The Board of Trustees of Willis I.S.D. met in a Regular business session on December 13, 2017 in the Cargill Education Support Center.

CALL TO ORDER

President Cliff Williams called the Regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.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: Cliff Williams; presiding, Sue Ann Powell, Kyle Hoegemeyer, Rebecca Broussard, Christen Arnold, Michelle Bischof, Robin Sproba

Members absent: None

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – PARMLEY ELEMENTARY

Parmley Elementary Principal Calandra Lewis introduced students who led in the pledges and invocation.

RECOGNITIONS

Director of Communications Jamie Fails introduced the Students of the Month: Jemma Denley, Cannan Elementary School, and Morgan Hoffart, Willis High School student.

Mrs. Fails introduced the December MVP, Mary Gregory, Principal’s secretary at Parmley Elementary School.

Mrs. Fails announced that Justin Wolever had applied for a grant to attend the TSPRA conference and was one of three statewide to receive it.

The Parmley Elementary School Choir, which are 5th grade boys and girls sang a song and played instruments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments

STANDING INFORMATIONAL AND AD HOC REPORTS & ITEMS

Executive Director of Support Services and Construction Paul Dusebout reviewed the facilities/operations update for 2017. This included a report on construction projects, energy specialist, the Maintenance Department, the Child Nutrition Department, the Custodial Department, and the Parent Support Center. The person I’m most thankful for is right hand, Carol.


There were no questions concerning the financial reports and bill payment report.
Superintendent Harkrider reported that the student enrollment is 7,295, which is 25 more students than at this time last year.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Robin Sproba and seconded by Kyle Hoegemeyer to accept the Consent Agenda Items as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

Executive Director for Student Services and Accountability, Dr. Tim Walsh, reviewed Local Board Policy 109 Update. Superintendent Harkrider recommended that the Board add, revise, or delete (Local) policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service and according to the Instruction Sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 109.

Motion by Sue Ann Powell and seconded by Michelle Bischof to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation and add, revise, or delete (Local) policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service and according to the Instruction Sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 109. Motion carried unanimously.

Assistant Superintendent Innovation, Teaching and Learning, Dr. Brian Greeney, presented the District Improvement Plan which addresses areas of improvement for the district and outlines new initiatives that will continue to improve how the district addresses the needs of our community.

Motion by Michelle Bischof and seconded by Kyle Hoegemeyer to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation and approve the District Improvement Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Brian Greeney reviewed the request for approval of a class size waiver for class size in 14 classes. Superintendent Harkrider recommended the Board approve the class size waiver.

Motion by Kyle Hoegemeyer and seconded by Sue Ann Powell to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation and approve the class size waiver. Motion carried unanimously.

Assistant Superintendent for Business, Finance and Operations, Tammy Moore, reviewed the 2017-2018 Management Safety Statement. Superintendent Harkrider recommended that the Board approve and sign the Management Safety Statement.

Motion by Rebecca Broussard and seconded by Christen Arnold to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation to approve and sign the Management Safety Statement. Motion carried unanimously.

Assistant Superintendent Tammy Moore reviewed the recommended budget amendment for the dual credit program at Willis High School. Superintendent Harkrider recommended that the Board approve amending the general fund budget for the dual credit program by placing $24,716.00 in function 11.

Motion by Michelle Bischof and seconded by Robin Sproba to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation, to approve amending the general fund budget for the dual credit program by placing $24,716.00 in function 11. Motion carried unanimously.
The Board entered into closed session at 7:09 p.m. for the purpose of considering matters for which closed sessions are authorized by Title 5, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code Sections (.071-.084): 551.074
a. Discuss Teacher Resignations and Consider Approval of Teacher Appointments

OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened into open session at 8:18 p.m.

Motion by Sue Ann Powell and seconded by Kyle Hoegemeyer that we accept the Superintendent’s recommendation on the professional personnel listed. Motion carried unanimously.

FUTURE SUEINSS/MEETINGS

The regular January 2018 Board meeting will be held on January 17, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

Motion by Robin Sproba and seconded by Christen Arnold to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The Regular meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.