

WILLOWS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting – May 7, 2009
Regular Session 7:00 P.M.
Willows City Council Chambers
201 N. Lassen Street, Willows, CA 95988

UNAPPROVED -
TO BE ACTED UPON
AT REGULAR BOARD
MEETING 6/18/09

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1 Roll Call – President Brott called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. Present: Mrs. Brott, Mr. Parisio, Mr. Geiger, Mrs. Domenighini Absent: Mr. Thompson
- 1.2 Welcome to Visitors
- 1.3 Flag Salute – Led by Mrs. Brott.

A moment of silence was held for Mrs. Bishop, second grade teacher at Murdock, who had passed away recently.

2. AGENDA/MINUTES

- 2.1 Consider approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting of 4/02/09 – Mrs. Domenighini moved, seconded by Mr. Geiger, to approve the Minutes. The motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 absent.
- 2.2 Consider approval of Agenda for 5/07/09 – Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Mr. Geiger, to approve the Corrected Minutes. The motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 absent.

3. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

Mrs. Suzanne Myra shared her concerns about the elimination of Class Size Reduction.

Mrs. Darin Moss said she was there to support the teachers and the students. She was concerned that the budget cuts had been made so quickly. She wanted to know what happened to the budget. The Board suggested she contact the District office.

4. REPORTS

- 4.1 Employee Associations (WUTA & CSEA) - None
- 4.2 Principals –
 - (WHS) Mr. Geivett reported:
 - Student Body President, Bianca Ramirez, was unable to attend the meeting because she was receiving an award in Orland.
 - He had a handout for the Board with all of the upcoming events at WHS.
 - STAR testing was completed and was well-attended.
 - He was proud of the WHS kids and all of the support they received from the community. There had been some negative press about a few students. He said he was not always proud of the things kids do, but he wanted to be up front with the Board. They are working on improvements and want to help kids when they stumble and fall.
 - The tennis team had done well and won league. Stacy Bettencourt will be treasurer for North Valley Section next year.
 - The Senior recognition and scholarship nights are in a few weeks.
 - (WCHS) Mr. Geivett reported for Mr. Rutherglen:
 - There will be 7 students graduating from WCHS on June 3, 2009.
 - He wanted to thank Shelley Taylor and Amy Steele for their hard work on getting the testing completed.
 - He thanked the Board for their support this year.
 - (MES) Mrs. Parsons reported:
 - They are busy getting ready for the end of school. There will be many activities.
 - On May 15 the Fourth grade will be going to Willows Intermediate for a tour.

