

August 19, 2024

The Board of Trustees of Willis ISD met in regular business session on August 19, 2024 at the Sharon Hill Jennette Administration Building in the Willis ISD Boardroom, 612 N. Campbell Street, Willis, Texas.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Kyle Hoegemeyer called the Regular Business Meeting to order at 5:39p.m. and announced that a quorum was present and that notice of the meeting had been posted for the time and manner required by law.

Members Present: Kyle Hoegemeyer, Paulett Traylor, Chad Jones, Cliff Williams, Scott Carson, Charles Perry, Nikita Lagway

Members Absent: All members present

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Diana Hivnor - For the past 3 months Ms. Hivnor has been speaking about the abuse and misuse of public funds by the previous administration. After attending the Long Term Planning Committee meets, Ms. Hivnor expressed that the Board of Trustees have accepted accountability for their role. Someone had to eat some crow and now crow has been eaten and the crow prompt was placed in the box. On 9/12/2023 board member #5 was arrested and finally is going to trial to stand accountable for their offense. She strongly suggested that Board Member #5 should resign their position to prevent further embarrassment to the school district and community.

Bob Holden – Mr. Holden gave the Board of Trustees a hand out on Veterans of Foreign Wars. The handout contained an application for our elementary, middle, and high school teachers to be potentially nominated for an award. The criteria is a teacher who promote civic responsibility, flag etiquette and patriotism. Also shared appreciation for the Board of Trustees keeping the tax rate under control. Concluded statement with saying our Country is in danger. Communist is destroying our country and we are blessed people.

Sunday Shibley – Stated that she is a proud member of the community. Expressed gratitude concerning the forward movement of our school district. Appreciated that certain books have been removed from our libraries. Also stated that she feels like the parents and community concerns are being heard. Complimented Dr. James and John Vagliente for their leadership. Expressed her excitement about the districts initiative and the good things happening in the district. Thanks the Board of Trustees and Leadership Team. Concluded with “Our students will thrive”

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Lead by two of Willis High school volleyball members

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PROCLAMATIONS/RESOLUTIONS/RECOGNITIONS

Director of Communications, Jamie Fails, Recognition

STANDING INFORMATION AND AD HOC REPORTS & ITEMS

A. Willis ISD Education Foundation Annual Report

Community Involvement Liaison, Michelle Bischof, presented an update on the Willis ISD Education Foundation. Foundation went out to visit with students that were awarded scholarships. Some awards were granted to the following EMT program, Sewing machines, Programming Robot, and Visibly accessible microscopes. Awarded 17 scholarships to seniors. District Support goes to Bus Drive of the month, Teacher Treat Tuesday, Heart of the Wildkat Awards, and Red across America, School supply drive, Teacher and paraprofessional of the Year Lunch and gift, and Staff appreciation. Staff is dialed into supporting the foundation.

B. 2023-2024 Willis ISD STAAR Data Report

Tracy Jackson, Assessment Coordinator presented 2022-2023 MAP Assessment Report for 2023-2024.

Overview Elementary Schools includes enrollment, demographic groups, and student indicators. Large emergent bilingual population. Emergent bilingual is defined as English is not the primary language and economically disadvantage. Overview of Middle Schools composed of demographics, enrollment, and student indicators. Overview Performance Levels. Categories: Did not meet grad level (unlikely to succeed requires significant ongoing academic intervention, Approaches Grade level likely to succeed and targeted academic intervention, Meets Grade Level, high likelihood to succeed and some short term targeted goals. Masters Grade Level, expected to succeed and little or no academic intervention. Overview take away are accountability, student achievement, closing the gap, academic growth and relative performance using the 30, 60, 90 rule. Take always 5 of 6 elementary showed significant growth. Highest performing campus maintained their level of performance. Our 3rd, 4th, 5th and 8th showed growth in RLA and our 4th and 6th grade students showed growth in math towards state percentage. Willis high school needs to work on Algebra I, Biology and US History. High school has made significant growth in student performance. Are areas of improvement need to work on meets performance, assist disadvantaged and emergent bilingual students, and assist our re-testers? We have issued a temporary restraining order against TEA for using AI and prohibiting TEA from assigning grades.

