

**WILLOW RUN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Ypsilanti, Michigan**

SPECIAL MEETING

November 3, 2009

The meeting opened at 5:43 PM at the Forum Room of the Willow Run High School, 235 Spencer Lane, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Those present were:

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

Members of the Administrative Council Present Included:

Renee Smith, Principal Cheney
Delores Jenkins, Principal Holmes
Laura Lisiscki, Principal Kaiser
Cecilia Queener, Human Resources Coordinator

Ms. Washington, President, called the meeting to order at 5:46 p.m.

Additions / Deletions to the Agenda

Mr. Wilde requested to add item IV.c. - Approval of Board Trustee - to the agenda to meet the 30 day deadline.

Approval of Agenda

#0910110301 Mr. Wilde moved that the Willow Run Board of Education accept the agenda as amended. Ms. Stewart supported.

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0 – Motion carried

Approval of the Appointment of Acting Superintendent

#0910110302 Mr. Wilde moved Laura Lisiscki be appointed as Acting Superintendent of the Willow Run Community Schools in Dr. Doris Hope-Jackson's absence. The appointment is effective immediately. Only the Acting Superintendent appointed by the board will have the authority to execute superintendent duties and responsibilities during Dr. Hope-Jackson's absence. Ms. Jenson supported.

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

Nays – 0 – Motion carried

Discussion

Mr. Smith expressed his original concern regarding Ms. Lisiscki serving as an acting superintendent since she is the current president of the administrator's union. Mr. Smith stated that he explained to Ms. Lisiscki that he would be abstaining for that reason; however, following the discussion with his colleagues during the closed session, he believes that Ms. Lisiscki will do a good job until

Dr. Jackson comes back or “we decide to do something else”. Ms. Washington shared her feeling that it is imperative that “we have a superintendent in our district – a head that is there visibly and consistently”. Ms. Washington told the audience that the decision is a first step and in the best interest of the district.

Interview of Board Trustee Candidates

Mr. John Brooks, Ms. Kristine Thomas and Mr. Don Garrett, Jr. were present having submitted an application to the office of human resources by the deadline. Ms. Washington explained the process: each candidate would be brought forth before the Board and audience while the others were secluded, in order to answer a series of questions. The scoring rubric was presented.

Following the interviews, Ms. Washington called for a 10 minute recess to permit Mr. Wilde to collate the individual board scores. Mr. Wilde presented the results: Mr. Brooks scored 105; Mr. Garrett scored 162 and Ms. Thomas scored 140.

Approval of the Appointment of Board

#0910110303 Mr. Wilde moved that the Willow Run Board of Education appoint Don Garrett Jr. to fill the vacancy on the Willow Run Community Schools Board of Education effective immediately and ending June 30, 2010. Ms. Jenson supported.

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

Nays – 0 – Motion carried

It was noted that the Oath of Office would take place at the regularly scheduled board meeting on Thursday, November 5, 2009.

Citizens’ Time

None.

Board Comments

Ms. Stewart congratulated Cheney Academy on the cleanliness of the building which she observed when she voted today.

Mr. Wilde shared that he attended an Ypsilanti Public School Board meeting and would like to suggest that Willow Run consider managing the release of students who are required to attend the meetings in a similar fashion...before finishing the fire alarm sounded.

President Washington declared the meeting adjourned: 6:50 p.m. and the audience was encouraged to exit the building.