

# WILLOWS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting – April 7, 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, Alex Parisio, Lourdes Ruiz, and Gina Taylor.
- 1.2 Welcome to Visitors
- 1.3 Flag Salute was led by Meggie Cole.

### 2. AGENDA/MINUTES

- 2.1 Approve the Agenda for April 7, 2022.  
Jeromy Geiger moved, seconded by Alex Parisio to approve the Agenda for April 7, 2022.  
**AYES: Geiger, Knight, Parisio, Ruiz, and Taylor**  
**NOES: None**  
**MOTION PASSED: 5-0**
- 2.2 Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 3, 2022.  
Michelle Knight moved, seconded by Lourdes Ruiz to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 3, 2022.  
**AYES: Geiger, Knight, Parisio, Ruiz, and Taylor**  
**NOES: None**  
**MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

### 4. REPORTS

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

WUTA – No report

**CSEA – President Kathleen Morrison reported:**

- District bowling event was a fun time.
- Reached a tentative agreement with the District for 2021/22. Will be voted on by CSEA #119 at their April 28, 2022 meeting.

#### 4.2 **Associated Student Body President – Meggie Cole reported:**

- Winter Homecoming was very successful. Ethan Thor and Allison Dalrymple were crowned king and queen.
- Prom will be held on April 16, 2022, and many students have already signed up.
- End of year events include Mr. Honker, powderpuff football, and ASB elections.
- Senior trip is scheduled for early May.

#### 4.3 **Principals**

**MES – Miguel Barriga reported:**

- Completed the last MapGrowth Assessment. There was positive growth schoolwide. Analyzing data and discussing the process for documenting and organizing the findings to share each grade level.
- Held the second trimester awards. Also continuing to present the Mallards of the Month, with the support of the Murdock PTO.
- ELA and Math intervention as well as the ELD services and specialist instruction will take on a much more organized look next year. Teachers are excited about a K-3 reading initiative that will address curriculum, systems for teaching and learning, as well as direction instructional support.
- The additional school based counseling services from GCOE will start on April 8, 2022. Students are already lined up to receive school based counseling.

- Continue to be impressed by the Parent Engagement Team. Attended the first Parent Academy/DELAC meeting that was well attended.
- MES recognized Jennifer Porter at the Butte-Glenn ACSA Certificated Staff Member of the Year.
- Thank you to Ellen Hamilton, Marissa Cabrera, and Engagement Team for their support in student attendance efforts.
- Staff bowling was fun. MES was there with their aces, flags, and cheering section.
- Enrollment is 593, to include 13 on independent study:
  - TK – 14
  - K – 81
  - 1<sup>st</sup> – 86
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> – 121
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> – 96
  - 4<sup>th</sup> – 98
  - 5<sup>th</sup> – 97

**WIS – Chris Harris reported:**

- Enrollment is 305. 100, 99, and 106 students in grades 6, 7, 8 respectively. 10 students are on long-term independent study.
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade will have their 4<sup>th</sup> Career Expo presentation. Representatives from the California Highway Patrol and Department of Fish and Game will be presenting.
- Working on master schedule and summer school.
- Held a pizza party for students that achieved at a high level on the MapGrowth testing. Also recognized those students that showed the most growth in those areas.
- The DELAC meeting on March 10, 2022 was quite impressive to witness the momentum generated with the EL community and the increase of parent participation.
- Site Council meeting on March 31, 2022 focused on the School Plan for Student Achievement.
- Thank you to the PTO for recognizing with cupcakes the 40 students who achieved a 4.0 during the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.
- WIS Counselor is making contact with 8<sup>th</sup> graders that are struggling to meet the requirements to participate in graduation.
- SEL support services are busy. Many students are struggling right now, and working to develop individualized action plans for each of those students.
- Open House is Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. PTO will be selling pizza and teachers will be displaying great student work.
- Currently testing EL students. 8<sup>th</sup> graders will take the CAST in late April, and CAASPP will begin the second week in May.
- Spring Concert will happen either May 10<sup>th</sup> or May 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Congratulations to Xochitl Rodriguez for being named the WIS Certificated Staff member of the Year through Butte-Glenn ACSA.

