

WILLITS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
Willits High School Media Center
299 North Main Street, Willits, California
Wednesday, January 7, 2015
Open Session – 4:30 p.m.
Closed Session to follow Open Session.

Public Comments- Individuals may address the Board on regular session agenda items at the time they are under consideration.

Minutes

1. Call Meeting to Order

Board President Carni called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

2. Closed Session Agenda Approval

MSP (Bowlds/Harris) to approve the closed session agenda adding Item F. Potential Litigation.

Ayes: Carni, Harris, Bowlds,

Noes: None

Absent: Neary, Rodriguez

Abstain: None

3. Public Comments on Closed Session Items

No comments were received.

4. Recess to Closed Session

Board President Carni recessed to closed session at 3:38 p.m.

A. Public Employment, Superintendent Evaluation (G.C. 54957)

B. Labor Negotiations, WTA, CSEA, Administration, Confidential Classified (G.C. 54957.6) District Representative, Superintendent

C. Employee Discipline, Release, and Dismissal (G.C. 54957)

D. Leave of Absence Request-Certificated (1) (G.C. 54957)

E. Leave of Absence Request-Classified (1) (G.C.54957)

5. Reconvene to Open Session

Board President Carni reconvened to open session at 4:35 p.m.

6. Report out of Closed Session

Superintendent Patricia Johnson reported that the board took action during closed session:

Concerning:

A. Public Employment, Superintendent Evaluation (G.C. 54957)

B. Labor Negotiations, WTA, CSEA, Administration, Confidential Classified (G.C. 54957.6) District Representative, Superintendent

C. Employee Discipline, Release, and Dismissal (G.C. 54957)

D. Leave of Absence Request-Certificated (1) (G.C. 54957)

MSP (Bowlds/Harris) to approve the certificated leave of absence request as presented.

Ayes: Carni, Harris, Bowlds, Rodriguez

Noes: None

Absent: Neary

Abstain: None

E. Leave of Absence Request-Classified (1) (G.C.54957)

MSP (Rodriguez/Bowlds) to approve the classified leave of absence request as presented.

Ayes: Carni, Harris, Bowlds, Rodriguez
Noes: None
Absent: Neary
Abstain: None

The board reached a consensus to move the Regular Meeting to a Study Session on January 27 with a 1:00 p.m. start time, location to be determined.

7. Flag Salute

Board President Carni led the flag salute.

8. Agenda Approval

MSP (Bowlds/Rodriguez) to approve the agenda striking Item 14.E. WTA Sunshine Proposal to Willits USD.

Ayes: Carni, Harris, Neary, Bowlds, Rodriguez
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

9. Recognition

A. Community and Volunteers

Superintendent Patricia Johnson stated her appreciation for the dedication and support that the Willits Community shows year after year to the students and staff at Willits USD.

Willits High School Principal Jeff Ritchley presented certificates of appreciation to Tom Woodhouse and Linda Matz.

Baechtel Grove Middle School Principal Maria Munguia presented certificates of appreciation to Rebecca Smith and The Book Juggler.

Brookside Elementary Principal Olga O'Neill presented certificates of appreciation to Dr. Earl T. Myers, Dr. Kerr, and Dr. Scollin.

Blosser Lane Principal Robert Chavez presented certificates of appreciation to Browns Corner, Sharon Brown, and Kathleen Lewis.

Kathleen Lewis presented the district with a donation from the Education Foundation.

10. Informational

A. Board Focus: Willits High School/Alt ED

Principal Ritchley introduced Keely Edders, New Horizons student who performed on the keyboard for the board. John Horton and Yuliya Ritchley presented students who shared poetry written by Sanhedrin students following a poetry workshop given by a Dan Levinson. The workshop was funded by an Education Foundation Grant, and presented by California Poets in Schools. SE ATTACHMENTS A, B and C.

B. WASC Update

Principal Ritchley stated that the WASC is in final stages of editing, and the final report should be completed by the end of the month. He stated his appreciation for the hard work of Willits High School staff on this report.

C. LCAP Update

Superintendent Patricia Johnson stated that the second of two Town Hall meetings will take place next Tuesday, January 13, at the Willits High School Media Center at 5:30 p.m. She noted that five people attended the Town Hall meeting held in December.

D. Cost of Transportation to League Events
See ATTACHMENT D.

Board Member Bowlds asked for the cost specifically for all high school league events. He asked that this information be brought to the February board meeting.

12. Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda

Tom Woodhouse shared the importance of the woodshop facility being utilized to its full potential. He shared his concerns about student eligibility for extra-curricular activities, EL students slipping through the cracks, and engaging the freshman at orientation.

13. Reports and Updates

A. WTA President Comments, Report, and Requests

WTA President Paula Nunez stated her appreciation for the WTA Proposal being stricken from the agenda, stating that WTA will be ready to sunshine in February.

B. CSEA President Comments, Report, and Requests

CSEA President Dany Laurent stated that the unit is eager to get to the negotiation table.

C. Administrator Comments

No comments were received.

D. Superintendent Comments

Superintendent Patricia Johnson reported that district enrollment is currently 1576, and ADA is up 12% to 95%. She noted that Sanhedrin, New Horizons and Blosser Lane all have increased attendance every month.

