

WILLOWS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Meeting, Thursday, February 19, 2009

Special Session 5:00 P.M.

**Willows City Council Chambers
201 N. Lassen Street, Willows, CA 95988**

UNAPPROVED - TO BE
ACTED UPON AT
NEXT REG. BD. MTG.

SPECIAL MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1 Roll Call – President Brott called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. All members were present: Brott, Parisio, Domenighini, Geiger, Thompson
1.2 Flag Salute was led by Ms Amanda Samons, teacher.

2. AGENDA

- 2.1 Consider approval of Agenda for 2-26-09: Mrs. Domenighini moved, seconded by Mr. Geiger, to approve the Agenda. The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes.

3. DISCUSSION/ACTION CALENDAR

A. BUSINESS (All handouts will be available in the District Office and online at www.willowsunified.org)

1. **(Action)** Cash Flow – Request from Glenn County Office of Education to defer Special Education transfer of excess cost. Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to approve the request. The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes.
2. **(Action)** Cash Flow – Resolution #2008-09-17, Temporary cash from Glenn County Office of Education in the event of cash flow problems. Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Mr. Geiger, to approve the Resolution. Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes.
3. **(Action)** Approve Budget Transfers – (This item is usually under Consent.) Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Mr. Geiger, to approve the transfers. The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes.
4. **(Discussion/Action)** Complete prioritization of revised Budget Cuts List.

- Beverly Appleton, Media Specialist at MES, said she would be willing to give up her health benefits in order to keep the library/media center open the full day.
- Dr. Olmos noted some minor changes made to the list: #2 PARS, 6 teachers; #3 Elimination of CSR, 7 teachers. Option B, 2 combo classes would not be the same savings as eliminating CSR; #6 should be combine duties of Superintendent/WCHS administration; #21 media specialists; #22 WCHS on a 3hr/day schedule would save \$72,213; the categorical numbers have been refined; the true costs for PE/Music at MES; a 5% salary cut option and freeze steps and columns.
- Mr. Sailsbery read a letter from the Management and Confidential employees stating they would be willing to take a 5% cut if the other employees would, too.
- Mr. Erik Korling, WHS teacher, spoke in favor of keeping the computer technician and asked the Board to let people know about the layoffs in a timely manner.

There was lengthy discussion on whether option 3a, 3b, or both options should be left on the list. Mrs. Brott moved, seconded by Mr. Parisio, to remove item 3b from the list. The motion passed with 3 yes votes. Mrs. Domenighini and Mr. Thompson voted no.

Discussion ensued on the effects the layoffs would have on the high school schedule. Dr. Olmos noted the high school would be losing as much as Murdock.

- Mrs. Shelley Taylor, Mr. Rutherglen and Mrs. Steele spoke in support of the program at Willows Community High School.
- Mr. Parisio and Mr. Geiger thanked Mr. Bell, Ag teacher, for his excellent welding program at WHS. They spoke in favor of not cutting the program completely.

Dr. Olmos said the Management Team was looking at all the programs and making adjustments, as necessary. He reported that he, and Chief Spears, were continuously looking at ways to make the streets around Murdock safer. Chief Spears notified Dr. Olmos that they would try closing French Street, during school hours, for a few weeks to see if that would help.

- Mr. Jerry Smith as to address the Board as a private citizen and as a parent of a student in WUSD. He said he felt that if everyone was willing to take a cut in pay, many jobs could be saved. The students would benefit by not losing programs.
- Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Mrs. Brott, to approve the Budget Cut List. The motion passed with 4 yes votes. Mr. Thompson voted no.

The Meeting adjourned to a five minute break and Closed Session at 6:30 p.m.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT

The next **Special Meeting** of the Willows Unified School District Board will be held on Thursday, February 26, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. at the Willows Civic Center. The next Regular Meeting of the board will be held on Thursday, March 5, 2009.

5. CLOSED SESSION

1. Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6: Conference with Labor Negotiator – Agency negotiator: Steve Olmos. Employee Organizations: WUTA/CSEA. Unrepresented employees: Management/Confidential

Direction given to Superintendent.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.