

WILLOWS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Special Meeting – June 23, 2025

Special Session 7:00 p.m.

Willows City Council Chambers

201 N. Lassen Street, Willows, CA 95988

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

1. OPEN SESSION – CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1 Roll Call – Vice President Gina Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Members present: Kirsten Gray, Margaret Parisio, and Gina Taylor. Jeromy Geiger and Lourdes Ruiz were absent.
- 1.2 Welcome to Visitors
- 1.3 Flag Salute was led by Gina Taylor.

2. AGENDA

- 2.1 Approve the Special Meeting Agenda of June 23, 2025.
Kirsten Gray moved, seconded by Margaret Parisio to approve the Special Meeting Agenda of June 23, 2025.
AYES: Gray, Parisio, and Taylor
NOES: None
ABSENT: Geiger, Ruiz
MOTION PASSED: 3-0-2

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY - None

4. DISCUSSION/ACTION CALENDAR

A. GENERAL

- 1. **(Action)** Approve Memorandum of Understanding Between Willows Unified School District and Northern Valley Indian Health, Inc. to provide school-based outpatient mental health services to children and youth enrolled in the Willows Unified School District for the 2025/2026 School Year.

Gina Taylor moved, seconded by Margaret Parisio to approve Memorandum of Understanding Between Willows Unified School District and Northern Valley Indian Health, Inc. to provide school-based outpatient mental health services to children and youth enrolled in the Willows Unified School District for the 2025/2026 School Year.

AYES: Gray, Parisio, and Taylor
NOES: None
ABSENT: Geiger, Ruiz
MOTION PASSED: 3-0-2

B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

- 1. **PUBLIC HEARING:** In accordance with Education Codes §42127 & §52062, a Public Hearing will be conducted at this time to allow public input on the Willows Unified School District's Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). (Available for preview at the District Office, 823 W. Laurel Street, Willows, CA)

Vice President Gina Taylor opened the Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m.

Vice President Gina Taylor asked if the LCAP was in a different format this year. Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment, Scott Booth, reported that, yes, the format is different this year.

Director Business Services, Diana Baca, commented that this year, she has done something additional and that is to tie all of the LCAP actions that have dollars associated with them to actual account strings in the budget so that we can track the spending of those actions.

Vice President Gina Taylor closed the Public Hearing at 7:08 p.m.

C. BUSINESS SERVICES

- 1. PUBLIC HEARING:** In accordance with Education Codes §42127 & §52062, a Public Hearing will be conducted at this time to allow public input on the Willows Unified School District's 2025/26 Original Budget. (Available for preview at the District Office, 823 W. Laurel Street, Willows, CA)

Vice President Gina Taylor opened the Public Hearing at 7:08 p.m.

Vice President Gina Taylor asked for clarification on the Learning Recovery Emergency Block Grant (LREBG) Funds, which are restricted, expiring at the end of 2025/26 requiring existing positions to be funded with unrestricted dollars. She asked what those existing positions are. Director of Business Services, Diana Baca, reported that we are paying for bilingual services through LREBG, mostly, largely a diversion of salaries that would have normally been paid with unrestricted funds over to LREBG in an effort to mitigate the unrestricted fund balance of this year. In the three-year projection, it has been taken into account that those funds will expire and those salaries will be moved back into unrestricted. There was a brief discussion on the strain to our unrestricted budget, the amount, and the effect to our 10% designation for economic uncertainty.

Vice President Gina Taylor closed the Public Hearing at 7:11 p.m.

- 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEMS** – None

At 7:12 p.m. the Board took a short recess after the Special Meeting before going into Closed Session. Vice President Gina Taylor will report out into Open Session upon the conclusion of Closed Session.

- 6. CLOSED SESSION**

Closed session began at 7:35 p.m.

6.1 Pursuant to Government Code §54957: Evaluation of Performance of a Public Employee: Superintendent

- 7. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

7.1 Announcement of Action Taken in Closed Session.

At 8:15 p.m., the meeting reconvened to Open Session. Vice President Gina Taylor reported out:

6.1: Evaluation of Superintendent was postponed as two board members were not in attendance. The evaluation will be held at a later date to be determined.

- 5. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.