**WHS – Emmett Koerperich reported:**

- District WHS Enrollment is 476, to include 21 students on Long Term Independent Study.
- County program (SDC/Eagle) enrollment is 24.
- Counselors are working on students' course selections and getting all of the course tallies for master schedule building.
- Testing begins at WHS. State CAASPP testing for Juniors will begin next week with math, then science, and English. AP testing and physical fitness testing for 9<sup>th</sup> graders will follow, ending with NWEA MapGrowth testing for all students.
- FFA had an amazing time at the state FFA conference. Congratulations to them for their accomplishments.
- FCCLA will be attending their state conference on April 22, 2022.
- Staff vs Students basketball game and homecoming was an awesome experience and an exciting time for students and staff to get together and celebrate school spirit with a packed house of students, parents, and community members.
- Excited to have the new scoreboard up and running at the baseball field. It looks great and really brings an element of pride back to our baseball facility. Thank you to all district employees who made this possible.

- Baseball and softball have enjoyed successful starts to their league seasons despite some injuries at key positions.
- Track participation has remained solid at about 25-30 participants. Coach Biggs and Stupey have been instrumental in helping with the league events and Administration has received emails from partner schools regarding how helpful they have been.
- Tennis and golf have had to endure some schedule changes and league reshuffles mid-season, but the teams have settled in and are improving. Hope to see these programs grow in the future.

**WCHS – Emmett Koerperich reported:**

- Enrollment is 19 students.
- Military recruiters visited to review ASVAB results with all students.
- Counselor Bibiana McNeil is working with students who need to sign up for summer school.
- Counselor Hunter Thompson is coordinating state testing with the 8 juniors for the week of May 9, 2022.
- Will be interviewing a candidate on Tuesday to replace Randy Prinz.
- Taking students to see Wicked in Sacramento on Thursday, April 14, 2022.
- Open House and barbecue will be held on May 10, 2022.

**4.4 Director of Business Services – No report****4.5 Director of Instructional Support Services – No report****4.6 Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment – Scott Booth reported:**

- Next LCAP meeting will be held on May 11, 2022. Working on the draft of the 2022/23 LCAP.
- Sites are updating and reviewing their School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) through site councils. These are site-based strategic plans for continuous improvement of student achievement. They will be presented at the May 5, 2022 board meeting.
- Upcoming plans:
  - Universal Pre-Kindergarten Planning and Implementation Grant (UPK) – coming in May as an informational item. UPK is a state early learning planning and capacity building initiative with the goal of expanding access for preschool-age students to prekindergarten programs at LEAs. Grant funds may pay for costs associated with creating or expanding California state preschool programs or transitional kindergarten programs.
  - Expanded Learning Opportunities Plan (ELOP) – coming in May as an informational item. Established by AB 130, the ELOP provides funding for after school, summer school, intersessions, and enrichment programs with a focus on LEAs with the highest concentration of targeted disadvantaged students. Targeting TK-6 grades.
- DELAC/Parent Academy held on March 23, 2022 was successful. Great praise for the Engagement Team. Combined the DELAC meeting with the Team’s first-ever Parent Academy. Following a brief presentation and discussion about the ELOP, LCAP, and testing schedule for EL students, the Engagement Team followed with their focus on supporting student’s academics at home. Nearly 30 parents and staff attended. Next DELAC meeting will be held on May 18, 2022, where we will again be teaming up with the Engagement Team’s third Parent Academy.
- Curriculum/Instruction:
  - History/Social Science – first training with the new History/Social Science curriculum was held after school on March 23, 2022. Another round of the same training, providing the same information for those who missed the first one, will then follow. Will be providing additional time for planning and implementation in grade level teams.
  - Science Adoption Committee (SAC) – Held the fourth SAC meeting on April 4, 2022 and have another one scheduled for April 11, 2022. The committee has been hard at work completing the foundational work that included a needs assessment for science education in the District and identifying specific elements that we need and are looking for in a curriculum package. Darren Massa, from GCOE, attended the last meeting and we have begun the review of about a dozen different curriculum packages. The goal is to be able to make a selection at the May 16, 2022 meeting.
- School sites are up and running with their testing: Physical Fitness, ELPAC, and CAST.
- Met with the MES Standards Based Grading Committee to develop a new Standards Based report card for next year. Will present them to the board for approval once the drafts become more formalized.

