

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Education
Willow Springs Consolidated School District No. 108
Thursday, October 28, 2021
Willow Springs School Gym**

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:34 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present: Weeg, Bohac, Anderson (6:47), Lucy Mierop and Nunez
Administration: Superintendent Bahn & Principal Oreeluk

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President, Mary Ellen Weeg.

Public Comment

Community members are invited to share their questions, comments or concerns with the school Board. When speaking, citizens should state their name and address for the record and limit their presentation to three minutes. All comments are a matter of public record and as such will be documented and recorded. Where possible, the Board will answer factual questions immediately. A written response may be provided when information is not available. If a response would involve discussion of board policy or decisions which might be of interest to citizens not present at the meeting, the Board may place the item on a future meeting agenda.

Additionally, board policy 2:230 permits the Board President to shorten a person's opportunity to speak. "The President may also deny the opportunity to speak to a person who has previously addressed the Board on the same subject." (2:230)

Community members: Alexis & Tiffaney Carlisle(1047 Testa Dr, Justice); Catherine Ciota(1364 W 87th St) and Cindy Pena(114 Willow Blvd); Lisa Valdez(206 Hill St., WS) and Robert Hubbard(10600 S Drew).
Teachers: Kim Cahill, Allison Thiele, Sharon Conrad and Stephanie VanWagner.
Nick Cavaliere from Baker Tilly; Dr. Patricia Sullivan-Viniard from IASB
Valerie Wacker took the minutes.

Board/Superintendent Announcements

Superintendent Bahn gave updates regarding COVID and said when asked how it is going at our District, He is happy to say that the community asks if we are safe enough but does not protest wearing masks.

Financial Report

The financial reports for the months of September were in the packets. Nick Cavaliere from Baker Tilly presented the report and answered all questions. He also walked the Board through the Levy process with a presentation. The superintendent is emailing the presentation to the Board so they can look it over further and bring any questions they may have to the November Board meeting. The Board will vote on the Levy at the December Board meeting.

Consent Agenda

The superintendent recommends the approval of the consent agenda.

Motion 22-039 by Weeg, seconded by Mierop as recommended by the superintendent for the approval of the consent agenda.

Consent #1

A copy of the Regular Board Meeting September 28, 2021 and the Special Board meeting September 30, 2021 minutes were in the packet.

The superintendent recommends the approval of the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on September 28, 2021 and the Special Board meeting on September 30, 2021.

Consent #2

The superintendent recommends the approval of the payroll and the approval of the bills in the amount of \$396,001.14 (7b), the reimbursement of the Imprest Fund in the amount of \$1,516.65 (7c) and approval of the Activity Fund balance of \$51,618.09 (7d) for the month of September 2021.

Consent #3

The superintendent recommends the approval of the financial report for the month of September 2021. Fund balances: Educational: \$4,334,849; Operations & Maintenance: \$39,549; Debt Service: \$713,037; Transportation: \$649,542; IMRF: \$177,047; Capital Projects: 147,212; Working Cash: \$534,585; Tort: \$15,480; and Fire Prevention & Life Safety \$5.

Consent #4

The superintendent recommends the acceptance of the letter submitted to the Board of Education referencing intent to retire from Desiree Overzet following the 2024-2025 school year which will be her 25th year at Willow Springs School.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Weeg, Ristić, Bohac, Hawkins, Anderson and Mierop

Item 8 Action Items

None

Item 9 Presentations/Committee Reports

Item 9a Fall Academic Data Presentation

The superintendent shared current academic data for Willow Springs School by grade level. This information has been gathered from the 2021 fall results of the NWEA MAP testing. The presentation was included in the packet.

9BPrincipal’s Report

Principal Oreluk reported:

Provided a few updates of the things that are going on at Willow.

Last Friday, Ms. Moses and her Cheerleaders held the fourth annual Color Run. The principal shared a presentation with pictures from the run. There were over 100 students and staff who participated in this great event! The cheerleaders also performed a routine to showcase their skills. The principal is looking forward to seeing their performances at the basketball games.

At Willow, the Mascot is the Wolverine. However, over the years, there have been a variety of colors and Wolverine logos used by staff, students, and PFC. In order to bring consistency with the mascot and school colors, a graphic artist was hired to create a logo that we as a school district will own. The following was the process used to get the final Wolverine logo.

- Staff provided ideas as to what the Wolverines logo should look like for Willow
- Staff feedback was provided to the Graphic Artist who produced 3 mockups.
- Staff provided feedback on the 3 mockups.
- Graphic Artist made suggested changes and provided three final options for Willow
- Staff and Students voted on their favorite logo.

The principal shared three pictures of the finished product to the Board. Number 1 had the most votes and will be the new Willow Springs School mascot.

Parent Teacher Conferences will take place November 12th from 12:00 – 7:30. Guardians will receive a sign up on November 1st. There will be an in-person and Zoom meeting option.

The PFC (Parents for Children) met this afternoon on Zoom and again in person at 5:45 to try to meet the needs of all members. They discussed what they liked that was done in the past and looking for new ideas. They will meet again in November to try to get things going. The principal facilitated the meetings in order to reboot the organization. The goal is to provide students with unique opportunities throughout the school year (snacks, field trips, fundraisers, etc.) The principal looks forward to assisting in the organization.

