

WILLOW RUN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Ypsilanti, Michigan

REGULAR MEETING

October 15, 2009

The Board Meeting opened at 6:45 PM at Kaiser Elementary, 670 Onondaga, Ypsilanti, Michigan with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Those present were:

Sheri Washington, President
Dorothy Stewart, Treasurer
Mark Wilde, Secretary
Anglesia Brown, Trustee
Joi Jenson, Trustee
Clifford Smith, Trustee

Absent:

Harold Wimberly, Vice President

Members of the Administrative Council Present Included:

Dr. David Houle, Finance
Renee Smith, Principal Cheney Academy
JoeAnn Allen, Principal Ford Elementary
Delores Jenkins, Principal Holmes
Laura Lisiscki, Principal Kaiser
Kelly Webb, Principal Secondary Complex
Charles Raski, Assistant Principal Secondary Complex
Torrence Greene, Athletic Director
Laura Frey-Greathouse, Title I Coordinator
Mizan Jihad, Transportation Supervisor

Presentation:

Excellence in Education

Ms. Laura Lisiscki welcomed the Board and audience to Kaiser Elementary.

Ms. Lisiscki presented the Board members with a packet which provided an overview of the energy saving measures incorporated last year at Kaiser for which an estimated \$7500 in savings was gained.

The program featured the song "I Like It Here" performed by the Kindergarten class; instrumental band music which included trumpet, clarinet and flute solos by three sixth grade students and a video of learning activities during a day at Kaiser.

Ms. Washington called the meeting to order at 7:22 p.m.

Acknowledgments/Correspondence

None

Consideration of Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

None

#0910101501 **Approval of Agenda**

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

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0 – motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

#0910101502 Ms. Brown moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approve the minutes of the October 1 work/study session as presented. Ms. Stewart & Ms. Jenson supported.

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0 – motion carried.

Approval of Payment of Bills

#0910101503 Ms. Stewart moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approve the following General Fund checks, check #51504 through and including check #51694 with the exception of voided checks as noted on page 10 of the General Fund Check Register totaling \$1,987,179.79; and no Building and Site checks. Mr. Smith supported.

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0 – motion carried.

Presentation

Mr. Brent Wall owner of All Star Drivers Education requested that the Board of Education consider an exclusive contract with his business to provide driver education to the students of Willow Run. Mr. Wall shared the long positive history of the Wall family with Willow Run; Mr. Tom Wall, former Willow Run teacher was present to support the request. Ms. Washington acknowledged her receipt of the proposed contract prior to the meeting from Mr. Brent Wall. Ms. Washington assured Mr. Wall she would be in touch.

Approval of Contract – Supplemental Services

#0910101504 Ms. Jenson moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approve the attached contract to be used with the State Approved Supplemental Services providers (as required by the No Child Left Behind Act). Mr. Smith supported.

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0 – motion carried.

Discussion

Ms. Frey-Greathouse was present to answer questions and explained that the program is State-mandated and of the 44 State-approved companies that were solicited, 16 accepted. The students' families choose which provider they wish to use. A provider fair is held during parent/teacher conferences to permit families an opportunity to meet the providers.

Approval of Out-of-State Field Trip

#0910101505 Ms. Brown moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approve the field trip to Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio for Band Students on October 30, 2009.

Mr. Wilde and Ms. Stewart supported.

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0 – motion carried.

Discussion

It was noted that the trip was open to band students in grades 7-12 and that October 30th is a _ day of school and the students would be leaving afterward, thereby not missing any school.

Approval of Implementing Energy Conservation Measure For Cheney Elementary and Approval of Collaboration with Superior Township for an Energy Efficient and Conservation Block Grant

#0910101506 Ms. Stewart moved that the Willow Run Board of Education authorize the implementation of Energy Conservation Measures at Cheney Elementary in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 to be funded from the 2001 Bond Fund and to authorized the Superintendent and/or the Director for Business & Operations to collaborate, negotiate and execute all necessary documents on behalf of the Willow Run Community Schools District. To participate as a sub recipient of Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (ARRA 2009) funding to be applied for by Superior Township.

Ms. Jenson supported.

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0 – motion carried.

Approval of Payment of Barton Malow Invoice 22057

#0910101507 Mr. Smith moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approve payment of the Barton Malow invoice 22057 totaling \$59,784.21. Ms. Jenson supported.

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0 – motion carried.

Discussion

The discussion revolved around whether Kingscott should have to pay for the move of an electrical pole. Kingscott is to be approached regarding crediting Willow Run for that cost; however, the board was clear that if legal action would be required to recoup the loss, further action should not be pursued.

Acceptance of Resignation

#0910101508 Mr. Wilde moved that the Willow Run Board of Education accept the resignation of Jennifer Marengi, Speech Pathologist, effective October 14, 2009. Mr. Smith supported.

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

Nays – 0 – motion carried.

Discussion

Ms. Brown noted that this is the same employee that was brought before the Board of Education twice regarding salary. She recommended that the Board consult with each other and the Personnel committee and questioned if the employee left due to errors in the hiring process. Ms. Washington expressed a concern if this resignation left Willow Run students with needs being unmet and asked the administrators in the audience for their input. Ms. Allen and Ms. Smith both offered that the district was now lacking two (2) speech pathologists. Ms. Washington assured the principals that she and the Personnel Committee would be working with them from an administrative standpoint and would check with Ms. Hicks to discover how close we are to filling the positions.

