

WILLITS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting
Willits High School Media Center
299 North Main Street, Willits, California
Wednesday, March 16, 2016
Open Session-4:30p.m.
Closed Session- Following Open
Session
MINUTES

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

1. Call Meeting to Order

Board President Neary called the meeting to order at 4:31p.m.

2. Flag Salute

Board Member Harris led the flag salute.

3. Agenda Approval

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

Ayes: Neary, Croskey, Bowlds, Harris

Noes: None

Absent: Carni

Abstain: None

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items

No comments were received.

5. WTA Comments

No comments were received

6. CSEA Comments:

No comments were received

7. Superintendent Comments

Superintendent Johnson stated that the bus purchase for two new district buses was cancelled and a letter was sent to Bus West. She also reported on a letter she received from Mendocino County Office of Education: the letter reviews some concerns of the First Interim Budget for WUSD school year 2016/17. Superintendent Johnson agreed to email the letter to all board members for review. She reminded board members the next regular meeting will be held on April 13th, a discussion took place about this date. Superintendent Johnson advised that there are a few matters to be worked on with negotiations and looking to meet again after spring break.

8. Board Comments

Board Member Harris stated she had participated in senior interviews at Willits High School, further commenting that we have some exceptional students. Ms. Harris invited fellow board members to participate in the future.

Board Member Bowlds shared ATTACHMENT A: *The New Way* hoping that the board will consider following these guidelines and practicing these new tools in an attempt for the board members to be able to express themselves without being offensive and folks getting along better.

Board Clerk Croskey commented that she stopped by Blosser Lane School today after school to check in on the ELP drama club, she was very pleased.

Board President Neary had no comments.

Student Representative Will Switzer commented that the senior portfolio interview night was awesome and a fun time.

9. Action/Discussion

A. *Approval of Second Interim Report

ATTACHMENT Director of Fiscal Tanya Michel presented the second interim budget report and explained the Qualified Status the district is in, the need to address the deficit spending and plans to put money back into the reserve with the goal to no longer be in Qualified Status. A discussion took place about the steps of Positive, Qualified and Negative Status. Board President Neary asked for information concerning discretionary items in the budget. Paula Nunez commented that she appreciated the concerns over deficit spending

MSP (Bowlds/Croskey) to approve the Second Interim Report as presented.

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

B. WUSD Strategic Plan

Superintendent Johnson presented a power point discussing the Strategic Plan and hopes to include the LCAP goals, she explained that the Strategic Plan is a blueprint of the work we do as a district. Board Member Bowlds stated he would like to see measurable goals included into the Strategic Plan for accountability and value. Superintendent Johnson said she will bring back a final plan with those items included at the regular board meeting in May for final approval.

C. Approval to expand contract an additional \$1,500 to Susan Daniels: Investigation into Department of Transportation.

MSP (Bowlds/Harris) to approve the

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

10. Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda

Community member Ray Bean commented about items reported in the local newspaper, ongoing problems in the transportation department and is concerned that “no one is listening and does not understand why no one sees it.” Board President Neary explained that personnel items or complaints against personnel cannot be discussed in open session at board meetings and a procedure is in place for that. President Neary also advised him that the district has hired an investigator to look into the issues in the transportation department.

Dany Laurent said she too has been harassed and threatened and she fears for her safety.

11. Closed Session Agenda Approval

MSP (Bowlds/Croskey) to approve the agenda as presented with the correction to item A (as shown below)

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

12. Public Comments on Closed Session Items

Willits Weekly Reporter, Mike A'dair requested an update on search for new superintendent. Board President Neary stated that no announcement would happen until we have a signed contract and he is hopeful to make a statement at the next regular board meeting.

13. Recess to Closed Session

Board President Neary recessed to closed session at 6:16 p.m.

14. Reconvene to Open Session

Board President Neary reconvened to open session at 7:13 p.m.

15. Report out of Closed Session

A. Public Employment, Appointment Consideration of Superintendent (G.C 54957)

Nothing to report

B. Conference with Labor Negotiators: WTA: Superintendent (G.C. 54957.6)
Nothing to report

C. Consideration of Leave of Absence Request (1) Certificated (G.C.54957)
Board denied the request for leave of absence.

MSP (Harris/Croskey) to approve the leave absence as presented.

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

16. Adjournment

MSP (Croskey/Bowlds) to adjourn at 7:16 p.m.

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

Patricia Johnson, Superintendent

Georganne Croskey, Board Clerk