasher. The work will be completed in conjunction with modernization projects of these facilities.
 - The State Allocation Board has approved increases to school Developer Fees assessments. A justification study would be required prior to implementation of a fee increase.

4.5 Director of Instructional Support Services – No report

4.6 Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment – Scott Booth reported:

- Continuing to host monthly LCAP Advisory meetings. Next meeting is March 16, 2022 at WIS. Will be reviewing the data, educational partnership feedback and priorities as we begin drafting the 2022/23 LCAP.
- Next DELAC meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2022 which is a collaborative effort with the Engagement Team who will also be hosting their first Parent Academy.
- Working on the biannual reporting of the Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC), Fall 2 CALPADS certification, the CTE Data Reporting Survey of last year’s graduates, as well as the Winter reporting of the Consolidated Application and Reporting System (CARS) for the federal categorical programs. All of this reporting is due by March 11, 2022.
- Preparing for the upcoming state testing season. Site testing schedules have been reviewed by the CIA at the last meeting on February 10, 2022. Site testing coordinators completed their training on February 15, 2022 and are working to train the site’s testing proctors for English, Math, and Science.
- Testing of the Summative ELPAC has begun at MES, while Special Education has completed the CAA Summative EPLAC for our most significantly disabled students.
- Held a training on March 2, 2022 for PE teachers to gear up for the physical fitness testing (PFT). Following a 2 year suspension of the PFT, all 5th, 7th, and 9th grade students will take this test.
- The Science Adoption Committee is working on the selection of a new, NGSS aligned curriculum for K-8. The first meeting was February 14, 2022 and the next meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2022.
- Working with the recently adopted History/Social Science curriculum publisher to schedule trainings for the K-5 teachers.

4.7 Superintendent – Emmett Koerperich reported:

- District enrollment is 1,419 students.
- Modernization update:
 - MES:
 - Modernizing the kitchen which is budgeted at \$250,000
 - Looking at wall coverings in the cafeteria versus painting
 - Modernizing the restrooms
 - Reorganizing rooms in the 400 wing, so it becomes exclusively Kindergarten and the 500 wing becomes TK
 - Reorganizing and modernizing the main office
 - WIS:
 - Installing fresh air intake in the library to help with circulation
 - Modernizing the restrooms
 - Putting a fence in the front of the school
 - WHS:
 - Modernizing the kitchen and creating a faculty room
 - Modernizing the restrooms
- Greg Kitchen mentioned not having a JV baseball or softball team. NSCIF is discussing juniors being eligible for JV sports.
- The District has received a grant for \$150,000 to train teachers on how to implement Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS). GCOE is the lead agency in this grant and will be organizing the online professional development.

- The last day for the indoor mask mandate for schools is Friday, March 11, 2022. The new guidelines are that masks are strongly recommended, but not required. Glenn County Public Health will not be adding any restriction.
 - Reserved the Orland Bowling Alley on March 25, 2022 for an employee appreciation event.
- 4.8 **Board of Education Members**
- Lourdes Ruiz reported:** No report
- Michelle Knight reported:** No report
- Gina Taylor reported:**
- Thank you to the community partners for their generous donations to our schools on a regular basis.
 - Thank you to MES for organizing the Shady Creek trip and partnering with WHS students.
 - Everyone goes the extra mile to provide a rich education for our students.
 - On the Golden State Risk Management Authority Board representing schools. Looking forward to having different discussions, with state mandates relaxing.
 - Congratulations to all the retirees.
- Jeromy Geiger reported:** No report

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. GENERAL

1. Accept donation from Willows Music Boosters in the amount of \$2,996.00 for sheet music.
2. Accept donation from the Freeway Bottle Shop in the amount of \$40.00 for the WHS Baseball program.
3. Accept donation from L&T towing in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the WHS Baseball program.
4. Accept donation from Gandy & Staley in the amount of \$250.00 for the WHS Baseball program.
5. Accept donation from Wunsch's Garage in the amount of \$200.00 for the WHS Baseball program.
6. Accept donation from Baker Trucking in the amount of \$500.00 for the WHS Baseball program.
7. Accept donation from Willows Hardware in the amount of \$100.00 for the WHS Baseball program.
8. Approve the WHS Obsolete Textbook List.

B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. Approve Interdistrict Requests for Students #21-22-38 through #21-22-40 to attend school the Willows Unified School District for the 2021/22 school year.
2. Deny Interdistrict Request for Student #21-22-41 to attend school the Willows Unified School District for the 2021/22 school year.
3. Approve Interdistrict Requests for Students #22-23-02 through #22-23-03 to attend school the Willows Unified School District for the 2022/23 school year.
4. Approve the Overnight Field Trip Request for FFA to attend the State FFA Conference March 25-29, 2022 in Sacramento.
5. Approve the Overnight Field Trip Request for FCCLA to attend the FCCLA State Leadership Conference April 22-26, 2022 in Riverside, CA.
6. Approve the 2021/22 CARS (Consolidated Application & Reporting System) Winter Collection.

C. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Approve the employment of Erin Hill, Cafeteria Helper I (3.9 hrs/day), effective February 7, 2022.
2. Approve the employment of Diana Curiel Delacruz, After School Program Activity Assistant @ MES (3.9 hrs/day), effective February 28, 2022.
3. Approve the employment of Nicole Chavez, Bilingual Parent Liaison (6 hrs/day), effective March 1, 2022.
4. Approve the employment of Ashley Niehues, After School Program Activity Assistant @ MES (3.9 hrs/day), effective March 2, 2022.
5. Approve the employment of Heidi Vasquez, Career Education Technician II (High School) (6 hrs/day), effective March 7, 2022.
6. Approve Request for Deidre Romano, MES Teacher, to take an unpaid leave of absence for the 2022/23 school year.
7. Accept resignation of Erika Johnstone, After School Program Activity Assistant, effective February 16, 2022.
8. Accept resignation of Morgan Hansen, Temporary WHS Teacher, effective June 10, 2022.
9. Accept resignation of Kaitlyn Hiller, WIS Teacher, effective June 10, 2022.
10. Accept resignation of David Johnstone, WHS Principal, effective June 30, 2022.
11. Accept retirement of Randy Prinz, WCHS/WHS Teacher, effective June 11, 2022.

12. Accept retirement of Steve Sailsbery, Director of Instructional Support Services, effective July 1, 2022.
13. Accept retirement of Karen Colombo, MES Teacher, effective November 2, 2022.
14. Approve the Classified Substitute List.
15. Approve the following WHS Spring Sports Coaches for the 2021/22 school year:

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| Varsity Golf Coach | Greg Kitchen |
| Baseball Volunteer Coach | Daryl Adams |
| Baseball Volunteer Coach | Clay Arendt |
| Softball Volunteer Coach | Kassidy Millen |
| Softball Volunteer Coach | Bob Thurman (pending clearance) |
16. Approve Jimmy O'Reilly, WHS Varsity Football Coach for the 2022/23 school year.

D. BUSINESS SERVICES

1. Approve warrants from 2/2/22 through 2/23/22.

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

AYES: Geiger, Knight, Ruiz, and Taylor

NOES: None

ABSENT: Parisio

MOTION PASSED: 4-0-1

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION CALENDAR

A. GENERAL

1. **(Action)** Vote for the 2022 CSBA Delegate Assembly candidate to be submitted to CSBA on or before March 15, 2022.

Michelle Knight moved, seconded by Jeromy Geiger to nominate Melissa Peters for the 2022 CSBA Delegate Assembly candidate for Subregion 4-A.

AYES: Geiger, Knight, Ruiz, and Taylor

NOES: None

ABSENT: Parisio

MOTION PASSED: 4-0-1

B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. **(Action)** A-G Completion and Improvement Grant.

Jeromy Geiger moved, seconded by Michelle Knight to approve the A-G Completion and Improvement Grant.

AYES: Geiger, Knight, Ruiz, and Taylor

NOES: None

ABSENT: Parisio

MOTION PASSED: 4-0-1

C. HUMAN RESOURCES

D. BUSINESS SERVICES

1. **(Action)** Approve 2021/22 Second Interim Report. – Item was pulled from the agenda.
2. **(Action)** Approve Resolution #2021-22-08 California Schools Healthy Air, Plumbing, and Efficiency (CalSHAPE) Plumbing Grant.

Gina Taylor moved, seconded by Lourdes Ruiz to approve Resolution #2021-22-08 California Schools Healthy Air, Plumbing, and Efficiency (CalSHAPE) Plumbing Grant. (Roll call vote was taken)

AYES: Geiger, Knight, Ruiz, and Taylor

NOES: None

ABSENT: Parisio

MOTION PASSED: 4-0-1

3. **(Action)** Approve Contract with CDW-G for E-Rate funding for Category 2 Technology Infrastructure Projects.

Gina Taylor moved, seconded by Jeromy Geiger to approve the Contract with CDW-G for E-Rate funding for Category 2 Technology Infrastructure Projects.

AYES: Geiger, Knight, Ruiz, and Taylor

NOES: None

ABSENT: Parisio
MOTION PASSED: 4-0-1

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 7.1 Glenn County STEM Expo will be held on March 9, 2022 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Glenn County Fairgrounds.
- 7.2 Murdock PTO will be holding a Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser on March 11, 2022 from 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
- 7.3 The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on April 7, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Willows Civic Center.

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

At 8:04 p.m., the Board took a short recess after the Regular meeting before going into Closed Session. President Geiger will report out into Open Session upon the conclusion of Closed Session.

9. **CLOSED SESSION**

Closed Session began at 8:15 p.m.

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

10. **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

10.1 Announcement of Action Taken in Closed Session.

At 8:53 p.m., the meeting reconvened to Open Session. President Geiger reported out:

- 9.1: Update given to the Board.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.