

WILLOW RUN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Ypsilanti, Michigan

REORGANIZATION MEETING

July 9, 2009

The meeting opened at 6:30 PM at the Secondary Complex-High School, 235 Spencer Lane, Ypsilanti, Michigan with the pledge of allegiance.

Those present were:

Anglesia Brown
Joi Jenson
Dorothy Stewart
Clifford Smith
Sheri Washington
Mark Wilde
Harold Wimberly

Members of the Administrative Council Present Included:

Dr. Doris Hope-Jackson, Superintendent
Laonda Hicks, Director Student and Teacher Services
Kelly Webb, Principal Secondary Complex
Charles Raski, Assistant Principal Secondary Complex
Renee Smith, Principal Cheney Academy
Joe Ann Allen, Principal Ford Elementary
Cecilia Queener, Human Resource Coordinator
Mizan Jihad, Supervisor Transportation

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Doris Hope-Jackson at 6:31 p.m.
Oath of Office administered to Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Jenson.

There were no questions regarding the agenda.

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

Approval of Agenda

#0910070901 Mr. Wilde moved that the Willow Run Board of Education accept the agenda as presented. Mr. Smith supported.

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0 – Motion carried

President

#0910070902 Dr. Jackson opened the nominations for President.

Mr. Smith nominated Dorothy Stewart for President. Mr. Wimberly supported.

Ms. Jenson nominated Sheri Washington for President. Ms. Brown supported.

Nominations were closed.

Dorothy Stewart:

Ayes -3- Mr. Smith, Mr. Wimberly, Ms. Stewart

Nays -4 – Ms. Brown, Ms. Jenson, Mr. Wilde, Ms. Washington

Sheri Washington:

Ayes —4 – Ms. Brown, Ms. Jenson, Mr. Wilde, Ms. Washington

Nays -3 - Mr. Smith, Mr. Wimberly, Ms. Stewart

Sheri Washington was declared President.

Vice President

#0910070903 Ms. Washington opened the nominations for Vice President.
Ms. Stewart nominated Mr. Wimberly for Vice President. Mr. Wilde supported.
There were no other nominations; nominations were closed.
Ayes – 6 – Ms. Brown, Mr. Wimberly, Ms. Stewart, Mr. Smith, Mr. Wilde,
Ms. Washington
Nays – 1 – Ms. Jenson. Mr. Wimberly was declared Vice President.

Secretary

#0910070904 Ms. Washington opened the nominations for Secretary.
Ms. Jenson nominated Mr. Wilde for Secretary; Mr. Wilde supported.
There were no other nominations; nominations were closed.
Ayes – 7 – Ms. Brown, Mr. Wimberly, Ms. Stewart, Mr. Smith, Ms. Jenson,
Mr. Wilde, Ms. Washington
Nays – 0 – Mr. Wilde was declared Secretary.

Treasurer

#0910070905 Ms. Washington opened the nominations for Treasurer.
Mr. Smith nominated Ms. Stewart for Treasurer; Mr. Wilde supported.
There were no other nominations; nominations were closed.
Ayes – 7 – Ms. Brown, Mr. Wimberly, Ms. Stewart, Mr. Smith, Ms. Jenson,
Mr. Wilde, Ms. Washington
Nays – 0 – Ms. Stewart was declared Treasurer.

Authorization for Paying Agents, Depositories, and Withdrawals

#0910070906 Ms. Washington offered the following Resolutions:
WHEREAS, there may now be in and may hereafter, from time to time come into the hands of Treasurer of the Board of Education of the Willow Run Community School District, Ypsilanti, Michigan, certain public monies belonging to or held for the Willow Run Community School District, or otherwise held according to law, and

WHEREAS, under the laws of the State of Michigan, this Board is required to provide by resolution for the deposit of all public monies, including tax monies coming into the hands of said Treasurer, in one or more banks

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that said Treasurer Ms. Stewart, is hereby directed to deposit all public monies, including tax monies, now in or coming into her hands, as treasurer, the following:

Authorization for Paying Agents

First of America Bank – Detroit – School Bond Loan Refund Payment
LaSalle Bank (Standard Federal)
Bank One

Depositories and Withdrawals

Key Bank, National Association
Citizen’s Bank, Ypsilanti
Michigan School district Liquid Asset Fund Plus
LaSalle Bank (Standard Federal)
Bank One
Bank of Ann Arbor, Flagstar Bank

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Superintendent or Director of Finance is authorized to transfer monies within the limits of the State Law.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the funds from the below listed accounts be withdrawn from said banks, by check, signed by Ms. Stewart as treasurer, and/or Ms. Washington as President and /or Mr. Wilde as Secretary

Payroll
General Fund
Book Fee
Building & Site Fund
School Lunch Account
Activity Account
Athletics Account

Mr. Smith supported.

