

**WILLOW RUN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Ypsilanti, Michigan**

REGULAR MEETING/CLOSED SESSION

October 20, 2005

A closed session of the board was held at 6:30 p.m., the purpose of which was to discuss the progress of negotiations.

Motion to Move into a Closed Session

#05061013 Ms. Thomas moved that the Board of Education move into a closed session. Ms. Clay supported.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

Motion to Move into a Closed Session

#05061014 Ms. Thomas moved that the Board of Education move into an open session. Mr. Smith supported.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

The regular meeting opened at 7:30 p.m. at Kaiser Elementary School, 670 Onondaga 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
- Tradell Hawkins, Student Representative

Members of the Administrative Council Present Included:

- Ron Ciranna, J.D., Interim Superintendent
- Melvin Anglin, Principal, Willow Run Middle School
- Todd LaPrairie, Supervisor, Grounds and Maintenance
- Laura Lisiscki, Principal, Kaiser Elementary School
- Lana Tatom, Director, Elementary Curriculum, State and Federal Grants
- Regina Williams, Director, Secondary Curriculum

Excellence in Education

Ms. Lisiscki welcomed everyone to Kaiser and introduced the Kaiser staff. She then pointed out the students' artwork displayed around the room and said it will be part of the Culture Fair being held this May. The artwork was inspired by the book; "Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?" Mr. Glen Simon then led a group of fourth and fifth grade students in a song sung in both English and Spanish in celebration of Hispanic Heritage month. The presentation continued with brief explanations of the Peer Mediation program, the Ventures program and the Kaiser teaching philosophy, after which Ms. Lisiscki thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Citizens' Time

Ms. Phyllis Carter, Willow Run High School parent, read the attached letter concerning the lack of doors in the boys' restrooms at the high school.

Mr. Derrick Liddel, Kettering parent, read the attached letter regarding the transfer of a teacher to Holmes Elementary from Kettering Elementary, two other Kettering parents also voiced their concerns regarding this transfer.

Ms. Fawn Martin presented the board with a certificate recognizing their part in forming school, family, and community connections. Ms. Martin also distributed a parent survey to each board member, requesting they complete it and return it to the Academic Services office to be incorporated with the rest of the parent surveys.

Ms. Noncy Fields, Willow Run employee and parent, gave kudos to the Curriculum Department for the grade level teacher meetings being held.

President Braxton called the meeting to order at 8:11 p.m.

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Dr. Ciranna added the following item to the agenda: IV.A. – Bond Update

Approval of the Agenda

#05061015 Ms. Clay moved that the Board of Education accept the agenda as amended.
Ms. Thomas supported.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

Approval of Minutes

#05061016 Ms. Clay moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes as presented.
Mr. Smith supported.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

Communications

Mr. Rick Kull, Barton Malow, updated the board on the progress of the bond project, saying the punch lists are 80% complete and the track is completed. He said there was a design issue with the steel under the press box, which has caused a delay in the construction. He added the bond project budget will be ready for review next week and all project glitches should be resolved by mid-November.

Ms. Clay asked Mr. Kull when the press box will go up. Mr. Kull said the architects are looking at this issue, but it will be after the last football game.

Mr. Smith requested the board be given a copy of the punch lists and the budget at every meeting through the end of the year. Mr. Kull said they cannot do a line item budget for this project and will be meeting with Rod Ranger to reconcile their numbers with his.

Mr. Kull said some of the items the board has asked about are value engineering items, not punch list items, to which Mr. Smith replied call it what he wants, but the board does not want him walking out of here, without the work being done.

Mr. LaPrairie said in Mr. Kull's defense many of the items are architectural, not construction problems. Mr. Smith said we need to get the architects at meetings for questioning too.

Approval of Contracted Services Agreement

#05061017 Ms. Thomas moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approve the Contracted Services Agreement with Barbara Ladewski, to provide data desegregation and analysis during the 2005-2006 school year, to Kaiser Elementary School, in the not to exceed amount of \$7,000.00. Mr. Wilde supported.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

Acceptance of Donation – Name Plate

#05061018 Mr. Smith moved that the Willow Run Board of Education accept the donation of a name block and printed plate, for Tradell Hawkins, Student Representative to the Board of Education, from Ms. Kristine Thomas. This gift is valued at \$25.00. Ms. Clay supported.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

Approval of Policy – 3630 Purchasing

#05061019 Ms. Clay moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approve the attached Policy 3630 – Purchasing. Mr. Wilde supported.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

Approval of Purchase Order – The Wright Group

#05061020 Mr. Wilde moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approves purchase order #0591C in the amount of \$19,299.79 to The Wright Group to purchase Everyday Math materials for Kettering Elementary. Ms. Clay supported.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0 - Motion carried

Approval of Purchase Order – Great Source Education Group

#05061021 Ms. Thomas moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approves purchase order #0588C to Great Source Education Group in the amount of \$6,838.66 to purchase supplemental math materials for the middle school. Ms. Clay supported.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

Approval of Purchase Order - McDougal Littell

#05061022 Ms. Clay moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approves purchase order #0589C to McDougal Littell in the amount of \$38,918.24 to purchase McDougal Littell Middle School Math Textbooks (copyright 2005) for grades six, seven and eight. Mr. Wilde supported.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

Approval of Purchase Order – Hewlett Packard

#05061023 Mr. Wilde moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approves purchase order #0592C to Hewlett Packard in the amount of \$12,010.00 for additional FTL Teacher Laptops for the Middle School. Ms. Thomas supported.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

Approval of Purchase Order – Hewlett Packard

#05061024 Ms. Thomas moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approves purchase order #0593C to Hewlett Packard in the amount of \$5,855.40 to replace six stolen FTL Teacher Laptops. Mr. Wilde supported.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

Approval of Purchase Order – EAI Education

#05061025 Mr. Wilson moved that the Board of Education approves purchase order #0590C to EAI Education in the amount of \$13,083.32 to purchase calculators for the middle school. Mr. Wilde supported.

Ayes: 6
Nays: 1- Mr. Wilson – Motion carried

Discussion

Mr. Wilson said he does not believe in teaching math on calculators and students should be taught to perform math on their own.

Citizens' Questions

Several parents spoke about the transfer of a Kettering teacher to Holmes Elementary.

Ms. Debbie Swanson, Willow Run Middle School math teacher, thanked the board on behalf of the Willow Run Middle School math team for the investment they made by purchasing the books and other materials for the middle school.

Board Member Comments

Ms. Clay gave kudos to Ms. Lisiscki for a job well done and praised the creativity and the learning process at Kaiser Elementary School.

President Braxton declared the meeting adjourned at 8:56.m.