

**WILLOW RUN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Ypsilanti, Michigan**

REGULAR MEETING

July 7, 2005

The regular meeting opened at 7:30 p.m. at the Willow Run Administration Building, 2171 E. Michigan Avenue, 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

Members of the Administrative Council Present Included:

Rosalind Coffey, Assistant Principal, Willow Run Middle School
Todd LaPrairie, Supervisor, Grounds and Maintenance
Katie Smith, Director, Technology and Community Services
Regina Williams, K12 Curriculum Coordinator

Citizens' Time

Mr. Stewart asked why Dr. Benit was placed on Administrative Leave. Ms. Braxton said she did not want to discuss personnel matters in a public forum.

Ms. Gibson questioned whether, or not, the high school is returning to a six-hour day. She also asked if high school conferences could be run differently. Ms. Braxton told her these questions would have to be answered by Dr. Jenkins.

Ms. McGill said it is shocking and sad to read of Dr. Benit's leave and asked why parents in the district are not being informed about what is going on. She added Dr. Benit has demonstrated integrity and did a fine job.

Mr. Ken Wilson said his experiences with Dr. Benit have not been good. He said the board has high expectations and the citizens of the District expect the board to do the right thing. He added investigations of white collar malfeasance is very difficult and wanted to know the board is nonbiased in the investigation. He asked for a broad investigation to protect the District and suggested consulting with the Prosecuting Attorney.

Ms. Miller asked if since there is no police investigation of Dr. Benit, is it safe to assume there were no illegal acts committed. Ms. Braxton said she does not want to comment in detail. She said there will be an investigation, because we need to protect our community and our District.

President Braxton called the meeting to order at 7:53p.m.

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

The following additions were made to the agenda:

- VI.A. Approval Field Trip – Out-of-State
- VI.B. Suspension of Motions of June 25th
- VIII.8.A. Approval of Purchase – Custodial Supplies

Approval of the Agenda

#05060714 Ms. Clay moved that the Board of Education accept the agenda as amended.
Mr. Wilson supported.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

Approval of Minutes

#05060715 Ms. Clay moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes as presented from the regular meeting of June 23, 2005. Mr. Wilde supported.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

Communications

Ms. Day presented the Reproductive Health Committee's recommendations for educating our students about the maturation process.

Acceptance of Reproductive Health Committee's Recommendation

#05060716 Ms. Clay moved that the Board of Education accept the Reproductive Health Advisory Committee's report and move on to the next step in the process of implementation of the recommendations. Ms. Thomas supported.

Ayes: 6
Abstain: 1 – Mr. Wilson
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

Approval of Out-of-State Field Trip

#05060717 Mr. Smith moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approve an out-of-state field trip to the Toledo Zoo, in Toledo, Ohio, for summer child care and First Steps students and families, on July 19, 2005. Ms. Clay supported.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

Suspension of Payments

#05060718 Mr. Wilson moved that the Willow Run Board of Education suspend payment, or any other kind of action on motions 04050624, 04050628 and 04050629 on purchase orders #1476B, #1473B, and #1475B, from the June 23, 2005, meeting. Ms. Clay supported.

Ayes: 5
Abstain: 1 – Ms. Braxton
Nays: 1 – Mr. Smith - Motion carried

Approval of Purchase – Custodial Supplies

#05060719 Ms. Clay moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approve the purchase orders for custodial supplies for the 2005-2006 fiscal school year. Colman-Wolf Company - \$14,843.17, Sheldon Supply Company - \$15,171.75, and Lansing Sanitary Supply, Inc. – \$17,945.59. Mr. Wilde supported.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

Approval of Purchase Order - Computer Equipment – Holmes and Thurston

#05060720 Mr. Smith moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approve Purchase Order #0007C to Compaq for a total of \$74,165.00 for Holmes and Thurston computers. These items are to be charged to the 2001 Building and Site fund. Mr. Wilde supported.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

Approval of Purchase Order for Middle School CAD Lab Furniture

#05060721 Ms. Thomas moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approve Purchase Order #0005C to navigating Business Spaces (NBS) for a total of \$10,161.91 for the furniture for the MS CAD Lab. Mr. Smith supported.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

Approval of Purchase - Southside Furniture and Window Treatment

#05060722 Mr. Wilde moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approve Purchase orders #0002C to Dew-El, #0003C and #0004C to McDonald's & Co., and #0006C to Great Lakes Furniture Supply, Inc. for a combined total of \$60,979.86 for the south side furniture and window treatments. Mr. Smith supported.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

Approval of Payment – Kingscott Associates Invoice

#05060723 Mr. Wilson moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approve payment of the following Kingscott Associates Invoice: #5233 for \$169.75. To be paid from the 2001 Building and Site Fund. Ms. Thomas supported.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

Approval of Payment – Barton Malow Invoice

#05060724 Mr. Blakita moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approve payment of the Barton Malow Invoice: #88801 in the amount of \$511,175.90, to be paid from the 2001 Building and Site Fund. Mr. Smith supported.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

Citizens' Questions

Mr. Stewart asked what Purchase Orders were rescinded and why. Mr. Wilson said there were some questions on a couple of purchases. Mr. Stewart asked who the Purchase Orders were made out to. Mr. Wilson told him American Technologies.

President Braxton declared the meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.