

WILLAMINA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
Organizational Session
July 22, 2024
7:00 p.m.
Willamina Elementary/High School Library

The Willamina School District Board of Directors met in the annual organizational session on July 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the Willamina Elementary/High School Library. Minutes are as follows:

ATTENDANTS:

Caryn Stockwell
Karley Strouse
Dan Rinke
Roy Whitman- Absent
David Shenk
Mike Gass, Superintendent
April Johnson, Executive Secretary

7:00 pm Organizational Session called to order by Board Chair Caryn Stockwell followed by the flag salute.

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

CONSENT AGENDA:

Karley Strouse moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.
Dan Rinke seconded.

VOTE: 4 YES – MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

New Superintendent Mike Gass reviewed his first couple of weeks. It has been a busy time getting acquainted with staff and taking care of necessary items as the new superintendent. He indicated that he has spent time with the District Office staff, getting his office set up and getting bank accounts signatures taken care of. He has spent time walking around campus getting acquainted with summer staff and has spent some time in the shop, checking in with summer school activities and as well the Camp 6 program. He stated that he has reviewed some personnel issues and evaluation processes and would like to see that go more digitally. He also informed the board that before the goal session in August he would like to find time to meet with each board member individually to get to know them a bit and their vision and direction of the district. He informed them that he would be mailing out a “Friday Memo” to keep members informed of weekly activities. He invited them to take time to be a part of beginning year meet and greet activities as well any end of the year activities. Supt. Gass also indicated that he would be working with Brent with Bond Communications to the community/staff/ families as the bond progresses. This would be on the website and social media and possibly a newsletter. He was happy to report that we had sold the bond to our local bank and it would a penny less than what was advertised.

Tribal Representative Angela Fasana reported that the summer had been very busy with activities on site such as the Veterans Pow Wow and the upcoming Annual Pow Wow that takes place in August. She believed the new building classrooms would be opening sometime in the Spring and that they had waitlists of students to be enrolled. She indicated that the campus had been extremely busy with having pre-school as well as summer school students on campus as well as attending activities. Many students have had the opportunity to attend activities such as paddle at the pond, tribal police station visit, visits to local parks as well as the internship programs to NYC and Washington DC. Angela reported that they had a ceremony recognizing all graduates from pre-school to graduate school. They were already planning activities in the school year such as a college/career fair in November.

AUDIENCE TIME:

No audience input at this time.

DECISION ITEMS

1. Karley Strouse moved to bond the Superintendent at \$100,000, the Deputy Clerk at \$100,000 and principals & secretaries under a blanket bond in the amount of \$25,000 for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.
Dan Rinke seconded.
VOTE: 4 YES – MOTION CARRIED
2. Karley Strouse moved to designate the Superintendent as the Chief Administrator, Custodian of Funds and the Budget Officer for the Willamina School District during the 2024-2025 fiscal year.
Dan Rinke seconded.
VOTE: 4 YES – MOTION CARRIED
3. Karley Strouse moved to authorize the Superintendent and building principals as District representatives to apply for and administer federal funds during the 2024-2025 fiscal year.
David Shenk seconded.
VOTE: 4 YES – MOTION CARRIED
4. Karley Strouse moved to designate Lisa Anderson as Deputy Clerk for 2024-2025 fiscal year.
David Shenk seconded.
VOTE: 4 YES – MOTION CARRIED
5. Karley Strouse moved to designate Steve Tuchscherer as the auditor for the Willamina School District during the 2024-2025 fiscal year.
David Shenk seconded.
VOTE: 4 YES – MOTION CARRIED
6. Karley Strouse moved to designate Bank of America, the Local Government Investment Pool, First Federal Savings and Loan, US Bank and Wells Fargo Bank as depositories of funds for the Willamina School District during the 2024-2025 fiscal year.
David Shenk seconded.
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VOTE: 4 YES – MOTION CARRIED
7. Karley Strouse moved to designate Christine Nesbitt at Willamette ESD as legal counsel for the Willamina School District for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.
David Shenk seconded.
VOTE: 4 YES – MOTION CARRIED
8. Karley Strouse moved to approve all adopted board policies currently in use for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.
Dan Rinke seconded.
VOTE: 4 YES – MOTION CARRIED

9. Dan Rinke moved to elect Karley Strouse as Vice-Chair for the 2024-2025 school year. Caryn Stockwell seconded. **VOTE: 4 YES-MOTION CARRIED**

Karley Strouse moved to elect Caryn Stockwell as Board Chair for the 2024-2025 School year. Dan Rinke seconded. **VOTE: 4 YES-MOTION CARRIED**

Board Secretary April Johnson reviewed the board meeting agenda and if the board was wanting to make in changes in the format of the agenda or meetings. She stated interest was received in changing the time of the meetings to earlier and she wanted them to take that into consideration. She also reviewed the Correspondence reports and stated that Supt. Gass will be working with building principals on changing their board reports.

A general discussion took place about the goals session and what would be reviewed

Future Agenda Items:

Goal Session – August

Food Service RFP/Extensions 2024-2025

7:48 Duly adjourned