



Willcox Unified School District NO. 13

480 North Bisbee Avenue

Willcox, Arizona 85643

NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING – Minutes

Board Members Present:	Others Present:	Erin Bowlby
Bill Ryan	Kevin Davis	ES STUCO
Terri Kibbler	Destany Smith	MS STUCO
Steve Marlatt	32 guests (including):	HS STUCO
Homer Hansen	Tammy Hall	HS FFA
Cliff Shipley	Shane Couch	

AGENDA

May 6th, 2025, 6:00 pm

I. Opening of meeting

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

Cliff called the meeting to order.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Cliff.

C. Invocation for the Governing Board

Terri led us in prayer.

D. Adoption of Agenda

Homer motioned to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Terri.

Vote:

Discussion: None

In Favor: Bill, Terri, Steve,
Homer, Cliff

Opposed:

II. Call to the Public – No call to 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".

III. Presentations

A. MS Student Council

Middle School is hosting it's annual carnival, with games to boost student participation. There will be obstacle course, water volleyball, slip n slide, kickball, and The Willcox Fire Department was invited. There will be water slides and a few other games. Student Council will be serving students and staff Hot-Dogs. They are looking for a few community volunteers to help. The track team is at a state championship today. Baseball won the first round of CAC Championships on Monday, 9-6. They will play again on Thursday.

B. HS Student Council

They gave the governing board their 2024-2025 school year end report. The principals note: There were 33 students inducted into the National Honors Society (NHS). Maureen Lancaster is a finalist for the Cochise County Teacher of the Year Highschool Division. Last night our Willcox Highschool seniors gained over \$417,000 in scholarships. The president's note: The 25-26 officers have been elected for Student Council, as follows: President - Aleah F., Vice President - Celeste D., Secretary - Erandy M., Treasurer - Rosa A. Parliamentarian - Tierney E., Historian - Darielys RF., all will be sworn in on May 8th, where the Seniors will retire also. Congratulations to Luke P. who won the 24-25 student of the year scholarship, and he is a shining example of excellence. For Teacher appreciation week, it was kicked off with a pastry bar on Monday, and R&R drinks were served today. There will be a teacher appreciation breakfast on Thursday. All staff is invited to join the breakfast. Sports: Softball won the first round of state on Saturday. Today they play prize/honors semifinals. Baseball ended season, and seniors noted it was a great year for building bonds with one another. Tennis, girls did not

compete in state due to them being new to the sport. Boys made it to the first round of state, Elijah B moved on to the second round. Golf has state on the 12th-13th, and Track has state this weekend. Youth court officers elected, and had their last potluck meeting, Yearbook has been doing well, with less than 40 to sell, everybody loved the theme this year. English Dep- capstone and final benchmarks. Science- freshmans learning about diversity on ocean floors, sophomores and ap bio focusing on genetics and human reproduction, juniors are learning chemical formulas, seniors finished for year. Math is going to AZ science center on May 16th and the geometry garden project is progressing very well.

C. HS FFA

Upcoming officers for 2526 year: President - Cristyn B., Vice President – Jocelyn P. Old Business LDE Districts. Landon H advanced in informations, conduct and partly pro advanced. Cristyn extemporaneous speaking advanced. End of year banquet went well, lots of scholarships. Officer training may 27-29, skills and plan program for next year. SLC June 5-7 at Tucson UofA, compete at state, 6 members attending wlc (Washington) National, state camp June 23-27 fun, hands-on leadership.

D. ES Student Council

Olivia Rey Sponsor. Each Monday morning meeting, they learn about character strong topics, this month has been perseverance, honesty, cooperation, courage, and creativity. We celebrate students who are safe, responsible, and kind and call on one student from each grade who received a cowboy coupon. They finally have focus attention practice that they use throughout the day as needed. Classroom construction and remodeled. K, 1, 2, 3, grades have all been done as well as art and ELL we have moved several times throughout the year and are exited for it to be completed. In feb our love of reading month we started the challenge of reading 1 million chapter books. We were able to read 25000 books/chapters. There was a door decorating contest where stucco picked a winner for each grade. Each class did a great job, every student made a poster of their favorite book, and we had a book poster day on our campus. There was a book fair and donuts with dads event where we served beneson donuts. Finally our 100th day of school celebration was on feb 25th. After all these activities, that concludes our love of reading month. Various members of the community read to classes throughout campus, and then there was a cowkid assembly. We celebrated