**4.7 Superintendent – Emmett Koerperich reported:**

- District enrollment is 1,416 students.
- Everyone who participated in the district bowling event had a great time. Hoping to do an end of year event.

- Met with the architects to develop the construction timeline for the summer projects and the dates for contractors to bid on them. Once the timelines are finalized, will meet with maintenance and operations leads to determine summer schedules.
- Still waiting for the swimming pool analysis report from RGA consultant. The report will give us recommendations for the pool. Engineer said the installation of the starting blocks was not an easy fix due to code requirements to ground the metal sleeves to rebar in the decking. Will know more once we receive the recommendations about how to address this.
- Busy time of year regarding staffing throughout the district. Every site is making the necessary arrangements to fill positions and build their master schedules for next year.

**4.8 Board of Education Members**

**Lourdes Ruiz reported:**

- Attended the Staff vs Students basketball game. Happy to see some of the band members play at the event.
- Attended the FFA tri tip fundraiser on March 10, 2022.
- Attended the MES PTO Spaghetti Feed on March 11, 2022.
- Attended the WHS Football Spaghetti Feed on April 4, 2022.
- Participated in the interviews for the Director of Instructional Support Services.
- Thank you to Emily Spooner, football coaches, and office staff for setting up study sessions for athletes at Round Table.

**Michelle Knight reported:** No report

**Gina Taylor reported:**

- Appreciate all staff reports discussing testing, evaluating the data, and making plans for next year.
- Thank you to the prom committee for their hard work. Fully supports the destination prom with transportation for students.

**Alex Parisio reported:**

- Welcome to all of our new hires. Thank you to all those who participated in the interview process. Good luck to our retirees.
- 2017 graduate and volunteer firefighter, Brian Ceccon, passed away and was honored with a procession of engines from all of the area fire departments who escorted him into Willows. Mr. Parisio asked for a moment of silence.

**Jeremy Geiger reported:** No report

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. GENERAL**

1. Accept donation from Southern Gas Company in the amount of \$500.00 for the WHS Baseball program.
2. Accept donation from Regenal Michaud Aviation in the amount of \$250.00 for the WHS Baseball program.
3. Accept donation from Carte Blanche in the amount of \$50.00 for the WHS Baseball program.
4. Accept donation from Willows Glass in the amount of \$300.00 for the WHS Baseball program.
5. Accept donation from Willows Automotive in the amount of \$100.00 for the WHS Baseball program.
6. Accept donation from Gandy & Staley in the amount of \$300.00 for the WHS Football program.
7. Approve agreement with Compass Energy Systems (CES).
8. Approve the disposal of the broken WHS Laminator Model AV 979 (serial# 979-4053).
9. Approve the WUSD Obsolete Equipment list.

**B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

1. Approve Interdistrict Requests for Students #21-22-38 through #21-22-39 to attend school in another district for the 2021/22 school year.
2. Approve Interdistrict Requests for Students #22-23-04 through #22-23-08 to attend school in the Willows Unified School District for the 2022/23 school year.
3. Approve Interdistrict Request for Student #22-23-01 to attend school in another district for the 2022/23 school year.

**C. HUMAN RESOURCES**

1. Approve employment of Anna Pearson, Instructional Aide I at MES (3.9 hrs/day), effective March 23, 2022.
2. Approve employment of Rocio Vazquez, Cafeteria Helper I, effective April 4, 2022.