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Paulett Traylor asked if we have very many students that need a push towards the end of year

Dr. James states we have great leaders at our campuses. We will be tightening up curriculum in Math. Speaking on student achievement and the goal setting that is being put in place. Thank you to campus leadership.

C. 2024-2025 Student Handbook

Executive Director of Student Services Travis Utecht presented information and changes regarding the Willis ISD 2024-2025 Student Handbook. Summary of primary changes:

Names, titles, and phone numbers for various personnel, mental health active referral process, mental health support, Grading guide lines, major grades 60% and minor grades 40%, Wants to established a committee to really review our grading guidelines.

Student handbook does not require action from the Board.

D. Safety Performance

E. Financial/Bill Payment/Bond Summary

F. Student Enrollment

9157 current total and student enrollment is up 348 students from this date last year

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes

B. Approval of 2024-2025 Willis ISD Student Code of Conduct

C. Approval of the Resolution for Extracurricular Status of 4H Organization and Adjunct Faculty Request

D. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Between Willis ISD and the Montgomery County Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP) for the 2024-2025 School Year

E. Approval of the Out of State Conference for the Willis FFA Officer Team

F. Approval of the Out of State Trip – Willis High School Band

G. G. Approval of Budgetary Funding for the Agreement with Premise Health Employer Solutions, LLC for the 2024-2025 Budget Year

H. Approval of Agreement with Next Level Urgent Care (NLUC), PLLC

I. Approval to Determine the Delivery Method Providing the Best Value for the Multi Campus HVAC Improvements

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Motion by Cliff Williams and seconded by Scott Carson to accept Dr. James recommendation to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

- A. Motion by Scott Carson and seconded by Paulett Traylor that the Board accepts the Superintendents recommendation and approve the 2023-2024 General Fund Budget amendment as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Motion by Paulett Traylor and seconded by Chad Jones that the Board accepts the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the transfer of \$1,000,000 from fund 199 General fund to fund 753 Health Insurance Fund. Motion carried unanimously
- C. Motion by Scott Carson and seconded by Cliff Williams the Superintendent's recommendation and approve that the Board rescind all previous designations and replace them with the \$23,000,000 in commitments as presented. Motion carried unanimously
- D. Motion by Scott Carson and seconded by Paulett Traylor to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve for the 2024-2025 school year, to delegate contractual authority to obligate the school district under Texas Education Code (TEC) 11.1511© (4) to the Superintendent, solely for the purpose of obligating the district under TEC, 48.257 and TEC, Chapter49, Sub chapters A and D, and the rules adopted by the commissioner of education as authorized under TEC, 49.006. This includes approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit or the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 Funding). Motion carried unanimously
- E. Motion by Chad Jones and seconded by Scott Carson that the Board accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the 2024-2025 budgets for the General Fund, Debt Service Fund, and the Child Nutrition Fund as presented. Motion carried unanimously

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OBJECT	REVENUES	Adopted Budget AMOUNT	Proposed Budget AMOUNT	Change	Percent Change
57XX	REVENUE FROM LOCAL SOURCES	\$ 47,009,348	\$ 50,349,291	\$3,339,943	7.10%
58XX	REVENUE FROM STATE PROGRAMS	\$ 32,684,372	\$ 34,684,016	\$1,999,643	6.12%
59XX	REVENUE FROM FEDERAL PROGRAMS	\$ 1,682,000	\$ 1,355,000	(\$327,000)	-19.44%
5XXX	TOTAL REVENUES	\$81,375,720	\$ 86,388,306	\$5,012,586	6.16%

