

WILLOWS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting – November 6, 2008

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 – Present: Mrs. Brott, Mrs. Domenighini, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Parisio. Absent: Mrs. Ward
- 1.2 Welcome to Visitors
- 1.3 Flag Salute – Led by Linda Miller

2. AGENDA/MINUTES

- 2.1 Consider approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting of 10/02/08 and the Special Meeting of 10/27/08 – Mr. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. Parisio, to approve the Minutes of both Meetings. The motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 absent.
- 2.2 Consider approval of Agenda for 11/06/08 – Item 3.1 was removed because Mrs. Ward was unable to attend the Meeting. Added: Resolution #2008-09-10b, ARB School Bus Exhaust Retrofit Grant Program to: #7 Discussion/Action Calendar, D. Business Services, #3 because of timeline for submitting grant application. Moved (**Action**) Surplus property disposition (334 W. Sycamore Street, old District Office) – Open, examine and declare sealed proposals to lease with an option to purchase to 3.1. Mrs. Domenighini moved, seconded by Mr. Parisio, to approve the Agenda as amended. The motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 absent.

3. RECOGNITION OF RETIRING BOARD MEMBER

- 3.1 ~~Laurel Hill Ward~~ (Replaced with: (**Action**) *Surplus property disposition (334 W. Sycamore Street, old District Office) – Open, examine and declare sealed proposals to lease with an option to purchase.* Only one bid was submitted. Mrs. Brott opened the bid, which contained copies for all of the Board Members. Dr. Olmos explained the District, under direction of legal counsel, had adopted the resolution, drafted bid forms, and advertised, by Public Notice, 3 times in the local paper. Mr. Thompson said they could discuss the issue for a long time, but because the District had followed all the required guidelines and Mr. Atlas was the only party to submit a bid, there was no reason to postpone the vote. He noted that Mr. Atlas was well-known in the area and his reputation was impeccable. Mr. Thompson moved, seconded by Mrs. Domenighini, to accept his bid. The motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 absent.

4. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

None

5. REPORTS

- 5.1 Employee Associations (WUTA & CSEA) - None
- 5.2 Principals
 - (MES) Mrs. Parsons reported:
 - Students had the opportunity to participate in lessons on safety from the Fire Department. They received hats, held the fire hose, and went through the “smoke house”.
 - Red Ribbon week was held.
 - The Halloween Parade went smoothly.
 - November will be full of activities: The first trimester ends, Wednesday and Thursday will be minimum days for parent/teacher conferences, MAA week will be starting 11/17, and awards will be presented December 4.
 - (WIS) Mr. Bazan reported:
 - Mr. Sailsbery was ill and could not attend the Meeting.

- Girls Basketball had started and wrestling would start next week.
- The first quarter perfect attendance party will be next week.
- The Anti-bullying Assembly was held last week.
- Wednesday's minimum day will be spent working on collaboration teams, targeting math.
- Focus on Success is an opportunity for teachers to share what is working with students. It's a great way to start a meeting.

(WCHS) Mr. Rutherglen reported:

- Independent Study has 40 students enrolled.
- Matt Steele has accepted the Social Science position at WHS, so we are flying his position in the District.
- Mrs. Steele-Stemple, counselor, has a girls' group that meets on Tuesdays. It has been very helpful.
- School Site Council will meet on Wednesday, at 7:30 a.m.
- He invited everyone to the Thanksgiving feast at WCHS on November 21.

(WHS) Mr. Geivett reported:

- He thanked Chief Spears for teaching the Administration of Justice class at WHS. He also thanked him for his support, as well as the V.I.P. group, police officers, and probation.
- WHS did well at the Glenn County Spelling Bee.
- Monday, Jim Bettencourt will give a Not In Our Town presentation.
- The minimum day will be spent working on preparations for the 1 day WASC visit.
- Progress reports will go out on November 20.
- He has nominated Erik Korling as Teacher of the Year for ACSA Region 2.
- Blanca Ramirez, ASB President, reported that Homecoming had gone very well. WHS has started a new tradition of selecting a Honker of the Month. Jared Schmidt, who heroically stabilized an elderly woman who was hit on Wood Street is the first recipient. WHS held a mock election. Fall sports are coming to a close and winter sports are getting ready to start. There are many activities and fundraisers going on right now. Plans are being made for the senior activities.

