



**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE**  
**WILLIAMS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 GOVERNING BOARD**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2011**

*The vision of the Williams Unified School District is to place each child in the best position  
to succeed intellectually, academically, emotionally, physically, and socially*

A Special Meeting of the Williams Unified School District No. 2 Governing Board was held at 5:30 pm on the above date at the Williams High School Culinary Arts classroom. Board members present: Mr. Nenne, Mr. Parenteau, Ms. Fredrickson, and Mrs. Francis. Mr. Nixon was absent. Also present: Mr. Hudgens, Mrs. Savage, Mr. Berger, Mr. Livingston, Mrs. Schulte, Mr. Fleishman, Mr. Massey, Ms. Chavez, Mrs. Jackson, and Mrs. Gillespie.

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**I. OPENING ITEMS**

- Mr. Nenne called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance
- Motion by Mr. Parenteau to move the Executive Session to the end of the meeting and adopt the remainder of the agenda as presented, second by Ms. Fredrickson.
- Motion approved 4-0.

**II. EXECUTIVE SESSION (this item moved to the end of the meeting)**

- A. The Governing Board may vote to enter into Executive Session pursuant to ARS 38-431.03 (A)(1) to:
1. complete annual review of the Superintendent

**III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. Bond Election – November 2011
- Mr. Hudgens reported that he, Mr. Livingston, Mrs. Savage, and Michael Vaughn (HSE Financial Advisory Firm) attended the Williams City Council meeting last week. They were all pleased by the reception received from the Council. The discussion revolved around the proposed bond election and possible future collaborative efforts between the City (COW) and WUSD. The Council invited the school group to a future meeting to present more information about the bond projects and the price tag. Two projects on which the COW and WUSD might work together would be: 1.) move the school transportation department/bus barn to COW property near the city shop; and 2.) remove the prairie dogs at WEMS. The bus project might allow the COW and WUSD to purchase fuel as a joint venture. Prairie dog removal could require excavation work on WEMS grounds and maybe the new ball field that has been in the works for many years, could come to pass. The prairie dogs are a safety and health issue at WEMS. The problem has existed for many years and for the safety of anyone on the school grounds, must be taken care of.
  - Mr. Hudgens stated that an investigation into the roofing problems at WEMS and the high school gym will begin shortly. He is pleased that the COW will have their building inspector on site as the work progresses.
  - Mr. Duffy mentioned that in the future the COW is planning for the groundskeepers from the golf course to maintain the grass at all local ball fields.
  - Mr. Hudgens also mentioned the WHS gym roof situation. Our architect believes that the gym roof/ceiling is very unsafe and it would not be acceptable to replace the inside ceiling tiles without first repairing/replacing the roof.
- B. ASBA Policy Advisory #403, JLC-Dating Abuse
- Mr. Hudgens started the discussion by expressing his opinion of this Policy Advisory. He feels that by adopting a policy, the District would be thrust into something that it should not be involved in. He agrees that dating abuse awareness should be included in the health education curriculum, but not in favor of district staff in the role of the social workers.
  - Mr. Nenne agreed with Mr. Hudgens. He likes the idea of the topic being included in curriculum, but the Board does not have to adopt a policy to do this. There are already other policies in place that deal with this same issue.
  - Ms. Fredrickson did not agree, she would like to have this policy in place. She wants students to know if they report an issue of abuse to a staff member, that the staff member will take action. She wants to be pro-active. If this policy is not important, why did ASBA send the information?
  - Mr. Parenteau is not in favor of adopting this policy. Ultimately, the Board would need to have procedures in place to take care of issues addressed in the policy.
  - Mrs. Francis agreed with Ms. Fredrickson. Dating abuse is a serious issue and she believes the staff should be educated specifically on dating abuse. It is somewhat different from child abuse and the staff must know the signs of both.
  - Mr. Hudgens will contact ASBA for further information concerning this Advisory.
- C. Wind for Schools Program
- Mr. Mike Fleishman, WHS teacher, reported on meetings he has had with NAU staff concerning this project. An engineer surveyed the elementary middle school property for a site for the wind turbine.

Three different locations were identified; 1.) due north of the building, 2.) northwest of the swings, and 3.) southwest of the building. The preferred location is #3, as it is just outside the middle school science classroom. The turbine will not be visible or audible to those living in the neighborhood to the north of the school and the site is within 600 feet of the electric service entrance. The engineer will prepare and submit specifications for each area within the next week. The turbine will be mounted on a tower that is 45 feet tall. Students should not be able to climb the pole.

- Mr. Fleishman was told that the original turbine supplied for this project has been discontinued. A new, more efficient model will be used instead. The older model was rated at 35% efficiency and could operate up to two households. The new one is rated at 70% and could possibly operate 5-6 households. All power generated by this turbine will feed directly into the elementary middle school system and may decrease the monthly utility bill.
- Mr. Fleishman also stated that students will have the opportunity to help assemble the generator, although they will not be involved in installing it. The project seems to be moving along just fine and should be completed by the time school starts in August. Instructional materials and training will be provided for teaching staff. Data collection will be part of the curriculum. The District will install a weather station at the same site.

#### IV. ACTION ITEMS

##### A. Discussion and consideration to:

1. approve date and time for a public meeting to receive input from district residents concerning one or more of the following topics:
  - a. Bond Election – November 2011
  - b. Policy Advisory #403, JLC-Dating Abuse
  - c. Wind for Schools Program
- **Motion by Mr. Parenteau to approve a Work Session at 5:30 pm on May 23, 2011 at WEMS auditorium to receive input from district residents concerning all three topics listed above, second by Mrs. Francis.**
- **Discussion: Mr. Nenne indicated that the Special Meeting normally held on the fourth Tuesday of the month will instead be held immediately following the conclusion of this Work Session**
- **Motion approved 4-0.**
2. approve General Statement of Assurance for Arizona Department of Education authorizing specific WUSD personnel to have access to ADE Grants Management webpage
- **Motion by Mr. Parenteau to approve GSA, second by Ms. Fredrickson.**
- **Motion approved 4-0.**
3. approve signing bonus in the amount of \$961.00 for each eligible certified teacher; funding derived as follows:
  - (1) \$461.00 from the state's Instructional Improvement Fund; and
  - (2) \$500.00 from a Title II Grant
- **Motion by Mr. Parenteau to approve signing bonuses for eligible certified teaching staff, second by Mrs. Francis.**
- **Motion approved 4-0.**
4. approve employment of Sarah Murphy as the WHS Transition Teacher for the 2011-12 school year
- **Motion by Ms. Fredrickson to approve employment of Sarah Murphy, second by Mrs. Francis.**
- **Discussion: Members asked for a description of duties of a transition teacher.**
- **Mr. Berger explained that a transition teacher works with special education students who are 16 years old to help them transition from high school to the next step in their lives; whether it is to go to college, enter the military, get a job or just stay home. The District must be in 100% compliance with this process every year.**
- **Motion approved 4-0.**

#### II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

##### B. The Governing Board may vote to enter into Executive Session pursuant to ARS 38-431.03 (A)(1) to:

1. complete annual review of the Superintendent
- **Motion by Mr. Parenteau to table this item, second by Ms. Fredrickson.**
- **Motion approved 4-0.**

#### V. ADJOURNMENT

- **Motion by Mr. Parenteau to adjourn the meeting, second by Mrs. Francis.**
- **Motion approved 4-0.**
- **Meeting adjourned at 6:54 pm**