

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

**REGULAR MEETING**

**October 6, 2005**

The regular meeting opened at 7:30 p.m. at Willow Run High School, 235 Spencer Lane, 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  
Tradell Hawkins, Student Representative

Absent: Mark Wilde, Vice President  
Scott Wilson, Treasurer

Members of the Administrative Council Present Included:

Ron Ciranna, J.D., Interim Superintendent  
George MacLeod, Director, Special Education  
Kimberly Searcy, Supervisor, Transportation  
Lana Tatom, Director, Elementary Curriculum, State and Federal Grants  
Regina Williams, Director, Secondary Curriculum  
Katie Smith, Director, Technology and Community Service

**Citizens' Time**

Ms. Marlo Bearman, Willow Run teacher, expressed her desire for the athletic fields at the site of the demolished Edmonson Middle School, to include two girls' softball fields. Dr. Ciranna explained the plans already include a softball field.

Ms. Jackie Mitchell, Cheney parent, said she is concerned about the sizes of the kindergarten classes at Cheney, saying each class has 29 students. Dr. Ciranna said this is the time of year class sizes throughout the district are looked at and transfers are made to equalize them.

Ms. Rebecca Abduhl, Willow Run Middle School parent, said she is concerned about the buses to the middle school being too crowded.

Ms. Jennifer Hooda, Ford parent, praised Ms. Teresa Wilson's work at Ford Elementary School.

President Braxton called the meeting to order at 7:48 p.m.

**Additions or Deletions to the Agenda**

The following changes were made to the agenda:

Addition: VI.D. – Recommendation of Expulsion

Change: Original Communication Item IV.A. – Was moved to Action Item VIII.A.4.

**Approval of the Agenda**

#05061001 Ms. Clay moved that the Board of Education accept the agenda as amended.  
Mr. Smith supported.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0 – Motion carried

**Approval of Minutes**

#05061002 Ms. Clay moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes as presented.  
Ms. Thomas supported.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0 – Motion carried

**Communications**

Ms. Tatom and Ms. Singer presented the Renaissance Place program, including the Star Reading and Math Assessments used for grades three – twelve. This system allows students to be monitored prior to taking the MEAP test and will also be used as a tool to predict MEAP results, as well as helping select students in need of summer school.

**Committee Reports**

Ms. Clay reported on a meeting of the Curriculum Committee, which took place prior to the board meeting. Those present included: Ms. Clay, Mr. Anglin, Ms. Tatom, Ms. Williams, Ms. Thomas, and Ms. Braxton. Topics discussed were the math program and which books will help students transition to the high school.

Ms. Clay also reported on the September 27<sup>th</sup>, meeting of the Policy Committee. In addition to Ms. Clay, those present included Mr. Wilson; Dr. Ciranna, Ms. Williams, Ms. Thomas and Dr. Jenkins. Topics discussed included graduation requirements, and the Vision, Mission and Core Beliefs of the District.

**First Reading of Policy – Graduation Requirements**

Proposed Policy revision 7630 was carried forward for consideration. Ms. Clay and Mr. Blakita supported.

**Approval of First Reading of Policy – Vision, Mission and Core Beliefs**

Proposed Policy Revision 1103 was carried forward for consideration. Ms. Clay and Mr. Blakita supported.

**Acceptance of Donation - Computers**

#05061003 Ms. Thomas moved that the Willow Run Board of Education accept the donation of 50 computers from Martin M. Wamp, ScrapComputer.com, Michigan LLC, valued at \$225.00 per system with monitor. Ms. Clay supported.

Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

**Acceptance of Recommendation for Expulsion**

#05061004 Mr. Smith moved that the Willow Run Board of Education accept the recommendation for expulsion for the student presented to the Board of Education on October 6, 2005. Ms. Clay supported.

Ayes: 5 – Ms. Thomas, Mr. Blakita, Mr. Smith, Ms. Clay, Ms. Braxton  
Nays: 0 - Motion carried

**Approval of Supplemental Service Provider Contract**

#05061005 Ms. Clay moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approves the attached Contract to be used with state approved Supplemental Service Providers (as required by the No Child Left Behind Act). Ms. Thomas supported.

Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

**Approval of Contract – I3 Training Services**

#05061006 Ms. Thomas moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approves the attached contract with i3 Training Services, Inc., in the amount of \$51,000. Mr. Smith supported.

Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

**Approval of Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Delegating the Sale of WRCS 2006 Refunding Bonds**

#05061007 Mr. Smith moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approve the attached Resolution authorizing Oppenheimer to handle the issuance and delegating the sale of the remaining Willow Run Community Schools 1996 Refunding Bonds. Ms. Clay supported.

Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

**Approval of Physical Therapy Contract**

#05061008 Mr. Blakita moved that the Board of Education approves the Physical Therapy Contract for services for the 2005-2006 school year, in the not to exceed amount of \$40,000. Ms. Thomas supported.

Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

**Approval of Speech Therapy Contract**

#05061009 Ms. Thomas moved that the Board of Education approves the Speech Therapy Contract for services for the 2005-2006 school year, in the not to exceed amount of \$30,000. Ms. Clay supported.

Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

**Declaration of Surplus Equipment**

#05061010 Ms. Thomas moved that the Willow Run Board of Education declare ten two-way bus radios and two buses surplus equipment and approve their sale. Bus number one and bus number 16. Ms. Clay supported.

Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

**Approval of Barton Malow Invoice**

#05061011 Mr. Smith moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approve payment of Barton Malow invoice #90150 in the amount of \$348,587.65 to be paid from the 2001 Building & Site Fund. Mr. Blakita supported.

Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

**Discussion**

Mr. Blakita said on Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, a Bond Project Budget Update Meeting was held. He said the group looked at the remaining items on the punch lists, along with the projected timeline for completion of all remaining projects.

Mr. Smith suggested board members be provided a copy of the punch lists and requested Barton Malow being present to answer as work is done, with Todd LaPrairie checking on and verifying the progress of completion of items.

**Approval of Switch Purchases**

#05061012 Ms. Thomas moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approves Purchase Order #0541C to Mac Professionals totaling \$691.50 for Netgear switches to be used by schools district-wide. Mr. Blakita supported.

Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

**Superintendent's Comments**

Dr. Ciranna reminded everyone of the homecoming activities this weekend.

**Student Representative's Comments**

Mr. Hawkins asked if this year's graduation ceremony could be held in the high school gym, rather than at Eastern Michigan University.

President Braxton declared the meeting adjourned at 9:22p.m.