FUNCTION	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	Change	Percent Change
11	INSTRUCTION	\$ 46,220,189	\$ 49,140,044	\$2,919,856	6.32%
12	INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES	\$ 180,808	\$ 236,407	\$55,599	30.75%
13	CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION	\$ 1,541,947	\$ 1,526,668	(\$15,279)	-0.99%
21	INSTRUCTIONAL DEVELOPMENT	\$ 535,375	\$ 607,420	\$72,046	13.46%
23	SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 5,325,944	\$ 5,531,902	\$205,958	3.87%
31	GUIDANCE, COUNSELING AND ASSESSMENT	\$ 2,895,135	\$ 3,403,734	\$508,599	17.57%
32	SOCIAL WORK SERVICES	\$ 204,829	\$ 244,902	\$40,073	19.56%
33	HEALTH SERVICES	\$ 916,898	\$ 970,604	\$53,707	5.86%
34	STUDENT (PUPIL) TRANSPORTATION	\$ 4,572,968	\$ 4,737,646	\$164,678	3.60%
36	COCURRICULAR / EXTRACURRICULAR	\$ 2,376,631	\$ 2,328,693	(\$47,938)	-2.02%
41	GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 2,925,111	\$ 3,304,323	\$379,213	12.96%
51	MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS	\$ 10,400,288	\$ 10,491,323	\$91,035	0.88%
52	SECURITY AND MONITORING	\$ 1,229,572	\$ 1,676,536	\$446,964	36.35%
53	DATA PROCESSING SERVICES	\$ 1,058,026	\$ 1,031,103	(\$26,923)	-2.54%
71	OPERATING LEASES/FINANCING	\$ 410,000	\$ 475,000	\$65,000	15.85%
81	CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$ -	\$ -	\$0	0.00%
95	JUVENILE JUSTICE ALT. ED PROG.	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$0	0.00%
99	INTERGOVERNMENTAL CHARGES	\$ 570,000	\$ 670,000	\$100,000	17.54%
6XXX	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$81,375,720	\$ 86,388,306	\$ 5,012,586	6.16%

F. Motion by Cliff Williams and seconded by Paulett Traylor that the Board accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the certification of the debt service collection rate and excess collections as indicated in the letter from Montgomery County Tax Assessor-Collector. Motion carried unanimously

G. Motion by Scott Carson and seconded by Cliff Williams to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the 2024 Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Maintenance and Operations of \$.6669 per \$100 valuation. Motion carried unanimously

H. Motion by Cliff Williams and seconded by Scott Carson that the Board accepts and approves the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the 2024 Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Debt Services of \$.3680 per \$100 valuation. I further move that the total property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$1.0349 per \$100 valuation, which is effectively a 13.46 percent increase in the tax rate. Motion carried unanimously

I. Motion by Chad Jones and seconded by Charles Perry to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the agreement with PASA concerning a demographic study with Attendance Zone Plan in the amount of \$69,300. Motion carried unanimously

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J. Motion by Chad Jones and seconded by Scot Carson to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the selection of Education Depot and Meteor as the vendors for the FF&E projects listed above as presented and authorize the Superintendent to attempt to negotiate a contract pursuant to Texas Government Code 2254.004 and present the contract to the Board of Trustees for consideration and possible action. Motion carried unanimously

Mr. Jones ask if the price will change before we are ready to purchase/ B. Eaton states yes and the updated cost will be brought back to the board at that time

K. Motion by Chad Jones and seconded by Nikita Lagway to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve Buck Terrell Athletics to receive a contract for \$78,865 to be selected for the baseball & softball outfield fence padding as presented and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a contract pursuant to Texas Government Code 2254.004. Motion carried unanimously

L. Motion by Scott Carson and seconded by Nikita Lagway to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the Order of Election for November 5, 2024 General Trustee Election for Trustee Position 2, Position 6, and Position 7 and approve the notice of Election. Motion carried unanimously

M. Motion by Scott Carson and seconded by Charles Perry to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and adopt the Order Calling School Building Bond Election, as presented

Josh from long term community committee meeting speaks on the issues wrong with not getting the bond passed. Need to get out to the community and educating them on the bond. Matt speaks on each proposition. Motion carried unanimously

N. Motion by Chad Jones and seconded by Paulett Traylor to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the superintendent's recommendation and the Board approve the Joint Election Agreements and contracts with Montgomery County and San Jacinto County for the November 5, 2024 Election. Motion carried unanimously

The Board entered into closed session at 7:14p.m. for the purpose of considering matters for which closed sessions are authorized by Title 5, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code Sections (.071 - .129): 551.074

A. Discuss Teacher Resignations and Employee Appointments. Tex. Gov't Code 551.074.

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B. Discuss United States Postal Service Land Request

OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 9:00p.m.

There were no motions from closed session.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Scott Carson congratulating Mr. Jones, Mr. Perry and Ms. Traylor

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

We have had a great start and looking to a great year.

FUTURE BUSINESS MEETINGS

Meet the KATS September 11 is next board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

Motion by Cliff Williams and seconded by Scott Carson to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.