

WILLOW RUN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Ypsilanti, Michigan

SPECIAL MEETING/CLOSED SESSION

November 14, 2005

The special meeting opened at 6:00 p.m. at the Administration Building, 2171 Michigan Avenue, Ypsilanti, MI 48198.

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:

Ron Ciranna, J.D., Interim Superintendent

Motion to Move into a Closed Session

#05061115 Ms. Thomas moved that the Board of Education move into a closed session. Mr. Wilde supported.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

Motion to Move into an Open Session

#05061116 Mr. Wilson moved that the Board of Education move into an open session. Ms. Thomas supported.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0 – Motion carried

Termination of Dr. Benit's Employment with Willow Run Community Schools

#05061117 Mr. Wilde moved that the Board of Education finds that the charges set forth in paragraphs: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 of the letter to the Board dated October 24, 2005 have been established, that the employment of Dr. Douglas Benit with the Willow Run Community Schools be terminated effective immediately based upon those charges, that the Interim Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Ciranna notify Dr. Benit of this action and that Dr. Benit be offered employment as a teacher in the School District. Mr. Smith supported.

Ayes: 7 – Mr. Blakita, Ms. Thomas, MR. Wilson, Mr. Smith, Mr. Wilde,
Ms. Clay, Ms. Braxton
Nays: 0 - Motion carried

Authorization to Initiate a Lawsuit

#05061118 Ms. Clay moved that the Willow Run Board of Education move that the Interim Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Ciranna be authorized to contact the School District's attorneys and initiate litigation against Dr. Douglas Benit to recover whatever damages they determine the School District has incurred as a result of the charges which led to the discharge of Dr. Benit from his employment as the Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Wilde supported.

Ayes: 7 – Mr. Blakita, Ms. Thomas, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Smith, Mr. Wilde,
Ms. Clay, Ms. Braxton

Nays: 0 - Motion carried

President Braxton declared the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.