3. Approve employment of Valeria Chavez, After School Program Activity Assistant, effective April 25, 2022. (pending clearance)
4. Approve employment of Hana Lani Hanson (16 days) and Alma Piña (4 days) WHS Summer School Credit Recovery teachers, effective June 14, 2022.
5. Approve employment of Marissa Willits, MES 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher, effective August 9, 2022.
6. Approve employment of Morgan Boer, MES 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher Intern, effective August 9, 2022.
7. Approve employment of Julie Matthews, MES Kindergarten Teacher, effective August 9, 2022.
8. Approve employment of Lucero Malagon, MES TK Teacher, effective August 9, 2022.
9. Approve employment of Sara Cervantes, Temporary MES Math Intervention Teacher, effective August 9, 2022.
10. Approve employment of Ashlynn Geiger, Temporary MES 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher Intern, effective August 9, 2022 (pending internship).
11. Approve employment of Alma Piña, Temporary WHS English Language Arts Intervention Teacher, effective August 9, 2022.
12. Approve resignation of Ashley Passot, Cafeteria Helper I, effective March 18, 2022.
13. Approve resignation of Joseph West, WHS/WIS Teacher, effective June 10, 2022.
14. Approve resignation of Khaleah Lancaster, WIS Teacher, effective June 10, 2022.
15. Approve resignation of Joshua Pixler, WHS Teacher, effective June 10, 2022.
16. Approve resignation of Luis Perez, WIS Teacher, effective June 10, 2022.
17. Approve request for Ashley Niehues, After School Program Activity Assistant, to take an unpaid leave of absence from May 2, 2022 through June 10, 2022.

**D. BUSINESS SERVICES**

1. Approve warrants from 3/2/22 through 3/30/22.

Jeremy Geiger requested Item #5C-10 be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

Jeremy Geiger moved, seconded by Gina Taylor to approve the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Item #5C-10.

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

**NOES: None**

**MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

Alex Parisio moved, seconded by Michelle Knight to approve Item #5C-10.

**AYES: Knight, Parisio, Ruiz, and Taylor**

**NOES: None**

**ABSTAINED: Geiger**

**MOTION PASSED: 4-0-1**

**6. DISCUSSION/ACTION CALENDAR**

**A. GENERAL**

1. **(Information)** Youth Vaping - Glenn County FNL Youth Council – April Hine and member of the Glenn County FNL Youth Council presented information on vaping and the current ballot measure that would keep the sale of flavored tobacco legal in California.
2. **(Action)** Adopt Flavored Tobacco Proclamation  
Gina Taylor moved, seconded by Lourdes Ruiz to adopt the Flavored Tobacco Proclamation supporting the elimination of access to flavored tobacco products. (Roll call vote was taken.)  
**AYES: Geiger, Knight, Parisio, Ruiz, and Taylor**  
**NOES: None**  
**MOTION PASSED: 5-0**
3. **(Action)** Accept selection committee’s recommendations for the 2022 Glenn County Educator’s Hall of Fame Award recipients. (Michelle Knight & Alex Parisio) – Alex Parisio announced the committee’s recommendation for the 2022 recipients as Koni Fisher and Maryann Capriola.  
Alex Parisio moved, seconded by Michelle Knight to accept the committee’s recommendation of Koni Fisher and Maryann Capriola as the 2022 Glenn County Educator’s Hall of Fame Award recipients for WUSD.  
**AYES: Geiger, Knight, Parisio, Ruiz, and Taylor**  
**NOES: None**

**MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

4. **(Information)** First Reading of the following additions/deletions/changes to Board Policies per CSBA’s Policy Guidesheet Recommendations:

BP 4030	Nondiscrimination in Employment
BP 4141.6/4241.6	Concerted Action/Work Stoppage
BP 5111	Admission
BP 6173	Education for Homeless Children
BB 9322	Agenda/Meeting Materials

Information only – no action taken.