- The beginning band will be performing for the fourth grade.
 - The Mallard of the Month and the end of the year awards presentations will be held soon.
- (WIS) Mr. Sailsbery reported:
- He had a handout for the Board of the end of the year activities.
 - WIS had a rally on April 24 to get the students pumped up about STAR testing. The leadership team was responsible for the activity and they did a great job. He thanked Mrs. Abold, Dr. Olmos and Bob Lillie for their help.
 - A Parent Cyber night was held at WIS to help them keep up with technology. Mrs. Amy Steele did an excellent presentation and they hope to do it again in the fall.
 - The annual Health Fair will be held tomorrow. Mr. Buckley is the health advisor and the activities will happen after lunch. There will be many fitness challenges, booths and a performance by the Fruit and Veggie Band.
 - He invited the Board to all of the end of the year events.
 - They were excited about the new computer lab and thanked maintenance and the tech department for putting it together.
 - Graduation will be held on June 4 at 7:30 P.M. at the WHS football field.
- 4.3 Director of Business Services – Ms. Skala informed the Board she had received a letter from GCOE and the WUSD budget had been certified as positive. She said it had been a lot of hard work. She had met with Mr. Randy Jones of GCOE and the meeting had been very productive. He was supportive of the TRANS, but had reiterated the importance of honoring the cut list. We're still waiting for the State's final budget reductions and future cuts. It's very important to stay conservative. She then explained the stimulus money how that money would be used. She said we are watching costs and looking at everything.
- 4.4 Director of Technology Services – Mr. Lillie reported he had been part of the Cyber Seminar. He complimented Mrs. Steele for doing a great job. She had a lot of helpful material for parents. He said the computer lab at WIS was 85-90% finished. He thanked John Alves and James Stevens for helping technology gear up for the summer. He reported the sub finder was now online. There were still some things to work out in the system, but it should be fully functional by the start of school. It was a challenge to keep up with technology with the budget challenges. Mrs. Brott asked about parent access to grades and Mr. Lillie explained it was difficult to do without high speed technology in Glenn County.
- 4.5 Director of Transportation/Facilities Operations – No Report
- 4.6 Director of Categorical Programs – Mrs. Perez had handouts for the Board. She reported the good news was that the money had arrived, but it was less than they had expected. The Title I entitlement had been dropping every year. This year there is \$105,000 less money. She had been speaking with people at the State and they expect 2010/11 to be a really tough year. Dr. Olmos explained they had given us money, but had taken away more than they had given us. The money from the Federal Government was one-time money. Mrs. Perez reported testing was complete and the boxes will be picked up and shipped off on Tuesday. She thanked everyone for their great cooperation.
- 4.7 Superintendent – Dr. Olmos pointed out to the Board the 15 dedicated teachers, who were retiring. There was over 400 years of teaching done by this group. He invited everyone to a District retirement party being held at the District Office on May 28. The Management Team would be paying for it. The old District Office is really looking good and he had been invited for a walk through tomorrow. Mr. Atlas wanted the office to be complete by Lamb Derby weekend. He reported WUSD had been on the forefront of the swine flu pandemic. Last year the Safety Committee had developed a pandemic plan. The schools had used the auto dialer to inform parents in English and in Spanish. There were letters sent home. Other districts had contacted WUSD to find out what we were doing. Dr. Olmos thanked the committee for their planning to have the District well prepared. He has been working with John Alves to schedule summer time projects. The facilities are really old and are running down and deteriorating.
- 4.8 Governing Board Members reported:
- Mrs. Domenighini said she was ready for Lamb Derby. She was looking forward to seeing the Willows bands march in the parade.
 - Mr. Parisio has been busy helping get thing ready for the Glenn County Fair. He said he had heard a lot about the bad stuff that had happened last week at the Prom. He said we all needed to work through this and concentrate on the good stuff students were doing.
 - Mr. Geiger has been helping with FFA and 4-H projects. He invited everyone to see what the students in welding, wood shop and the art department had done. He encouraged everyone to go to the fair and purchase items from the students.

- Mrs. Brott reported she had attended all of the Open Houses. They were well attended by parents. She enjoyed the STAR rally at WIS. She felt the Cyber presentation was excellent and highly encouraged everyone to attend the next one. She was impressed with the new computer lab and was looking forward to CSEA negotiations. She said there was a good spirit of cooperation between the Unit and the District. She thanked the parents for making the Prom a success. She was very impressed with the latest WASC report.

4.9 ASB Quarterly Report – MES & WIS

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. GENERAL

B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. Approve Interdistrict requests for Students #08-09-81 and student #08-09-82 to attend school in another district for the remainder of the 2008/09 school year.
2. Approve Interdistrict requests for Students #09-10-01 and #09-10-02 to attend school in the Willows Unified School District for the 2009/10 school year.
3. Approve Interdistrict requests for Students #09-10-01 through 09-10-13 to attend school in another district for the 2009/10 school year.
4. Approve Butte College Concurrent Enrollment for Spring Semester (See list)
5. Approve Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for MES, WIS, WHS, and WCHS. (Posted on website)
6. Approve 2009/10 textbook lists for all WUSD schools.

C. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Accept resignation from Doug Bell, WHS Teacher, effective the end of 2008/09 school year.
2. Accept resignation from Maryann Capriola, MES Teacher, effective the end of the 2008/09 school year.
3. Accept resignation from Carol DeDontney, WIS Teacher, effective the end of the 2008/09 school year.
4. Accept resignation from Carla Jo Disbrow, MES Teacher, effective the end of the 2008/09 school year.
5. Accept resignation from Deborah Dunning, MES Teacher, effective the end of the 2008/09 school year.
6. Accept resignation from Sondra Landberg, WIS Teacher, effective the end of the 2008/09 school year.
7. Accept resignation from Carol Logan, WIS Teacher, effective the end of the 2008/09 school year.
8. Accept resignation from Ellen Pastorino, Music Teacher, effective the end of the 2008/09 school year.
9. Accept resignation from Kathleen Potts, WHS Counselor/Teacher, effective the end of the 2008/09 school year.
10. Accept resignation from Neil Potts, WIS Teacher, effective the end of the 2008/09 school year.
11. Accept resignation from Roger Steinhoff, WHS Teacher, effective the end of the 2008/09 school year.
12. Accept resignation from Judy Taylor, MES Teacher, effective the end of the 2008/09 school year.
13. Accept resignation from Peggy Wiloth, MES Teacher, effective the end of the 2008/09 school year.
14. Accept resignation from Ed Zuckerman, WHS Teacher, effective the end of the 2008/09 school year.
15. Accept resignation from Linda Zuckerman, MES Teacher, effective the end of the 2008/09 school year.
16. Ratify employment of Melody Bettencourt and Rebecca Biggs as Cheer Leader Advisor (split position) for the 2009/10 school year.
17. Ratify employment of Sondra Landberg, Mike Fleming, and Inette Howard as Track Coaches for the Glenn County track meet. (4 hours each)

D. BUSINESS SERVICES

1. Consider approval of budget revisions.
2. Consider approval of warrants **from 4/01/09 through 4/29/09.**

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

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION CALENDAR

A. GENERAL

1. **(Action)** The second reading of the following revised Board Policies:

BP/AR 0520.3	Title I Program Improvement Districts
BP/AR 1340	Access to District Records
BP/AR 3100	Budget
BP/AR 3460	Financial Records and Accountability
AR 3543	Transportation Safety & Emergencies
BP/AR 4112.2	Certification
BP/AR 4112.21	Interns
AR 4112.23	Special Education Staff
AR 4117.14	Postretirement Employment
4317.14	
AR 4117.7	Employment Status Reports
BP/AR 4118	Suspension/Disciplinary Action
BP/AR 4131	Staff Development
BP/AR 4138	Mentor Teachers
BP/AR 5116.1	Intradistrict Open Enrollment
BP 5131	Conduct
BP/AR 5141.6	School Health Services
AR 5144.1	Suspension & Expulsion/Due Process
BP/AR 5145.12	Search & Seizure
BP/AR 6115	Ceremonies & Observances
BP/AR 6162.51	Standardized Testing & Reporting Program
AR 6162.52	High School Exit Examination
BP 6164.4	Identification & Evaluation for Special Education
BB 9012	Filling Vacancies
BB 9320	Meetings & Notices

Mrs. Domenighini moved, seconded by Mr. Parisio, to approve the Second Reading. The motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 absent.

B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. **(Action)** Consider approval of the revised Glenn County SELPA Local Plan – Mrs. Brott thanked everyone who had worked on the Plan. Dr. Olmos reported it had been a lot of work and the committee had done a great job. They had worked hard of getting an equitable voting system. One district – one vote was not a fair way of making a decision. He explained to the Board that all nine districts had to approve the SELPA Plan. Mrs. Domenighini commended Dr. Olmos and the others who had worked together with a spirit of cooperation. This was important to everyone. Mrs. Domenighini moved, seconded by Mr. Geiger, to approve the SELPA Plan. The motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 absent.
2. **(Action)** Consider approval of prospective graduates from WIS – Mr. Geiger moved, seconded by Mr. Parisio, to approve the WIS graduates. The motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 absent.
3. **(Action)** Consider approval of prospective graduates from WHS – Mrs. Domenighini moved, seconded by Mr. Parisio, to approve the WHS graduates. The motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 absent.
4. **(Action)** Consider approval of prospective graduates from WCHS – Mr. Geiger moved, seconded by Mr. Parisio, to approve the WCHS graduates. The motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 absent.
5. **(Action)** Consider approval of IEP waivers for graduation of five Special Education students. (Four students have met the criteria – one is waiting results of CAHSEE testing.) Mrs. Domenighini moved, seconded by Mr. Parisio, to approve the IEP waivers. The motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 absent.
6. **(Action)** Consider having grades 9-12 only for summer school – After discussion, Mr. Geiger moved, seconded by Mrs. Domenighini, to approve having grades 9-12 only for summer school. The motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 absent.

