

**WILLOW RUN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Ypsilanti, Michigan**

WORK/STUDY MEETING

August 6, 2009

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

Those present were:

Sheri Washington, President
Harold Wimberly, Vice President
Dorothy Stewart, Treasurer
Mark Wilde, Secretary
Anglesia Brown, Trustee * arrived at 6:45 p.m.
Clifford Smith, Trustee

Absent:

Joi Jenson, Trustee

Members of the Administrative Council Present Included:

Dr. Doris Jackson, Superintendent
Dr. David Houle, Director of Finance
Laonda Hicks, Director, Student Services
Kelly Webb, Principal Secondary Complex
JoeAnn Allen, Principal Ford Elementary
Renee Smith, Principal Cheney Academy
Delores Jenkins, Principal Kettering

Citizens' Questions regarding the agenda

None

President Washington called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

Acknowledgements

None

Approval of Agenda

#0910080601 Mr. Wilde moved that the Willow Run Board of Education accept the agenda as presented. Mr. Smith supported.

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0 – Motion carried

Approval of Minutes

#0910080602 Mr. Wilde moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approve the minutes as presented from the regular meeting of July 23, 2009. Ms. Stewart supported.

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0 – Motion carried

Presentations:

Energy Conservation Measures Summary

Mr. Bruce Snyder, Engineer with Energy Design Solutions was introduced by Dr. Houle. Mr. Snyder reviewed a summary of the assessment findings, via a power point presentation, which included a description of the process, and recommended changes.

Approval of School Bond Loan Fund (SBLF)

#0910080603 Ms. Stewart moved that the Willow Run Board of Education adopts the attached resolution regarding the School Bond Loan Fund application for 2009-2010. Mr. Smith supported.

Ayes – 6 – Ms. Brown, Mr. Wimberly, Ms. Stewart, Mr. Smith, Mr. Wilde,
Ms. Washington

Nays – 0 – Motion carried

Discussion

Dr. Houle reviewed the SBLF process.

Approval of Playground Equipment Purchase

#0910080603 Ms. Stewart moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approves the purchase order in the amount of \$49,280 to Landscape Structures, Inc. for the purchase of playground equipment. Mr. Wilde supported.

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0 – Motion carried

Discussion

It was noted that this purchase both replaces equipment in disrepair and adds to the playground equipment. Willow Run is a member of a non-profit cooperative which provides a list of approved vendors and enables us to get the best price. It was confirmed that the equipment will be reimbursed 100% with funds by Head Start and the plan is to have installation complete by the first day of school.

Acceptance of Resignation

#0910080604 Mr. Wilde moved that the Willow Run Board of Education accept the resignation of Karen Walker, Teacher, effective on July 1, 2009. Ms. Stewart supported.

Ayes – 6 – Ms. Brown, Mr. Wimberly, Ms. Stewart, Mr. Smith, Mr. Wilde,
Ms. Washington

Nays – 0 – Motion carried

Acceptance of Resignation

#0910080605 Mr. Smith moved that the Willow Run Board of Education accept the resignation of Jason Bye, Bus Driver, effective immediately. Mr. Wilde supported.

Ayes – 6 – Ms. Brown, Mr. Wimberly, Ms. Stewart, Mr. Smith, Mr. Wilde,
Ms. Washington

Nays – 0 – Motion carried

Acceptance of Resignation

#0910080606 Ms. Brown moved that the Willow Run Board of Education accept the resignation of Suzanne Biermann, Speech Pathologist, effective on September 1, 2009. Mr. Smith supported.

Ayes – 6 – Ms. Brown, Mr. Wimberly, Ms. Stewart, Mr. Smith, Mr. Wilde,

Ms. Washington
Nays – 0 – Motion carried.

Discussion

A question was asked if there was a plan to perform exit interviews. Dr. Jackson explained

Tabled - Lease 2009-2010 – Bottles-n-Backpacks

#0910080607 Mr. Smith moved to table the proposed motion that Willow Run Board of Education approve the lease agreement with Deata McLemore (Bottles-n-Backpacks) to provide space during the 2009/2010 school year for \$500 per room per month until the August 20th meeting. Ms. Brown and Ms. Stewart supported.
Ayes – 6
Nays – 0 – Motion carried.

Discussion

While information concerning the results of the pilot from the District perspective had been provided the Board, information requested from Mrs. McLemore was still needed. Mrs. McLemore distributed a copy of her 2009/2010 financial plan to the Board members Further discussion found that were still many questions concerning the ability of the District to meet the needs of the program without subsidizing. Ms. Brown requested that a copy of the 2008/2009 lease be provided to all Board members. Dr. Jackson instructed Ms. JoeAnn Allen, Principal of Ford Elementary, to schedule a meeting with Ms. McLemore at a time convenient for both in order to work out requests to submit to the Board by the August 20th meeting. Ms. Washington expressed her plans to attend and facilitate. Mr. Wimberly requested clarity, which Dr. Jackson provided, in regard to who should be included in the meeting with Mrs. McLemore.

Approval of Proposal to Coordinate Services

#0910080608 Mr. Wilde moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approve the proposal for Washtenaw Intermediate School District to coordinate services for the Early On/First Steps programs for Willow Run Community Schools during the 2009/2010 school year for an amount not to exceed \$41,969. Mr. Smith supported.
Ayes – 6
Nays – 0 – Motion carried.

Citizen Time

Mr. Blakita, resident of the Kettering Elementary neighborhood, requested to know the status of the use of Kettering by COPE? Would a recommendation be coming forward to the Board for discussion and consideration? If not, why not? Ms. Washington asked if he would like a call or a written response. Mr. Blakita requested a written response.
Ms. Clay made the recommendation that the information needed to make a decision concerning the Child Care program lease be gathered on Friday, and the Board meet next week to discuss the information so that the issue could be resolved.

Board Comments

Regarding the child care program - concern was expressed about waiting until the last minute to make a decision; colleagues were urged to do what is necessary to expedite the decision-making.

Superintendent Comments

Last Tuesday approximately 20 Willow Run Staff and Community concerned about enrollment met to initiate a plan of action to increase enrollment for the 2009/2010 school year. Ms. Plouffe volunteered to coordinate the venture. The next meeting is scheduled for August 11th and the audience was encouraged to attend.

President Washington declared the meeting adjourned: 8:15 p.m.