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

Nays – 0– Resolution carried.

Designation of Person Responsible for Implementing Notice Requirements of the Open Meetings Act

#0910070907 Mr. Smith moved that the Superintendent’s secretary is the designated person responsible for implementing notice requirements of the Open Meetings Act. Ms. Stewart supported.

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

Nays – 0– Motion carried.

Setting Meeting Days for Regular Board Meeting

#0910070908 Mr. Wilde moved that the Board of Education meet on the following dates and places during the 2009/2010 school year at 6:30 p.m. Ms. Stewart and Mr. Smith supported.

Date	Location
July 09, 2008 *	Willow Run High School, Holmes at Midway
July 24, 2008 **	Willow Run High School
August 7, 2008	Willow Run High School
August 21, 2008	Willow Run High School
September 4, 2008	Willow Run High School
September 18, 2008	Willow Run High School
October 2, 2008	Willow Run High School
October 16, 2008	Kaiser Elementary, 670 Onondaga
November 6, 2008	Willow Run High School
November 20, 2008	Holmes Elementary, 1255 Holmes
December 4, 2008	Willow Run High School
December 18, 2008	Willow Run High School
January 8, 2009 *	Willow Run High School
January 22, 2009 **	Cheney Academy of Math & Science, 1500 Stamford
January 31, 2009 ***	Willow Run Administration Conference Room
February 5, 2009	Willow Run High School
February 19, 2009	Willow Run High School
March 5, 2009	Willow Run High School
March 19, 2009	Ford Elementary, 2440 Clark
March 28, 2009 ***	Willow Run Administration Conference Room
April 2, 2009	Willow Run High School

April 16, 2009	Willow Run Middle School, Holmes at Spencer Lane
May 7, 2009	Willow Run High School
May 21, 2009	Willow Run High School (Presentation)
June 4, 2009	Willow Run High School
June 18, 2009	Willow Run High School
June 20, 2009 ***	Willow Run Administration Conference Room

* Second Thursday of the month

** Fourth Thursday of the month

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

Nays – 0– Motion carried.

Discussion:

Members determined to change the October date for a Saturday retreat as information has just been received that the MASB conference is that weekend. The future date to be determined. The MASB facilitator will be contacted for an alternate date. The location for the December 17th meeting was corrected and will be held at Willow Run High School as opposed to Kettering. Ms. Jenson asked that consideration be given in the future to the room used when meetings are at the High School; she anticipates a larger audience of citizens and requests to accommodate them.

Representative for Washtenaw Association of School Boards

#0910070909 Mr. Smith moved that the Board of Education appoint Mr. Wilde to represent the Willow Run Board of Education at the Washtenaw Association of School Boards for the 2009/2010 school year. Mr. Wilde supported.

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

Nays – 0– Motion carried.

Appoint Legislative Relations Network (LRN) Representative

#0910070910 Mr. Wilde moved that the Board of Education appoint Mr. Smith as LRN Representative for the 2009/2010 school year. Ms. Stewart supported

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

Nays – 0– Motion carried.

Appoint Parliamentarian

#0910070911 Mr. Wilde moved that the Board of Education appoint Ms. Jenson as Parliamentarian for the 2009/2010 school year. Ms. Brown supported.

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

Nays – 0– Motion carried.

Liaison and Alternate to the Michigan Association of School Boards

#0910070912 Mr. Smith moved that the Board of Education appoint Ms. Washington as liaison person and Mr. Smith as alternate to the Michigan Association of School Boards for the 2009/2010 school year. Ms. Stewart supported.

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

Nays – 0– Motion carried.

Selection of School Doctors

- #0910070913 Ms. Stewart moved that the Board of Education appoint Business Health Services, McCauley Health Center, and any other participating in the Gallagher Bassett Services Insurance Program as the school physicians. for the 2009/2010 school year. Mr. Smith and Ms. Jenson supported.
Ayes – 7 – Ms. Brown, Mr. Wimberly, Ms. Stewart, Mr. Smith, Ms. Jenson,
Mr. Wilde, Ms. Washington
Nays – 0– Motion carried.

