

WILLCOX UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 13  
 480 NORTH BISBEE AVENUE  
 WILLCOX, ARIZONA 85643

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Board Members Present: Bill Ryan Mark Hopkins Homer Hansen Cliff Shipley	Others Present: Kevin Davis, Clint Sanborn, Tammy Hall, Leisha Smyer, Caleb Blashke, Erin Bowlby, Sree Pillai, FFA members, HS Student Council, Maria Guerrero
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**AGENDA**  
**February 6, 2024**  
**6:00 PM**

**I. Opening of Meeting**

- A. Call to Order and Roll Call  
**Mr. Ryan called meeting to order.**
  
- B. Pledge of Allegiance  
**Mr. Ryan led the pledge.**
  
- C. Invocation for the Governing Board  
**Mr. Ryan led the invocation.**
  
- D. Adoption of Agenda

**Mr. Hansen made a motion to adopt the agenda, Mr. Shipley seconded the motion.**

Voting	Aye	Absent
<b>Mr. Ryan</b>	X	
<b>Mr. Hopkins</b>	X	
<b>Mr. Hansen</b>	X	
<b>Mr. Shipley</b>	X	
<b>Ms. Garza</b>		X

**II. Call to The Public**

The public is invited to address the Board on any issue within its jurisdiction, subject to reasonable time, place and manner restrictions. Governing Board members are not permitted to discuss or take legal action on matters raised during open call to the public unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action. However, Arizona law permits Governing Board members to do the following at the conclusion of the open call to the public: (a) Respond to criticism made by those who have addressed the Board; (b) Ask staff to review a matter; or (c) Ask that a matter be placed on a future agenda. Persons desiring to address the Board must first be recognized by the Board President. Before speaking, the individual must state his/her name. Duration of comments may be limited by the Board President. Persons with specific problems or concerns regarding personnel are encouraged to utilize Governing Board Policy KEB, "Public Concerns and Complaints Against Personnel".

## **Two calls to the public.**

1. Mr. Caleb Blashke, Willcox City Manager, ran the Willcox Youth Basketball League, wanted to say thank you, 110 kids participate, thank you to the school for their support and a special thank you for Mr. Kevin Davis. League is doing very well with 2 practices a week. Still building the program. Trying to include all ages in the program.
2. Cassandra Wilslegel, President of Willcox Youth, discussion about merging with the WMS to take over the football program and also wants all the surrounding schools participate. Right now, its only Willcox. Mr. Davis: Working with the schools for the benefit of the youth. Mr. Hansen: has participated with the basketball program and fully endorses it, its great for youth so that they are not running around in the streets or in front of the TV.

## **III. Presentations**

- A. **High School FFA** – Kyle McClaine, POA and Linda Hart, POA – very busy since December, rang the Salvation Army Bell at Safeway, served dinner at the dairy Christmas party, and had a great time at Skateland. Last week of February, will be celebrating National FFA week, lots of activities on campus, and a staff and 1<sup>st</sup> responder breakfast, Thursday morning the 29<sup>th</sup>, which we all hope you can make. To finish the festivities, we will have activities in the old school gym.
- B. **High School Student Council** – Jayden Wilson, here to update on school body activities, start with the science club, they had a couple of kids qualify to go to the International Space Design Competition, in Florida. The FCCLA/ASL, selling hot chocolate somewhere on the campus, to raise funds for their trip to DC. Moving on to the Gifted Club, 35 new members this year, putting them at a total of 40 this year. February 20<sup>th</sup> they will be traveling to see A Midsummers Night Dream in Mesa, and that’s an all day activity. Looking to possibly plan trips to the Renaissance fair, Lego design competition, taking student input for more possible activities that we need to be doing. Planning for drafts to increase the size of the programs. Holding a book sale in the spring to fund activities for 2024/25 school year. Junior Class – prom is being held April 20<sup>th</sup>, at the Elks Lodge. Theme is An Enchanted Forest. Dj is already booked and decorations have already been picked out. Planning a Lantern Festival in the spring as a fundraiser. Knowledge bowl has members of every class, except sophomores, sophomores need to pick up the slack. Placed third at 2 meets so far wishing them the best of luck to them as they go forward. Math department have multiple events coming up. Trying to expose the realities of using math in real life. Publications have sold 62 yearbooks, and are selling business and senior ads. Seniors planning senior trips to Disneyland and going to try to get to the beach. We just had a raffle ticket fundraiser, for \$10 apiece. And will be announcing shortly. Skills USA, involves carpentry and auto, will possible be going to a competition this sat. Sports, Boy’s BB has had a tough season, senior night is tonight, girl’s bb doing pretty good. Spirit line – lightshow at senior night. Girl Wrestlers going to sectionals in Payson, boys in Morenci this week. Student Council, which is me, hosting a blood drive the 27<sup>th</sup> of February, and also having a Krispy Kreme fundraiser in mid-March. Youth court, 2 cases so far, and planning field trips to participate in mock trials as jurors at the James E. Rogers college of law, as part of an advanced advocacy class.
- C. **Middle School Student Council** – Breck McClaine, MS student council advisor, selling candy grams for Valentine’s day, open to community also, Winter formal Thursday night, \$5 to get into the dance. In sports girls’ basketball playing tonight. Wrestling team in Benson, Pete Kingman is the state champion in his class, so congratulations to him.

