

**WILLOW RUN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
Ypsilanti, Michigan**

**REGULAR MEETING/EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**August 25, 2005**

The Executive Session opened at 5:30 p.m. at the Willow Run Administration Building, 2171 E. Michigan Avenue, Ypsilanti, MI 48198.

**Motion to Move into Closed Session**

#05060816 Mr. Wilde moved at 5:40 p.m. that pursuant to section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act the Board convene in closed session to consider complaints and charges against an employee at the request of the employee. Mr. Wilson supported.

Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

**Motion to Move into Open Session**

#05060817 Mr. Wilson moved that the Willow Run Board of Education move into open session at 6:55 p.m. Mr. Wilde supported.

Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

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  
Kristine Thomas, Trustee  
Mark Wilde, Vice President  
Scott Wilson, Treasurer

Absent: Clifford Smith, Trustee

Members of the Administrative Council Present Included:

Ron Ciranna, J.D., Interim Superintendent  
Mel Anglin, Interim Principal, Willow Run Middle School  
Dr. Jenkins, Principal, Willow Run High School  
Todd LaPrairie, Supervisor, Buildings and Grounds  
Laura Lisiscki, Principal, Kaiser Elementary School  
Michael Schubart, Interim Athletic Director  
Lana Tatom, Director, Elementary Curriculum, State and Federal Grants  
Regina Williams, Director, Secondary Curriculum

**Citizens' Time**

Stanley Stewart, of the Cheney attendance area, asked if there is an update on, and a timeline for, the investigation of Dr. Benit. Dr. Ciranna said the District has received a transcript of an interview of Dr. Benit and will respond via the District's attorney. He added the District will meet with the Private Investigator and Attorney the week after Labor Day.

Roscoe Cummings, Kaiser Employee, expressed his displeasure at being suspended from his football coaching position without notice this past Tuesday.

Ken Wilson, of the Cheney attendance area, asked Ms. Braxton if any board member has announced to her they are prepared to reclude themselves from the investigation of Dr. Benit. Ms. Braxton answered no.

John Brooks, of the Willow Run Athletic Boosters asked for clarification of the duties of the Athletic Director and the Athletic Booster program,

President Braxton called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m.

**Additions or Deletions to the Agenda**

The following deletion was made to the agenda:

- VIII.B.5. - Approval of Payment of Asbestos Removal

**Approval of the Agenda**

#05060818 Ms. Clay moved that the Board of Education accept the agenda as amended. Ms. Thomas supported.

Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

**Approval of Minutes**

#05060819 Ms. Clay moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes as presented from the regular meeting of August 4, 2005. Mr. Wilde supported.

Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

**Communications**

Dr. Jenkins explained the benefits of a six-period day, as opposed to a four-block day. He said in order for block scheduling to run effectively it would be necessary to add five – seven more teachers, because with block scheduling teachers see 90 students a day, with a six-hour day, teachers see 180 students a day.

As a point of information the board was given a list of Schools of Choice pupils to review.

**Personnel Committee Report**

Mr. Blakita reported on a meeting of the Personnel Committee, which took place on August 8<sup>th</sup>. The committee met to review candidates for the position of Interim Middle School Principal and Interim Athletic Director. Both of these items are listed on the agenda.

**MASB Board of Directors Election**

#05060820 Mr. Blakita moved that the Board of Education select Victor Hogue for a three-year term and Gregory Peoples for a one-year term on the MASB Board of Directors. Ms. Thomas supported.

Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

**Approval of Contract – WISD Business Services**

#05060821 Ms. Thomas moved that the Board of Education approves the Contract with the WISD to provide the services specified in Section 1 paragraph 2, of the attached contract, in an amount ranging from \$25-30,000.00 plus a 7% indirect rate charge. Mr. Wilde supported.

Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

**Approval of Payment – Kaplan Invoice**

#05060822 Ms. Thomas moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approves the attached invoice to Kaplan K12 Learning Services in the amount of \$11,000.00. Mr. Wilde supported.

Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

**Approval of Purchase Order – Renaissance Learning**

#05060823 Mr. Wilde moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approve the attached purchase order #0364C in the amount of \$10,203.17 to Renaissance Learning to purchase additional Reading Practice Quizzes for each of the elementaries. Ms. Clay supported.

Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0 - Motion carried

**Approval of Purchase – ADT Security Services**

#05060824 Ms. Thomas moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approve the purchase order to ADT Security Services in the amount of \$4,855.00 for modifications/repairs and additions to the high school burglar alarm system. Ms. Clay supported.

Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

**Approval of Purchase – Signs by Tomorrow**

#05060825 Mr. Blakita moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approve the purchase order to Signs by Tomorrow in the amount of \$3,595.20 for ground and directional signs for the middle/high school complex. Mr. Wilde supported.

Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

**Approval of Bond Technology Purchase - Thurston**

#05060826 Mr. Wilde moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approves the purchase order attached #0362C to SEHI for technology equipment totaling \$2,157.30, for Thurston Elementary. These items are to be charged to the 2001 Building and Site fund. Ms. Clay supported.

Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

**Approval of Bond Technology Purchase – Ford, Kaiser, Thurston**

#05060827 Ms. Thomas moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approves the purchase orders attached #0361C to SEHI; 0255C to Thalner; and 0257C to Compaq technology equipment totaling \$19,995.01 for Ford, Kaiser and Thurston Elementaries. These items are to be charged to the 2001 Building and Site fund. Ms. Clay supported.

Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

**Approval of Hire – Interim Athletic Director**

#05060828 Mr. Blakita moved that the Willow Run Board of Education accepts the recommendation to hire Michael Schubart as Interim Athletic Director for the Willow Run Community Schools for the 2005-2006 school year, starting at the High School Assistant Principal level 1 salary of \$70,277.00. Mr. Wilde supported.

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

#05060829

**Approval of Hire – Interim W.R.M.S. Principal**

Ms. Clay moved that the Willow Run Board of Education accepts the recommendation to hire Mel Anglin as Interim Willow Run Middle School Principal for the Willow Run Community Schools for the 2005-2006 school year, starting at the Middle School Principal level 7 salary of \$83,562.00. Mr. Wilson supported.

Ayes: 7  
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

**Citizens' Questions**

Stanley Stewart, of the Cheney attendance area asked what the mean ACT score for the District is. Dr. Jenkins said it is currently 18.1. Mr. Stewart said he hopes the board will support Dr. Jenkins in taking a more rigorous approach to curriculum.

Patrice LaGrand, of the Cheney attendance area, asked if all the information regarding Kaplan will be mailed to parents and thanked Dr. Jenkins for moving the District into a more academically competitive direction.

Robert Harrison, of the Kaiser Attendance area, expressed his support for Dr. Jenkins.

**Superintendent's Comments**

Dr. Ciranna said Staff Opening Day went excellently. He also informed the board of the beginning of construction on the Administration Building, which will most likely necessitate the closing of the Administration Building for the day, Friday, September 2nd.

**Board Members' Comments**

Mr. Blakita asked how scheduling at the high school was progressing. Dr. Jenkins told the board the counselors are working on schedules and will be done by Friday afternoon. Dr. Ciranna said in the future all schedules will be mailed to students and their parents at least two-weeks prior to the first day of school.

**President's Comments**

President Braxton thanked the board for their dedication and commitment to the District.

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