E. Board Comments

Student Board Representative Naomi Ramirez stated that she is happy to be on the board.

Board Member Rodriguez thanked the school staff for the holiday performances that took place to the break. She stated that there are many individuals, site council members, and community they come together to support the schools and they are appreciated.

Board Member Bowlds stated that he is aware that there are many people that are deserving of recognition in the district and in the community.

Board Clerk Harris wished everyone a Happy new Year and stated that she enjoys the recognitions. She is looking forward to the year.

Board Member Neary stated that he enjoyed the last meeting when WTA brought pizza. He commented on the recent passing of long time school employee and volunteer Eddie Seaton.

Board President Carni stated that she enjoys the student performances and community recognition. She welcomed everyone back to the New Year.

14. Action Discussion

A. Public Comment on Consent Agenda Items

There were no comments received.

B. Consent Agenda

The consent agenda included the following items: Minutes of the Regular/Organizational Meeting held on December 3, 2014, Minutes of the Special Meeting held on December 17, 2014, Warrant Registers from November 23, 2014 through December 18, 2014, Approval of School Accountability Report Cards, Approval of the Budget Development Calendar, Approval of Annual Audit Report-Christy White Accounting, Mendocino County Consolidated Investment Report: November 30, 2014, Donation Report November 2014, Renewal of Natural Gas Services Agreement, Approval of Contract for Services-Infinity Communications, Approval of Contract for Services: SHN, and Approval of Quarterly Williams Report-2nd Quarter.

MSP (Rodriguez/Harris) to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Ayes: Carni, Harris, Neary, Bowlds, Rodriguez

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

C. PUBLIC HEARING-WUSD SUNSHINE PROPOSAL TO WTA 5:45 Government Code 3547 requires that the proposal of the District to the WTA be presented in a public hearing to seek public input on the proposal. This process is called "sunshining". Once this process is completed, negotiations can begin. *The Board of Trustees encourages public input.*

Board President Carni opened the public hearing at 5:50 p.m.
She encouraged public comment.

Paula Nunez stated that she is happy to see the district is prepared to start negotiations.

Board President Carni closed the public hearing at 5:52 p.m.

D. Adoption of WUSD Sunshine Proposal to WTA 16/17

MSP (Harris/Rodriguez) to adopt the WUSD Sunshine Proposal to WTA 16/17.

Ayes: Carni, Harris, Neary, Bowlds, Rodriguez

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

E. WTA Sunshine Proposal to WUSD for 2016/17 Contract Negotiations

This item was stricken from the agenda.

F. PUBLIC HEARING-WUSD SUNSHINE PROPOSAL TO CSEA 6:00 Government Code 3547 requires that the proposal of the District to the CSEA be presented in a public hearing to seek public input on the proposal. This process is called "sunshining". Once this process is completed, negotiations can begin. *The Board of Trustees encourages public input.*

Board President Carni opened the public hearing at 6:00 p.m.
She encouraged public comment.

Board President Carni closed the public hearing at 6:01 p.m.

G. Adoption of the WUSD Sunshine Proposal to CSEA 16/17

MSP (Bowlds/Neary) to adopt the WUSD Sunshine Proposal to CSEA 16/17.

Ayes: Carni, Harris, Neary, Bowlds, Rodriguez

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

H. CSEA Sunshine Proposal to WUSD for 2016/17 Contract Negotiations

CSEA President Dany Laurent stated that the CSEA proposal matches the district proposal.

MSP (Harris/Neary) to accept the CSEA Sunshine Proposal to WUSD 16/17 subject to the proposal matching the district's proposal to CSEA.

Ayes: Carni, Harris, Neary, Bowlds, Rodriguez
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

I. *Approval of Willits Charter School Charter Annual Report

Jennifer Lockwood introduced herself, explained her background and highlighted the contents of the Willits Charter School Annual Report. A revised matrix was shared with the board, and Superintendent Patricia Johnson stated the recommendation is for approval of the revised report. See Attachment F.

MSP (Neary/Harris) to approve the Willits Charter School Annual Report.

Ayes: Carni, Harris, Neary, Bowlds, Rodriguez
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

J. *Approval of Willits Elementary Charter School Annual Report

Kara McClellan highlighted the Willits Elementary Charter School year, and shared a book written by the students, as result of the Inquiry Based Education program offered at WECS. SEE ATTACHMENT E.

MSP (Rodriguez/Bowlds) to approve the Willits Elementary Charter School Annual Report.

Ayes: Carni, Harris, Neary, Bowlds, Rodriguez
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

K. *Approval of La Vida Charter School Annual Report

MSP (Neary/Harris) to approve the La Vida Charter School Annual Report.

Ayes: Carni, Harris, Neary, Bowlds, Rodriguez
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

Items for the next agenda:

- Algebra Academy
- Summer Program Offerings
- Career/Counseling Program
- Report of Cost of Transportation for High School Sports (League Only) Events

15. Adjournment

MSP (Neary/Harris) to adjourn at 6:02 p.m. in memory of Eddy Seaton.

Ayes: Carni, Harris, Neary, Bowlds, Rodriguez
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

Patricia Johnson, Superintendent

Laurie Harris, Board Clerk