Approval of Medical Leave

#0910101509 Ms. Brown moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approve the FMLA of Rhonda Sanders, Cook, which began September 21, 2009 with an undetermined return date. Mr. Smith supported.

Ayes – 6 - Ms. Brown, Ms. Stewart, Mr. Smith, Ms. Jenson, Mr. Wilde, Ms. Washington
Nays – 0 – motion carried.

Approval of Leave Extension

#0910101510 Ms. Brown moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approve to extend the Medical Leave of Michelle Glover, Custodian, with an expected which began June 2, 2009 with an expected return date of December 1, 2009. Ms. Stewart supported.

Ayes – 6 - Ms. Brown, Ms. Stewart, Mr. Smith, Ms. Jenson, Mr. Wilde, Ms. Washington
Nays – 0 – motion carried.

Approval of Recall

#0910101511 Mr. Smith moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approve the recall of Louise Jones to Food Services, effective October 19, 2009.

Ms. Jenson approved.

Ayes – 6 - Ms. Brown, Ms. Stewart, Mr. Smith, Ms. Jenson, Mr. Wilde, Ms. Washington
Nays – 0 – motion carried.

Approval of Salary Adjustment

#0910101512 Ms. Jenson moved that the Willow Run Board of Education approve the salary adjustment for Aimee Price to \$36,093 prorated, effective October 2, 2009 for the 2009-2010 school year according to the WREA Salary Schedule, BA+20, Step 0. Mr. Smith supported.

Ayes – 6 - Ms. Brown, Ms. Stewart, Mr. Smith, Ms. Jenson, Mr. Wilde, Ms. Washington
Nays – 0 – motion carried.

#0910101513 **Adoption of Strategic Plan**

Ms. Stewart moved that the Willow Run Board of Education adopt the Strategic Plan as presented. Mr. Smith and Mr. Wilde supported.

Discussion

Following discussion, Board members determined more detailed information was necessary. Ms. Washington asked that a list of requests concerning the Strategic Plan be forwarded in writing.

#0910101514 **TABLE Adoption of Strategic Plan**

Ms. Jenson moved that the Willow Run Board of Education table the adoption of the Strategic Plan until details were presented. Mr. Smith supported.

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0 – motion carried.

Approval of Student Reinstatement

#0910101515 Mr. Wilde moved that the Willow Run Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Reinstatement Committee to reinstate the student known to the Board as #S111308645m with restrictions as provided by the Administration. Ms. Jenson supported.
Ayes – 6 - Ms. Brown, Ms. Stewart, Mr. Smith, Ms. Jenson, Mr. Wilde, Ms. Washington
Nays – 0 – motion carried.

Approval of Student Reinstatement

#0910101516 Mr. Wilde moved that the Willow Run Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Reinstatement Committee to reinstate the student known to the Board as #S121108715 with restrictions as provided by the Administration. Ms. Jenson supported.
Ayes – 6 - Ms. Brown, Ms. Stewart, Mr. Smith, Ms. Jenson, Mr. Wilde, Ms. Washington
Nays – 0 – motion carried.

Citizen Questions

Mr. Korte, Chief Steward of 3451 rose to read a letter from the food services staff concerning a personnel issue. Mr. Korte was stopped by Ms. Washington who invited him to present his concerns to the Personnel Committee of the Board of Education. Dr. Houle stood to explain that if the letter concerns an individual, there is a legal liability in addressing it in an open meeting without the individual mentioned being offered the opportunity to request a closed session. In stopping Mr. Korte, the board is protecting the district. Ms. Brown, who identified herself as the Chair of the Personnel Committee, requested that Mr. Korte email her.

Board Member Comments

Ms. Jenson thanked the Kaiser staff, students and Mr. Moon for the Excellence in Education presentation. Ms. Stewart also applauded the students and parents for the wonderful presentation. Ms. Brown thanked all involved for an engaging and timely presentation. Ms. Washington shared her enthusiasm for the evening as well.

Move to Closed Session for Student Discipline Hearings

#0910101517 Mr. Wilde moved that the Willow Run Board of Education move to closed session for the purpose of student disciplinary hearings. Mr. Smith supported.
Ayes – 6 - Ms. Brown, Ms. Stewart, Mr. Smith, Ms. Jenson, Mr. Wilde, Ms. Washington
Nays – 0 – motion carried.

Move to Open Session

#0910101518 Ms. Jenson moved that the Willow Run Board of Education move to open session. Ms. Stewart supported.
Ayes – 6
Nays – 0 – motion carried.

Approval of Student Discipline

#0910101519 Mr. Wilde moved that the Willow Run Board of Education accept time served for the student known to the Board as #S101509730. Ms. Stewart & Ms. Jenson supported.
Ayes – 6 - Ms. Brown, Ms. Stewart, Mr. Smith, Ms. Jenson, Mr. Wilde, Ms. Washington
Nays – 0 – motion carried.

Approval of Student Discipline

#0910101520 Mr. Wilde moved that the Willow Run Board of Education accept time served for the student known to the Board as #S101509800 with the condition of reconvening an IEP. Ms. Jenson supported.
Ayes – 5 - Ms. Stewart, Mr. Smith, Ms. Jenson, Mr. Wilde, Ms. Washington
Nays – 1 – Ms. Brown - motion carried.

Ms. Washington adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.