## **IV. Administrative Reports / Summary of Current Events**

A. Legislative Update

**Mr. Davis:** As always, all of those activities that just went on for 15 minutes, are only made possible because of our staff and administrators at our school. If you seen them thank them for their time and effort they put in to helping our kids be successful.

Its legislative session and there’s a few things I wanted to bring up, that the board might be interested in. First the budget the governor has, as far as education, what they are doing so far they’ve said is a 2% increase. Which is what is required minimum by law. And there has been much talk of anything else. So that’s a little bit different from what we see in the past few years where we have received substantially more funding, so when we come to the budget preparation for next year, we are going to have look at those things a little more closely due to that small increase and funding. Something that might help us down the line is the states checking on the possibility of schools participating in a state insurance pool. They are evaluating that now, so we will have to see what happens with that. Another thing they are doing is they are doing a trial in La Paz county and basically seeing if county schools superintendents can run the schools in their county better than local jurisdictions can. So if that were the case there would not be a local school board, it would go to the county school superintendent and they would provide all the direction and administrative work and financing and all that kind of stuff. At least that’s what the bill says but who knows what’s going to happen. That’s something else that our administrators especially at the high school are concerned about adding a requirement for graduation for a personal finance class, it would be half a credit. Its difficult for small schools and schools like ours to just throw in once class section, one half credit, things like that, but that one probably will go through. And the other thing for you school board members, they are contemplating having you run a primary election and a parliament election, so you would state your party affiliation and have to be on primary. That is not the case now, it does not matter for school board members what their affiliation is. Those are the highlights that have come up so far that affect schools, there is a lot of other things dealing with gender and bathrooms, and things like that, but that’s still all in the works. We still have to see what happens with that.

The Superintendent and/or the Governing Board members may present a brief summary of current events. The Board will not propose, discuss, deliberate or take legal action on any matter on the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

V. Consent Agenda

**Mr. Hopkins made a motion to accept the consent agenda, Mr. Shipley seconded the motion.**

Voting	Aye	Absent
Mr. Ryan	X	
Mr. Hopkins	X	
Mr. Hansen	X	
Mr. Shipley	X	
Ms. Garza		X

A. Approval of Minutes – Consideration of approving the minutes of the Regular Meeting and the Public Hearing for Budget Revision dated January 9, 2024 as noted in the board backup.

- B. Ratification of Expense and Payroll Vouchers – Consideration of approving the following expense and payroll vouchers as noted in the Board backup.
- C. Personnel - Hiring – FY 2023-2024 - Consideration of approving the following hiring for FY 2023-2024, contingent upon approval of fingerprint background check/clearance card when required:
- D. Fund Raisers – Consideration of approving the fundraisers as listed in the Board backup.
- E. Donations – Consideration of approving the donations as listed in the Board backup.

**VI. New Business**

- A. IGA - Consideration of approving the following Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA) as included in the Board Backup Materials.

2324- 63 – Cochise Technology District  
 2324- 64 – Willcox Christian School

**Mr. Shipley made a motion to accept the consent agenda, Mr. Hopkins seconded the motion.**

<b>Voting</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Mr. Ryan</b>	X	
<b>Mr. Hopkins</b>	X	
<b>Mr. Hansen</b>	X	
<b>Mr. Shipley</b>	X	
<b>Ms. Garza</b>		X

- B. Weatherization Designs – Consideration of approving the weatherization project designs as included in the Board Backup Materials.

**Mr. Hansen made a motion to accept the consent agenda, Mr. Hopkins seconded the motion.**

<b>Voting</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Mr. Ryan</b>	X	
<b>Mr. Hopkins</b>	X	
<b>Mr. Hansen</b>	X	
<b>Mr. Shipley</b>	X	
<b>Ms. Garza</b>		X

- C. Future Meeting Dates – The Board may set additional meeting dates as needed and discuss agenda items to be included in future agendas and the next regular meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2024.

**VII. Adjournment**

Action to adjourn meeting- **Mr. Hopkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Shipley seconded, Mr. Ryan adjourned the meeting.**

I certify that this Notice and Agenda was posted on line on the District website and at the following location(s): District Office Building – Front Display Box on Monday February 6, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin Davis, Superintendent