7. **(Action)** Consider approval of allowing Glenn County ROP printing program to relocate to the WHS campus. Mr. Alan Junk, instructor, and Mr. Jess Modesto, ROP Director, gave a presentation on the program. Mr. Junk had handouts of samples of work students had done in his class. After lengthy discussion, Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Mr. Geiger, to relocate the ROP printing program to the WHS campus. The motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 absent.

C. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. **(Action)** Consider adopting, modifying and/or rejecting the Administrative Law Judge's Decision and adopting the decision as is or as modified, making it effective immediately and directing administration to notify affected employees accordingly. Title of case: reductions in force against 4 certificated employees (OAH Case No. N2009030253) –Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Mr. Geiger to adopt the Administrative Law Judge's decision and direct Superintendent Olmos to not serve Mrs. Cameron and to reduce Mrs. Vlach to 4.6. The motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 absent.
2. **(Action)** Consider adopting Resolution #2008-09-21, to adopt the Superintendent's March 5, 2009 recommendation not to re-employ certain certificated employees and directing administration accordingly. Mrs. Domenighini moved, seconded by Mr. Parisio, to adopt the Resolution. Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 4 yes votes. Mr. Thompson was absent.
3. **(Action)** Consider approval of the employment of Certificated personnel for 2009/10 – Mr. Geiger moved, seconded by Mr. Parisio, to approve the employment of Certificated personnel. The motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 absent.
4. **(Action)** Consider approval of the employment of Management personnel for 2009/10 – Mr. Parisio moved, seconded by Mr. Geiger, to approve the employment of Management personnel. The motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 absent.

D. BUSINESS SERVICES

PUBLIC HEARING:

In accord with Government Code §3547, the Willows Unified School District made available, for public comment, its initial proposal (see attached proposal) to the Willows Unified Teachers Association. There was no public comment.

1. **(Action)** Consider approval of the Willows Unified School District's initial proposal to the Willows Unified Teachers Association – Mrs. Brott moved, seconded by Mrs. Domenighini, to approve the District's initial proposal. The motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 absent.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Baccalaureate Service will be held on Sunday, May 31, 2009, at 4:00 P.M. at the WHS cafeteria.
2. Graduation schedules:

WCHS	Wednesday, June 3, 2009	10:00 A.M.	Sycamore Park
WIS	Thursday, June 4, 2009	7:30 P.M.	WHS Football Field
WHS	Friday, June 5, 2009	8:00 P.M.	WHS Football Field
3. The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on **Thursday, June 18, 2009, at 7:00 P.M.**

The Board adjourned to recess and then Closed Session at 8:55 P.M.

8. CLOSED SESSION

1. Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6: Conference with Labor Negotiator – Agency negotiator: Steve Olmos. Employee Organization: WUTA/CSEA, Non-represented: Management and Confidential.

At 9:48 P.M. the Meeting reconvened to Open Session. Mrs. Brott reported that Direction had been given to negotiator.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting adjourned at 9:49 P.M.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1 Roll Call – President Brott called the Meeting to order at 9:50 P.M. Present: Mrs. Brott, Mrs. Domenighini, Mr. Parisio, Mr. Geiger Absent: Mr. Thompson
1.2 Flag Salute – led by Mr. Parisio

2. AGENDA

- 2.1 Consider approval of Agenda for 5/07/09 – Mr. Geiger moved, seconded by Mr. Parisio, to approve the Agenda. The motion passed with 4 yes votes and one absent.

The Meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 9:52 P.M.

3. CLOSED SESSION

1. Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(a): Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation:
1 Case: Tim Crews, dba The Sacramento Valley Mirror v. Willows Unified School District and Steve Olmos in his official capacity only. Case No. 09CV00697

The Meeting reconvened to Open Session at 10:52 P.M. Direction was given to Superintendent and attorney.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT

The next **Regular Meeting** of the Board will be held on June 18, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting adjourned at 10:53 P.M.