9C Enrollment Report

The enrollment report was included in the packet. This report includes grade level enrollment numbers by cohort from the end of last school year, the middle of August 2021, and the middle of October 2021 for comparison purposes.

Item 11 Information/Discussion Items

Special Education

Micki Bohac and the superintendent reported:

AERO is having a ground breaking ceremony on November 1st at 10:30 am. All Board members are welcome to attend and to please let the superintendent know if you are going. A former student will be reciting a poem.

Construction for the building will take place all next year and they plan to open the school in August of 2023. The new facility will be located at 77th Street and Linder Avenue in Burbank. This project has been many years in the making and is finally becoming a reality thanks to the hard work and commitment of several people.

Dr. Gunnell was set to retire at the end of this year but he would like to see the new building process through so He agreed to sign on for one more year with no raise.

The AERO Board is in discussion regarding Dr. Gunnell's offer and looking into hiring an Associate Director to work with him and hopefully take his place. This will make the transition easier if this person would work with Dr. Gunnell for the year. Willow Springs District would not be charged any extra money for the hire of an Associate Director.

Item 11A Change of Date For Regular October Meeting

Due to a scheduling conflict with Dr. Patricia Sullivan-Viniard (IASB) the superintendent suggested the consideration of changing the date of the October Board meeting from Tuesday, October 26th to another date during the same week. This will allow Dr. Viniard to attend the meeting and maintain the timelines related to the search for the new superintendent. The alternative option would be to hold the regular meeting on October 26th and meet a second time that week for a special meeting. Dates to consider were: Monday, October 25th; Wednesday, October 27th; and Thursday, October 28th all with a 6:30 start time. The Board chose Thursday, October 28th at 6:30 to hold the next meeting.

Item 10B COVID-19 Update

The superintendent updated the Board on the current “Active Cases” and Students in Quarantine”. We have 2 new Active Cases since August. There has been a slight increase in Students in Quarantine. We are still managing to keep the numbers down. He continues to update and post the information on the Willow website weekly.

The superintendent is continuing to work with Shield Illinois to get the testing program up and running. This matter remains a high priority to everyone. Staff continues to promote safety protocols and precautions throughout the school, and plan to begin incentivizing appropriate mask wearing and other actions by the students in the weeks ahead.

Item 10C Band Update

The superintendent was very happy to report that the band program began on Monday, October 25th. The students meet for practice at 7:30am in the student lunchroom. Practices will be held every day with each band group, beginner and concert, utilizing specific days of the week

Item 10D Triple I Annual Joint Conferences

The superintendent spoke about this year’s Annual Joint Conference, IASA, IASB and IASBO, which will be held in Chicago between Friday, November 19th and Sunday, November 21st.

1. Resolutions packet was included in the packet. He isn’t sure if any member of the Board has attended the Delegate Assembly to represent our District in the past. This year’s assembly will take place on Saturday, November 20th at 10:30 am. He can share additional information regarding this meeting and the registration process if any of the Board members are interested.

2. The superintendent is also unaware if any of the Board members attend this conference annually. It is not only one of the largest in the state each year, but it also has a large variety of options of trainings and workshops for Board members and administrators. The superintendent attended this event in the past and would like to do so once again this year if the board approves.

Item 10E Winter Break Schedule

The superintendent checked with the office staff and administration regarding this year’s winter break schedule. As discussed briefly last month, this year two of the holidays land on Saturdays. This year the District will be closed on the following days during the Winter Break which takes place December 20th – January 3rd: Thursday December 23rd; Friday December 24th; Thursday December 30th and Friday December 31st.

11 Notices and Communications

There weren’t any notices or communications since the last Board meeting.

Item 12 Upcoming Events/Activities

Thursday, November 11th – No school – Veterans’ Day
Friday, November 12th – No student attendance – Parent/Teacher Conferences
Wednesday, November 24th – 26th – No school – Thanksgiving Break

Item 13 Items For Next Agenda

Preparation of the Tax Year 2021 Levy

Item 14 Closed Session

Request to conduct a Closed Session pursuant to Chapter 102, Paragraph 2 of the Statutes of the State of Illinois and as per board policy for the purpose(s) of discussing pending legal actions; the appointment, employment, and/or dismissal of an employee(s) and/or other matters governed by the above-stated Statutes therein as per motion to adjourn.

The superintendent recommends going into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing and the appointment, employment, and/or dismissal of an employee(s) or Board members, litigation and/or other matters governed by the above-stated Statutes therein as per motion to adjourn.

Motion 22-040 by Anderson, seconded by Mierop to go into Closed Session at 7:30 p.m. with the purpose of discussing and the appointment, employment, and/or dismissal of an employee(s) or Board members, litigation and/or other matters governed by the above-stated Statutes therein as per motion to adjourn.


Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Weeg, Bohac, Anderson, Mierop and Nunez

Board left closed session at 9:06 p.m. but did not go to have a need to go back into Open Session.

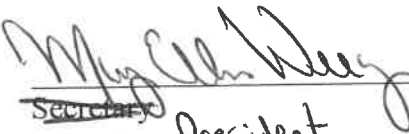
Item 16 Final Actions

Item 17 Adjournment

**Motion 22-041: Adjournment at 9:06 pm
Motion made by, Bohac Seconded by Anderson
Hearing no objections so moved.**



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