WILLOW RUN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Ypsilanti, MI

REGULAR MEETING **December 6, 2001**

The regular meeting opened at 7:30 p.m. at Willow Run High School, 235 Spencer Lane, with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Those present were:
Clifford Smith, President
Andreas Blakita, Vice President
Claudette Braxton, Secretary
Brenda Clay, Trustee
Mark Wilde, Trustee
Scott Wilson, Trustee

Absent:
Earl Roberson, Treasurer

Also present were:
Dr. Gayle Green, Superintendent
Karen Cumming, Director, Food Service
Todd LaPrairie, Supervisor, Buildings and Grounds
George MacLeod, Director, Special Education
Ray Mellberg, Principal, Kaiser Elementary
Steve Smaka, Director, Business Services
Katie Smith, Director, Technology

Citizen's Time

Ms. Venita Murphy said she is a 16 year resident of the Willow Run Community and is very pleased to know the bond passed. She also said the Willow Run Community Schools have always been a pillar for this community and she would like to see this tradition continue.

President Smith called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

Consideration of Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Dr. Green informed the Board of the following deletions to the agenda:
Item VIII.B.4 - Approval of Technology Design Services Contract
Item VIII.B.5. – Approval of Architect Contract

She also added the following item to the agenda:
Item VI.D. – Expulsion of Willow Run High School Student

#01021201 **Approval of the Agenda**

Ms. Braxton moved that the Board of Education accept the agenda as amended. Ms. Clay supported.

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

Approval of Minutes

#01021202 Ms. Braxton moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approves the minutes of the Regular meeting of November 15, 2001. Ms. Clay supported.

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

Board Committee Reports

Mr. Wilson reported on the Public Relations Committee meeting of Tuesday, December 4, 2001, which was attended by Mr. Wilson, Mr. Wilde, Ms. Clay, Dr. Green, and Ms. Smith. This meeting was comprised of a general discussion as to what might be done to increase awareness of the various programs offered in the district. It was also reported that Dr. Green and Ms. Smith met with a Public Relations firm, and that they will follow up with the firm about the cost of this service and what will be provided if the firm is hired.

Ms. Clay reported there was also discussion about having an internal organization consisting of parents and community members to promote the district.

The Finance Committee met on Monday, November 26, 2001. Those present were Mr. Blakita, Mr. Smith, Mr. Roberson, Dr. Green, and Mr. Smaka. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the job description of the Director of Business Services as Mr. Smaka's last day in the district will be January 31, 2002.

First Reading of Policy 4500 and 4510 (replacing 7351)

#01021203 Mr. Wilson moved that Policy 7351 is replaced with Policies 4500 and 4510 and that they are carried forward to a second reading. Ms. Clay supported.

Discussion

In order for policies to be carried forward to a second reading, it is necessary for two board members to give support.

Approval of Law Enforcement Services Contract

#01021204 Ms. Braxton moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approve the Law Enforcement Services Contract with Washtenaw County, Office of the Sheriff, to provide security at the Willow Run High School basketball games, for the 2001-2002 basketball season. Ms. Clay supported.

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

Review of Schematic Estimates on Bond Project: Cheney, Ford, and Holmes

Mr. Ainslie presented the schematics and conceptual drawings of Cheney, Ford, and Holmes Elementary Schools to the Board. Mr. LeForde of Beckett and Reader also presented conceptual drawings of the outside of these three buildings, including bus and parent drop-off points, playgrounds, and changes to existing sidewalks.

Expulsion of Willow Run High School Student

#01021205 Mr. Wilson moved that the Willow Run Board of Education expel John William Paton from Willow Run Community Schools for the remainder of the 2001-2002 fall term. As a condition of reinstatement to Willow Run High School for the winter term beginning January 22, 2002, Mr. Paton must successfully complete the interim academic program assigned by the administration, successfully complete a Washtenaw County Diversionary Program, and must apply to and be recommended for reinstatement by the Willow Run Community Schools Reinstatement Committee. Ms. Clay supported.

Ayes: Mr. Wilson, Mr. Wilde, Ms. Clay, Mr. Blakita, Mr. Smith
Abstain: Ms. Braxton
Nays: 0 - Motion carried.

Approval of Course Agreement with Heinemann/First Steps

#01021206 Ms. Clay moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approve the Course Agreement with Heinemann / First Steps, for training on 12/11/01 & 12/12/01 for 25-35 Willow Run staff members at a cost of $325 each. Ms. Braxton supported.

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

Approval of Subcontract with Eastern Michigan University

#01021207 Mr. Blakita moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approve the subcontract agreement between Eastern Michigan University and Willow Run Community Schools, confirming participation in the 'Improving Teacher Quality Through Partnerships That Connect Teacher Performance to Student Learning' grant. Ms. Braxton supported.

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

Approval of Lunch/Breakfast Price Increase

#01021208 Ms. Braxton moved that the Willow Run Board of Education increase lunch prices by 25 cents for Elementary, Secondary and Adults and breakfast prices by 15 cents, effective for the second semester of the 2001-02 school year. Mr. Blakita supported.

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

Discussion

Kathy Wright, District General Manager, for Chartwells, explained that increasing meal prices by 25 cents across the board would help offset state limits on government commodities, help add more hot breakfasts, and help pay for repairs on aging equipment.

Approval of Payment of Barton Malow Invoices

#01021209 Mr. Wilde moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approve payment of the attached Barton Malow Invoices, one in the amount of $28,131.15 and one in the amount of $23,466.41 for services rendered on the 2001 Bond Issue. Ms. Clay supported.

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

Approval of Payment of Thompson Financial Media Invoice

#01021210 Mr. Wilde moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approve the Thompson Financial Media Invoice in the amount of $200 for services rendered on the 2001 Bond Issue. Ms. Clay supported.

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

Approval of Payment of Kingscott Associates Invoice

#01021211 Mr. Blakita moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approve the Kingscott Associates, Inc. invoices in the amount of $99,625.18 for professional services rendered for the 2001 Bond Issue. Ms. Braxton supported.

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

Approval of Layoff of Personnel

#01021212 Ms. Braxton moved that the Willow Run Board of Education places Daniel Anglin on layoff status, effective December 10, 2001. Ms. Clay supported.

Ayes: Mr. Wilson, Mr. Wilde, Ms. Clay, Mr. Blakita, Ms. Braxton, Mr. Smith
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

Citizens' Questions

Pathways student, Leah Brown, asked if there is going to be a new security guard at Pathways with the layoff of Mr. Angling. Dr. Green said, no this is part of a staff reduction.

Superintendent's Comments

Dr. Green said that Cheney Academy of Math and Science was one of only nineteen schools in the state that won the Golden Apple Award a second time. This award is for high achievement on the MEAP tests and comes with a gift of $50,000 to be spent however the staff sees fit.

President's Comments

President Smith said he visited the promotion exercise for the Junior R.O.T.C. and that they are a very professional group. R.O.T.C. promotes students based on attendance and keeping up with their schoolwork. He also informed everyone that the Willow Run Junior R.O.T.C. received an outstanding performance report from the Air Force.

President Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.