

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

**REGULAR MEETING**

**April 1, 2010**

The Board Meeting opened at 6:38 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  
Mark Wilde, Secretary  
Don Garrett, Trustee  
Anglesia Brown, Trustee  
Clifford Smith, Trustee  
Joi Jenson, Trustee – arrived 6:51 p.m.  
Aricka Terry, Student Representative

Those absent were:

Dorothy Stewart, Treasurer

Members of the Administrative Council Present Included:

Laura Lisiscki, Acting Superintendent  
JoeAnn Allen, Principal Ford Elementary  
Renee Smith, Principal Cheney Academy  
Delores Jenkins, Principal Holmes Elementary  
Charles Raski, Principal Kaiser Elementary  
Cecilia Queener, Human Resource Coordinator  
Dr. Joe Yomtoob, Consultant to the Board  
Bert Emerson, Finance Consultant

Ms. Washington called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.

**Consideration of Additions or Deletions to the Agenda**

**Additions:** IX.d. Approval of Contract with IWC Electric, L.L.C  
XIII.a. Move to Closed Session  
XIV. Move to Open Session

**Deletions:** V.b. International Baccalaureate Presentation  
VIII.b. Approval of Overnight Field Trip

**Approval of Agenda**

#0910040101 Mr. Wilde moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approve the Agenda as amended.  
Mr. Garrett supported.  
Ayes – 5  
Nays – 0 – motion carried

**Approval of Minutes**

#0910040102 Mr. Wilde moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approve the minutes as presented from the Regular Meeting of March 4, 2010.

Mr. Garrett supported.  
Ayes – 5  
Nays – 0 – motion carried

### **Communications**

Ms. Lisiscki read a letter to Mrs. Littlefield from Jerri-Anne Bennett, a senior citizen from Clark East Tower Apartments, thanking her and her students for their time.

Ann Grishaber gave a presentation on Washtenaw Community College Partnership. Mr. Smith stated that it would start with this program and build with more programs. It will be beneficial to both Willow Run Community Schools and Washtenaw Community College. Bonnie Thrun spoke briefly on the Adult Education collaboration. Mr. Smith wanted to know if the initial contract was for the summer. Ms. Grishaber stated that after the summer the contracts would look different, they would have more programs.

### **Board Committee Reports**

**Athletic Council** – Mr. Garrett reported that two (2) meetings were held -- one with the coaches that was very productive and one with the boosters that was a little rocky to begin with, but went well overall.

### **Curriculum**

#0910040103 **Approval of Out of State/Overnight Field Trip** – Mr. Wilde moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approve the Out of State/Overnight Field Trip of the Willow Run Robotics Team from April 14 to April 18, 2010, to Atlanta, Georgia.  
Ms. Jenson Supported.  
Ayes – 6  
Nays – 0 – motion carried

### **Discussion**

Ms. Brown announced, “Hot off the press, we won Round 3.” The trip is speculative if we earn our way. We have to place. The competition continues Saturday afternoon with eliminations. The doors open at 8:00 a.m. Competition begins at 9:00 a.m. at Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center.

#0910040104 **Approval of Participation in the Early College Alliance** – Mr. Garrett moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approve the participation in the Early College Alliance Consortium and direct the Superintendent and the President of the Board to complete the Admission of New Participant Agreement.  
Ms. Brown Supported.  
Ayes – 6  
Nays – 0 – motion carried

#0910040105 **Approval of W.C.C. Partnership**  
Mr. Smith moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approve the partnership between Washtenaw Community College and Willow Run Community Schools.  
Ms. Jenson Supported.  
Ayes – 6  
Nays – 0 – motion carried

**Discussion**

Mr. Smith remarked that this is very important to us. Ms. Washington questioned when the start time would be. The start times will be May 25, 2010, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays. They are typically 3 hour blocks for the summer term only.

**Financial/Administrative Services**

#0910040106 **Approval of Pediatric Therapy Associates Contract**

Mr. Wilde moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approve the Contracted Services Agreement between Pediatric Therapy Associates and Willow Run Community Schools to provide direct physical therapy services, total amount not to exceed \$46,368.00.

Ms. Jenson supported.

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0 – motion carried

**Discussion**

Mr. Smith confirmed that this is occupational therapy for the 2009/10 school year. Mr. Wilde confirmed that this is not a replacement for the physical therapy contract and there is no budget impact, it has been budgeted for. Ms. Lisiscki stated that we need to maintain a good relationship.

#0910040107 **Approval of Amended Budget**

Ms. Jenson moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approve the amended budget as presented.

Mr. Smith supported.

Ayes – 6 – Mr. Garrett, Ms. Brown, Mr. Smith, Ms. Jenson, Mr. Wilde, Ms. Washington

Nays – 0 – motion carried

**Discussion**

Bert Emerson gave a presentation of the amended budget. Mr. Smith commented that Mr. Emerson is the most thorough finance person he has seen in awhile. Mr. Garrett commented that the information is very detailed. Ms. Lisiscki acknowledged the teachers and the effort they have given.

#0910040108 **Approval of Deficit Elimination Plan**

Mr. Garrett moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approve the Deficit Elimination Plan as presented.

Ms. Jenson supported.

Ayes – 6 – Mr. Garrett, Ms. Brown, Mr. Smith, Ms. Jenson, Mr. Wilde, Ms. Washington

Nays – 0 – motion carried

**Discussion**

Bert Emerson discussed a letter received from the State and that all concerns listed were addressed. It is anticipated that the teachers will ratify the contract. Estimates of retirees were taken into consideration. Mr. Smith presented things we should be doing. The “Team” is jelling. Dr. Joe spoke of the relationship with the associations and that Laura has done a great job. Ms. Jenson voiced her concerns on customer service, make sure our customers are happy.

#0910040109 **Approval of Contract with IWC Electric, L.L.C.**

Ms. Jenson moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approve the award of a contract to IWC Electric, L.L.C. for the lighting control installation project at Cheney Academy of Math and Science in the amount of \$21,000.

Mr. Smith supported.

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0 – motion carried

**Closed Session**

#0910040110 **Approval to Move to Closed Session**

Ms. Jenson moved that the Willow Run Board of Education move to closed session to discuss negotiations.

Mr. Wilde supported.

Ayes – 6 – Mr. Garrett, Ms. Brown, Mr. Smith, Ms. Jenson, Mr. Wilde, Ms. Washington

Nays – 0 – motion carried

Moved to Open Session.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 p.m.