5. **(Action)** Approve the Certificated/Student Calendar with Collaboration Days for 2022/23 School Year. Gina Taylor moved, seconded by Jeromy Geiger to approve the Certificated/Student Calendar with Collaboration Days for the 2022/23 School Year.

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

**NOES: None**

**MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

6. **(Information/Discussion)** Williams Uniform Complaints Quarterly Report. (There were no complaints) – Information only – no action taken.

**B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

**C. HUMAN RESOURCES**

1. **(Action)** Approve Resolution #2021-22-10, Teacher Appreciation Week, May 2-6, 2022. Michelle Knight moved, seconded by Jeromy Geiger to approve Resolution #2021-22-10, Teacher Appreciation Week, May 2-6, 2022. (Roll call vote was taken.)

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

**NOES: None**

**MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

**D. BUSINESS SERVICES**

1. **(Action)** Approve 2021/22 Second Interim Report. Michelle Knight moved, seconded by Jeromy Geiger to approve the 2021/22 Second Interim Report.

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

**NOES: None**

**MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

2. **(Action)** Approve Resolution #2021-22-09 Establish a County School Facilities Fund, Fund 35. Jeromy Geiger moved, seconded by Gina Taylor to approve Resolution #2021-22-09 Establishing a County School Facilities Fund, Fund 35. (Roll call vote was taken.)

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

**NOES: None**

**MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

3. **(Action)** Approve Resolution #2021-22-11 Kindergarten/Transitional Kindergarten Facilities Grant Program. Jeromy Geiger moved, seconded by Gina Taylor to approve Resolution #2021-22-11 Kindergarten/Transitional Kindergarten Facilities Grant Program. (Roll call vote was taken.)

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

**NOES: None**

**MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

4. **(Action)** Approve Agreement with Rainforth Grau Architects for the Murdock Elementary School Kitchen Modernization.

Michelle Knight moved, seconded by Gina Taylor to approve Agreement with Rainforth Grau Architects for the Murdock Elementary School Kitchen Modernization.

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

**NOES: None**

**MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

5. **(Action)** Approve Agreement with Rainforth Grau Architects for the Murdock Elementary School Toilet Room Modernization.

Alex Parisio moved, seconded by Jeromy Geiger to approve Agreement with Rainforth Grau Architects for the Murdock Elementary School Toilet Room Modernization.

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

**NOES: None**

**MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

6. **(Action)** Approve Agreement with Rainforth Grau Architects for the Willows High School Kitchen and Staff Room Modernization.

Alex Parisio moved, seconded by Lourdes Ruiz to Approve Agreement with Rainforth Grau Architects for the Willows High School Kitchen and Staff Room Modernization.

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

**NOES: None**

**MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

7. **(Action)** Approve Agreement with Rainforth Grau Architects for the Willows High School Toilet Room Modernization.

Alex Parisio moved, seconded by Jeromy Geiger to Approve Agreement with Rainforth Grau Architects for the Willows High School Toilet Room Modernization.

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

**NOES: None**

**MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

8. **(Action)** Approve Agreement with Rainforth Grau Architects for the Willows Intermediate School Toilet Room Modernization.

Michelle Knight moved, seconded by Alex Parisio to approve Agreement with Rainforth Grau Architects for the Willows Intermediate School Toilet Room Modernization.

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

**NOES: None**

**MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

7.1 There will be a district-wide break from April 18-22, 2022.

7.2 The following are the dates and times for Open House at the different school sites:

Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.	Willows Intermediate School
Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.	Willows High School
Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.	Willows Community High School
Thursday, May 26, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.	Murdock Elementary School

7.3 Lamb Derby festivities will take place May 5-8, 2022.

7.4 The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on May 5, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

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

At 8:00 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 8:06 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 9:04 p.m., the meeting reconvened to Open Session. President Geiger reported out:

9.1 Update given to the Board. Direction given to the Superintendent.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.