room 8 winning the reading challenge, and they covered Mrs. Bowlby in silly string. Then there was a much-needed spring break. ASA Testing started in April and was 3 weeks for 3-4 grades. The lower classrooms decorated brown paper sacks and filled with snacks. Stucco teamed with parent advisory committee to hand out snack bags for all the students testing. Academic expectations were at 100% contention for 70-80% expectation. Big Ideas is where we do act practice and open court is where we do our reading comprehension, we also had a spring family dance at the end of April to celebrate our hard work this semester, the theme was "Let's Bloom" on the 24th we walked to the Highschool for a play called the mad tea party. So far in May we helped out with muffins with mom, we served danishes and drinks like juice and coffee we are looking forward to our fieldtrip to the cove to celebrate good grades and behavior all year, we will be having a field day and finally promote to the middle school. (A slideshow video with the year's photos was played.)

- E. Mr. Cliff Shipley is retiring from the school board, he served as president, and he received a plaque for his service to the Willcox Unified School District, since December 2023 – May 2025. Cliff was a friend to the school before he was a board member, and we are grateful for his contribution to the school district. Thank you, Cliff!**

IV. Administrative reports/Summary of current events

- A. End of year activities: Grad week is 8th grade promotion, Kinder Parade, baccalaureat, orchestra concert,
- B. Bond construction update: grad on fb field, no grass or installed sand by then, problems with rubberized surface not dry yet, no color until dry, delay in sand. Use artificial turf and stage, pictures will be good. 3-5 roll 30*100 ft rolls. Fencing and landscape to keep public off the track. Bond promised classroom interiors remodels, track and field, wrestling room, and multipurpose room. A portion of Track and field was going towards the old gym entry rooms, weight rooms, and locker room facilities. We got bids on these the other day, and they were way over the estimated cost. Some of the reasons are due to the age of the gym, the unknowns, and it would require a lot of electrical upgrades. We will need to decide if we are going to pursue upgrading the old gym, or say no we are not going to upgrade this facility. These projects can be delayed or reconfigured. The

wrestling room for example, the electrical is ran from the old gym, so a lot of the cost would be working around this, but maybe doing mini-splits would help save on those expenses. The overall extra projects would go over on our budget by \$700,000. After completion on promised items, Kevin will meet with the bond building committee to give them the same information, and then come back with some recommendations to advise the board on.

V. Consent Agenda

A. Bill Made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Homer. Vote:

Discussion: None

In Favor: Bill, Terri, Steve,
Homer, Cliff

Opposed: None

VI. New business

A. FY 2024-2025 Revised Budget - Consideration of approving the revision of the FY 2024-2025 Maintenance and Operation (M&O) and DAA Budget as noted in the board backup. Homer motioned to approve. Seconded by Steve. Vote:

Discussion: None

In Favor: Bill, Terri, Steve,
Homer, Cliff

Opposed: None

B. Override Election – To consider, discuss amend if desired, and, if deemed advisable, to adopt a resolution ordering and calling a SPECIAL MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION BUDGET OVERRIDE ELECTION to be held in and for the district and declaring the deadline for submitting arguments “for” and “against” the election to the Cochise County School Superintendent as August 8, 2025 at 5:00 P.M.
Resolution # 24/25-64 – Override Election

Steve motioned to approve. Seconded by Bill. Vote:

Discussion: “What kind of ballot will this be? An in person one, or mail ballot?” “The county has not officially stated, though I would guess it is going to be a mailed ballot. It depends on how many elections there will be and other things.” “It is important, and we have to have it.” “This is going to be good for us, as it gives local authority over the money.” “Purposes that need to be designated in the ballot information, traditionally it has been for teacher salaries, class size reduction, and extracurriculars. Yes, the budget will be defined in the ballot and we have opportunity to specify that. It is not a raise, simply defining the existing budget delegation.”

In Favor: Bill, Terri, Steve, Homer, Cliff

Opposed: None

- C. Future Meeting Dates – The Board may set additional meeting dates as needed and discuss agenda items to be included in future agendas. The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 3rd, 2025.

Cliff motioned to approve. Vote:

Discussion: None

In Favor: Bill, Terri, Steve,
Homer, Cliff

Opposed: None

VII. Adjournment

Bill adjourned the meeting. Seconded by Terri.

I certify that this Notice and Agenda was posted on line on the District website and at the following location(s): District Office Building – May 7th, 5:00pm

By: _____

Kevin Davis, Superintendent