

**WILLOW RUN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Ypsilanti, Michigan**

SPECIAL MEETING

January 28, 2010

The Board Meeting opened at 6:33 p.m. at Willow Run High School, 235 Spencer Lane, Ypsilanti, Michigan with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Those present were:

Sheri Washington, President
Dorothy Stewart, Treasurer
Mark Wilde, Secretary
Don Garrett, Trustee
Clifford Smith, Trustee
Anglesia Brown, Trustee-arrived at 6:40 p.m.
Joi Jenson, Trustee

Members of the Administrative Council Present Included:

Renee Smith, Principal Cheney Academy
Joe Ann Allen, Principal Ford Elementary
Beth Vonck, Acting Principal Holmes
Cecilia Queener, Human Resource Coordinator
Dr. Joe Yomtoob, Consultant to the Board
Bert Emerson, Finance Consultant
Steve Smaka, Finance Consultant

Ms. Washington called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Acknowledgements/Correspondence

None

Consideration of Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

None

Approval of Agenda

#0910012801 Mr. Wilde moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approve the agenda as amended.
Mr. Smith supported.
Ayes – 7
Nays – 0 – motion carried

Presentation

None

#0910012802 **Approval of Amended Budget**

Mrs. Stewart moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approve the amended budget as presented. Mrs. Smith Supported.
Ayes – 7 –Mr. Garrett, Ms. Brown, Ms. Stewart, Mr. Smith, Ms. Jenson, Mr. Wilde, Ms. Washington
Nays – 0 – motion carried

Discussion

Mr. Emerson gave an explanation of the amended budget as compared to last June. He also stated that with the Deficit Elimination Plan, we will have a positive fund balance of _ million dollars by June 30, 2014. Mrs. Stewart asked if Adult Education instruction is up. Mr. Emerson explained that it is grant based funding. There are maximum amounts available with the grant and the rule is it must be spent to get the money. It looks like an increase, but does not affect the general fund. Mr. Smith stated that a great job was done on the prediction and now the Finance Committee will continue to look at all levels of spending. Mr. Smith wanted to state that a good job was done by Mr. Emerson and Mr. Smaka together along with Ms. Lisiscki and Dr. Joe and that there is still a lot of work to do. Mrs. Stewart would like to see a forensic analysis on all funding, especially grant funding. Mr. Wilde stated that our success is contingent on employees' confidence in us. Dr. Joe said that it is important that they are aware of our condition. Ms. Lisiscki said that there is a good chance that all employees will work with us. Mr. Smaka stated that in June the 2010-2011 budget will be presented to be adopted and the 2009-2010 final amended budget will be presented. Mr. Smith said that we need help and he hopes that all employees will work with us. Ms. Jenson asked if we have a plan. Ms. Lisiscki stated we need to make sure we have a balanced budget; now it is time to progress to the next part of the plan. We have to be innovative. Ms. Jenson suggested that we ask the students what they want and that word of mouth is the best advertisement. A discussion was held on the different programs that are being investigated and possibly offered.

#0910012803

Approval of Deficit Elimination Plan

Mrs. Stewart moved that the Willow Run Community Schools Board of Education approve the Deficit Elimination Plan (DEP) as presented. Mr. Wilde supported.

Ayes – 7 –Mr. Garrett, Ms. Brown, Ms. Stewart, Mr. Smith, Ms. Jenson, Mr. Wilde, Ms. Washington

Nays – 0 – motion carried

Discussion

Ms. Jenson stated that the projection of 50 additional students each year is realistic. Ms. Lisiscki said that if we don't have innovated programs and word of mouth PR, it would be unrealistic. Discussion was held regarding Headstart, GSRP and First Steps and that we have a lot going for us. Ms. Washington challenged Ms. Lisiscki and Dr. Joe to come back to the Board with reasonable goals and predictions, an "Actual Project Plan". Mr. Wilde promoted the Robotics Team. Mr. Smith wants to be sure that home schoolers are contacted. He had given names to administrators in the past and nothing happened. Dr. Joe stated that having Ms. Lisiscki running the district is a positive. Things will be happening. He will not be wasting time. Mr. Emerson stated that enrollment data shows that the current administration has a positive impact. Ms. Washington challenged all of Willow Run Community Schools to bring in quality programs; let's have a full count blitz. Let us work hard and smart.

#0910012804

Approval of Consolidation Plan Agreement

Mr. Garrett moved that the Willow Run Community Schools Board of Education adopt the following resolution of Services Consolidation Plan Agreement between the Michigan Department of Education and Willow Run Community Schools as follows:

Service Consolidation Plan Resolution

Whereas, MCL 388.1611D(2) requires that a district enter into an agreement with the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) if the district intends to apply the \$165 per pupil deduction in 2009-10 State School Aid revenue against one of the unprotected State School Aid categoricals other than Section 22b. Under this document the district agrees that it will develop a Service Consolidation Plan to reduce school operating costs that is in compliance with MDE guidelines.

Whereas, the Willow Run Community Schools' local school board have been involved with service consolidation plans in the past, sharing various services; and

Whereas, the district continues to pursue additional new opportunities for the consolidation of services;

Whereas the Willow Run Community Schools intend to apply some, if not all of the \$165 per pupil membership deduction to categorical funding; now therefore be it resolved, that the Willow Run Community Schools intends to enter into an agreement with the Michigan Department of Education to develop a new Service Consolidation Plan.”

Mr. Smith supported.

Ayes – 7 –Mr. Garrett, Ms. Brown, Ms. Stewart, Mr. Smith, Ms. Jenson, Mr. Wilde, Ms. Washington

Nays – 0 – motion carried

Citizen Questions

None

Board/Superintendent Comments

Mr. Wilde announced that the Hockey Team is sponsoring a senior night at their hockey game Saturday. Have your teacher id available to get into the game for free. Ms. Jenson announced that next Tuesday will be a signing for our athletics and there should be a press conference. Dr. Joe announced that he and his son will hold a board retreat on February 6th; free of charge.

Ms. Washington adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.