Selection of Legal Counsel

- #0910070914 Ms. Jenson moved that the Board of Education retain Thrun Law Firm of Lansing, as legal counsel for the Willow Run Community Schools for the 2009/2010 school year. Mr. Smith supported.
Ayes – 5 –Mr. Wimberly, Ms. Stewart, Mr. Smith, Mr. Wilde, Ms. Washington
Nays – 0
Abstentions – 2 - Ms. Brown, Ms. Jenson. Motion carried.

Discussion:

Ms. Brown inquired how long Thrun had been used and if considerations had been given to contracting with other counsel; her concern was that the firm was “shaky”. Ms. Brown later indicated that this view was based on the information provided by two (2) persons encouraging her to look at another firm and that she would like to talk with more people. It was noted that Thrun Law firm has been partnering with Willow Run Community Schools successfully for a number of years. Dr. Jackson noted that the firm’s staff has been excellent to work with and she would be happy to have a representative come in to answer any questions the Board may have.

Selection of Auditors

- #0910070915 Ms. Stewart moved that the Board of Education retain Rehmann Robson, C.P.A. of Jackson, as auditors for the Willow Run Community Schools for the 2009/2010 school year. Ms. Smith supported.
Ayes – 6 –Mr. Wimberly, Ms. Stewart, Mr. Smith, Ms. Jenson, Mr. Wilde,
Ms. Washington
Nays – 0
Abstentions – 1 - Ms. Brown. Motion carried.

Discussion:

Mr. Smith and Ms. Stewart recommended continuing with Rehmann Robson for this year and looking at other firms for next year, stating that it can be a good practice to change auditing firms periodically.

Approval of Minutes

- #0910070916 Mr. Wilde moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approve the minutes as presented from the regular meeting of June 18, 2009 and the Special Board meeting of June 25, 2009. Mr. Smith supported.
Ayes – 7
Nays – 0 – Motion carried

Approval of Payment – SchoolsOPEN Software

#0910070917 Ms. Stewart moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approve the payment of the following invoice totaling \$10,793.13 to SchoolsOPEN, LLC for software support. Mr. Wilde supported.

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0 - Motion carried.

Discussion:

It was noted that this is the Human Resource / Accounting system and has been in use for at least ten years.

Discussion –Resolution Regional Millage

A resolution to approach the community regarding a regional millage was discussed. Board members reviewed that the idea was initiated by an Ann Arbor Public Schools’ Board member, Glenn Nelson. It was noted that because Willow Run has a limited tax base that the District would benefit from such a millage as the funds would be collected county wide and distributed based on students enrollment. It is estimated that the fund could mean an additional \$300 per student. It is intended that Willow Run would use the funds to sustain current programming vs. “enhancement”. Concern was expressed about approaching our community for additional funds given the economic climate of our specific area. Note was made that failed millages in the past have adversely affected the arts in the schools. It was announced that there would be a presentation at the next Board meeting to provide additional information prior to voting.

Approval of Board Representative for Regional Millage

#0910070918 Ms. Jenson moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approve Mr. Smith to represent the Willow Run Board of Education on the Regional Enhancement Millage Steering Committee. Mr. Smith supported.

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0 - Motion carried.

Discussion:

It was noted that the Steering Committee would involve a parent volunteer, union representatives and the Superintendent.

Citizens Comments

Ms. Jenson’s children presented Ms. Brown and Ms. Jenson with bouquets to welcome them to the School Board.

Mr. Andy Blakita introduced himself as a resident of the Kettering area and shared his observation of the frontage of Kettering. There were signs posted welcoming Kettering students to Kaiser, but when the signs were pulled to cut the grass the signs were not replaced. The weather has now destroyed the signs. Mr. Blakita noted that the same signs are posted at an apartment complex and the signs are replaced by the contracted service when the grass is mowed.

Coach Rufus Pipkins rose to share that athletics is on the upswing and wanted to thank Dr. Jackson for being so helpful to the athletics success.

Ms. Brenda Clay shared that a semi-pro football team, the Yellow Jackets, has rented the field and will be playing a game on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. The Jackets

have invited the Boosters to do the concessions – Ms. Clay encouraged the audience to come out and support the Yellow Jackets and Willow Run Boosters.

Board Members' Comments

Ms. Jenson expressed her thanks for the support and her excitement with the new leadership and path.

Ms. Brown stated she was also grateful for the support and that cake would be served after the Board meeting.

President Washington declared the meeting adjourned: 7:20 p.m.