5.3 Director of Business Services – Ms. Skala reported:

- They have been very busy getting ready for the budget review committee. The District will meet with the committee and GCOE on Monday, November 10.
- The auditors have been here this week; so far there have been no negative findings.
- She and Steven Rudy have been meeting with Pat Goss working on a recovery plan.
- The First Interim Report should be ready by the December meeting. This will include updates to salaries and fringe benefits as well as categorical fixes.
- They spent a day at GCOE working on implementation of position control.
- She, and Debbie Wallace attended a workshop sponsored by Golden State Risk Management and received some great information.
- The MAA earnings for the first quarter are up more than \$15,000 from last year.
- She had handouts for the Board and public on the Governor's latest budget changes.
- Her first 4 months with WUSD have been great and very busy. She said everyone had been helpful and WUSD has a great team. She complimented Debbie Wallace and Jackie von Seggern for assisting her and willingly taking on projects they had never done before.
- Mrs. Brott asked several questions regarding Pat Goss. Mrs. Brott expressed her concerns that GCOE jumped the gun about hiring Mrs. Goss. Mr. Rudy said she was helping them tweak the plan. He agreed that they believed her appointment was premature from an administrative perspective. He felt it was a gesture on the part of the District to work with her. The GCOE made the decision and hired her but it speaks highly of WUSD that we are being diplomatic. He hoped the District would get some reciprocity from GCOE. Mrs. Brott said input was fine; control was not.
- There was discussion on the Governor's proposed mid-year cuts.

5.4 Director of Technology Services – No Report

5.5 Director of Transportation/Facilities Operations – Mrs. Taylor reported:

- Operations were very busy. She showed the new type of mops being used in the cafeteria.
- She demonstrated the new signs for the busses to help kindergarten and first graders find their bus. The bus routes are A, B, and C. For children, who are unable to read, the signs have a picture of an alligator for A, bird for B, and a cat for C. She also had stickers for the children to wear, so the bus driver and teacher would know which bus the child should be riding.

- She said the bus drivers already do it, but she had purchased bus empty signs to help remind everyone to really check their bus before leaving.
- She thanked the teachers and administrators for their assistance with the annual school bus evacuation training.
- The buses and vans were being used for many sports activities and her department had been busy seeing that all vehicles were in top running shape, as well as, the mowers and forklift.
- She was keeping all of the bus drivers up to date in their training and is training a new bus driver.

5.6 Director of Categorical Programs – Mrs. Perez reported:

- CA Physical Fitness Test Report
- The California Assessment system will no longer require the CAT 6.
- She thanked Mr. Lillie for his help with the tedious process of completing the Student I.D.'s, and Ms. Skala for her help with the Categorical Budget. She will have budgets ready for this month's School Site Council meetings.

5.7 Superintendent – Dr. Olmos reported:

- The budget review committee will be at the District Office. Betty spent extra hours and did an incredible job putting the information together.
- He thanked the public for helping with the Bond. Out of 86 districts, only 4 did not pass. Oroville passed a bond for \$12 million for a new football field. It hurts a little that our Bond did not pass because the needs are still there. He also thanked Sherry Brott for heading the committee for the Bond.
- He read a letter from Orland Youth Football. They paid the District for the use of our football field. They also covered the overtime for maintenance and custodial. The letter thanked WUSD for helping them out and especially, Mr. Smith for his cooperation.

5.8 Governing Board Members reported:

- Mrs. Domenighini said she was disappointed about the Bond issue and thanked Mrs. Brott for her hard work.
- Mr. Parisio thanked Mrs. Ward for her years on the School Board. He also thanked Mrs. Miller, who is retiring from the Glenn County School Board. She represented WUSD. He welcomed Mr. Gene Massa, new Glenn County School Board member. He expressed his regrets about the Bond not passing and thanked Mrs. Brott and Mrs. Baker for their efforts.
- Mr. Thompson said he was disappointed about the Bond, and he hoped the District could attempt to pass a Bond in the future. He had attended the best football game ever in Rio Vista. Willows won that game.
- Mrs. Brott thanked Linda Miller for her years representing the WUSD on the Glenn County Board of Education. She welcomed Gene Massa to the Glenn County Board. She said she hoped Mrs. Ward would be at the December Meeting so they could thank her for her years of service. She had read the article in the Willows Journal and wanted the public to know that Dale Scott and Company did not receive any money for the work done for the Bond. Zero. She said all the school districts in our area had been able to pass bonds. WUSD has needs that we have to take care of. She agreed with Mrs. Susan Parisio that there is a great deal of work to be done. She said \$15,000 was not spent on the Bond. That was untrue and she wished people had the truth before they voted. She was sorry the community had not supported the Bond. She said a lot of nice people had worked very hard on the Bond. She also said there had been two openings on the School Board and only 2 people applied. She was curious why more people did not get involved. She reported that the WIS 8th grade girls' basketball team had just won their game and her daughter had scored the winning basket.

5.9 ASB Quarterly Reports – MES/WIS

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. GENERAL

B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. Approve Interdistrict transfers for Student #08-09-74 and #08-09-75 to attend school in another district for the 2008/09 school year.
2. Approve Interdistrict transfers for Students #08-09-34 through #08-09-38 to attend school in the WUSD for the 2008/09 school year.
3. Approve Butte College Concurrent Enrollment for WHS students. (See attached list.)

C. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Accept resignation from Elizabeth Anne Carroll as Yard Duty Supervisor at MES, effective 10/06/08.
2. Reassign Laura McClain from Substitute Yard Duty Supervisor at MES to Substitute Yard Duty at WIS.
3. Ratify employment for Rakxat Sengmany as Instructional Aide I at Willows Intermediate Community Day School.
4. Ratify employment of Darren Reed as Head Wrestling Coach at WIS.
5. Ratify employment of Elvira Sandoval as Girls 8th Grade “B” Basketball Coach.
6. Ratify employment of Kena Ceccon, Danielle Boelman, and Terry Mokler as Substitute Yard Duty Supervisors at MES.

