

**WILLOW RUN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**  
**Ypsilanti, Michigan**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**March 2, 2006**

The regular meeting opened at 7:30 p.m. at Willow Run High School, Ypsilanti, MI, 48198, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those present were:

Claudette Braxton, President  
Andreas Blakita, Trustee  
Brenda Clay, Secretary  
Clifford Smith, Trustee  
Kristine Thomas, Trustee  
Mark Wilde, Vice President  
Scott Wilson, Treasurer  
Joeseph Smith, Student Representative

Members of the Administrative Council Present Included:

Ron Ciranna, J.D., Interim Superintendent  
Dr. Walter Jenkins, Principal, Willow Run High School  
Laura Lisiski, Principal, Kaiser Elementary  
Brian Marcel, Interim Director, Business Services  
Lana Tatom, Director, Elementary Education, State and Federal Programs  
Katie Smith, Director, Technology  
Regina Williams, Director, Secondary Education

President Braxton called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

**Additions or Deletions to the Agenda**

Dr. Ciranna made the following change to the agenda:

Item IV.A. – ROTC Video Presentation was replaced with a Budget Presentation.

**Approval of the Agenda**

#05060301 Ms. Clay moved that the Board of Education accept the agenda as amended.  
Mr. Wilde supported.

Ayes:           7  
Nays:           0 – Motion carried

**Approval of Minutes**

#05060302 Ms. Clay moved that the Board of Education approves the minutes as presented from the regular meeting of February 16, 2006, and from the special meeting of February 23, 2006. Ms. Thomas supported.

Ayes:           7  
Nays:           0 – Motion carried

### **Board Committee Reports**

#### **Curriculum**

Ms. Clay reported on a meeting of the Curriculum Committee that took place prior to the regular meeting. In addition to Ms. Clay those in attendance were, Ms. Williams, Ms. Tatom, Mr. Wilde, Ms. Braxton, and Dr. Ciranna. The group was updated on past and future plans, received a grant update, and discussed the upcoming March 6<sup>th</sup>, Professional Development Day. The plan to move the MEAP testing dates from March to October next year, as well as adding more buildings for testing was also discussed.

#### **Communications**

Mr. Marcel, explained the District's expenditures including, but not limited to, salaries, benefits, and capital outlay and how these impact the upcoming proposed budget.

Mr. Marcel will present the revenue side of the budget in the near future.

Ms. Braxton welcomed the new Student Representative to the Board of Education, Joseph Smith. Mr. Smith told a little about himself and invited everyone to next week's Robotics Competition at the EMU Convocation Center on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 9-11.

#### **Approval of Policies – 4005, 5230 and 5695**

#05060303 Ms. Thomas moved that the Board of Education approve policies 4005, 5230, and 5695, as presented. Ms. Clay supported.

Ayes: 7  
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

#### **Approval of a Six Period Day**

#05060304 Ms. Clay moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approves Willow Run High School's change from a 4 x 4 block schedule to a six (6) period day and the associated credits for said change. Mr. Wilde supported.

Ayes: 7  
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

#### **Discussion**

Mr. Blinn, explained due to block scheduling our students had to complete more credit hours to graduate, than students attending a six-period day. He said block scheduling enabled students to take eight credits a year, opposed to six. This caused a move to a 30 credit hour graduation requirement. With the move back to a six-period day, students will only need 22 credits to graduate by the time this year's freshmen graduate. The basic 15 \_ required credits will remain the same.

Dr. Jenkins said a six-period day allow students to take four core classes and two electives.

**Citizens Questions**

Ms. Martin asked if students will need 30 or 28 credits to graduate this year. Ms. Braxton explained the class of 2006 will need 28, the class of 2007 will need 26, the class of 2008 will need 24 and the classes from 2009 on, will need 22 credits to graduate.

Ms. Martin asked what the deadline for 10<sup>th</sup> grade students who want to take the MEAP is. Dr. Jenkins said he will check on that and let her know.

Ms. Martin then asked if a budget presentation will be done on a monthly basis. Dr. Ciranna said yes.

President Braxton declared the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.