D. BUSINESS SERVICES

1. Consider approval of warrants from 9/30/08 through 10/29/08.

Mr. Thompson moved, seconded by Mrs. Domenighini, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 absent.

7. DISCUSSION/ACTION CALENDAR

A. GENERAL

1. **(Discussion/Possible Action)** Proposal and request from parents to reinstate freshmen fall athletics for the 2009/10 school year - After lengthy discussion, Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to accept the parents proposal and allow fall frosh sports for the 2009/10 school year. Parents will fundraise about \$12,000. The motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 absent. Dr. Olmos will check on the legality of uniform fees.

B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. **(Action)** – Second Reading of the following Board Policies (Maintenance Updates):
 - AR 0430 Comprehensive Local Plan for Special Education
 - BP/AR 0450 Comprehensive Safety Plan
 - BP 0510 School Accountability Report Card
 - BP/E 1100 Communication with the Public
 - BP 1700 Relations Between Private Industry and the Schools
 - AR 3543 Transportation Safety and Emergencies
 - BP 4112.8 Employment of Relatives
 - 4212.8
 - 4312.8
 - AR 4119.11 Sexual Harassment
 - 4219.11
 - 4319.11
 - BP/AR 4144 Complaints
 - 4244
 - 4344
 - AR 4161.8 Family Care and Medical Leave
 - 4261.8
 - 4361.8
 - BP/AR 5113.2 Work Permits
 - AR 5125 Student Records
 - BP 5131.7 Weapons and Dangerous Instruments
 - BP 5137 Positive School Climate
 - AR 5141.4 Child Abuse and Reporting
 - E 5145.6 Parent Notification
 - AR 5148.2 Before/After School Programs
 - BP/AR 6030 Integrated Academic and Vocational Instruction
 - BP/AR 6145.5 Student Organizations and Equal Access
 - BP/AR 6173.1 Education for Foster Youth
 - BB 9320 Meetings and Notices

BB 9322

Agenda/Meeting Materials

Mrs. Domenighini moved, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to approve the revisions to the Board Policies. The motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 absent.

2. **(Action)** Consider expulsion of Student #2008-09-01. Administration recommends: Student #2008-09-01 be expelled through the end of the spring semester of 2008/09. The expulsion shall be suspended and the student will be allowed to return to Willows Community High School. Periodic drug testing will be completed at no cost to the District and the student should seek and show successful attendance in an alcohol counseling program outside the District (at no cost to the District). Any violation of the Stipulated Expulsion Order, which includes 15 hours of volunteer community service, will result in the Student's immediate expulsion and the continued placement in the Community Day School without further Board Hearing. Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to accept the administrator's recommendation and expel the student. The motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 absent.

C. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. **(Action)** Consider approval of Resolution #2008-09-13, PARS Supplementary Retirement Plan for District employees. After discussion, Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to approve the Resolution. Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 absent.

D. BUSINESS SERVICES

1. **(Action)** Consider request from Mike Nord to waive developer fees. After discussion, no action was taken.
2. **(Action)** Consider approval of Resolution #2008-09-10, ARB 1B School bus Replacement Program *and Resolution #2008-09-10b, ARB School Bus Exhaust Retrofit Grant Program* (added 11/06/08) Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Mrs. Domenighini, to approve Resolution #2008-09-10. Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 absent. Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Mr. Thompson to approve Resolution #2008-09-10b. Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 absent.
3. **(Action)** Consider approval of Resolution #2008-09-11, 403(b) Plan Compliance and Administration of Program – Mr. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. Parisio, to approve Resolution #2008-09-11. Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 absent.
4. **(Action)** Consider approval of Resolution #2008-09-12, 403(b) Written Plan – Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to approve the Resolution. Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 4 yes votes.
5. **(Action)** Surplus property disposition (334 W. Sycamore Street, old District Office) – Open, examine and declare sealed proposals to lease with an option to purchase. (moved to replace **3 Recognition of Retiring Board Member, item 3.1**)
6. **(Action)** Consider approval of budget revisions as presented and consider moving budget revisions to the Consent Calendar similar to the warrant register. Mrs. Domenighini moved, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to approve. The motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 absent.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Organizational Meeting will be held at the Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, December 4, 2008, at 7:00 P.M. New members will be sworn in and officers elected at this time.

The Meeting adjourned to a 10 minute break, followed by Closed Session, at 8:42 p.m.

9. CLOSED SESSION

1. Closed Session to hear an appeal of a denial of student Interdistrict request. Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Mrs. Domenighini to deny the request. The motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 absent.

2. Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6: Conference with Labor Negotiator – Agency negotiator: Steve Olmos. Employee Organization: WUTA/CSEA. Direction was given to Negotiator.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting adjourned at 10:23 p.m.