

Sections 7.8.1 and 7.8.2

**DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE
WILLCOX UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD
OF MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 3, 2026**

A meeting of the Willcox Unified School District Governing Board was convened on Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at 5:00 P.M in the District Education Center Board room, located at 480 N. Bisbee Avenue, Willcox, AZ 85643

Present at the session were the following members of the Governing Board:

Homer Hansen

James Allan

Steve Marlatt

Terri Kibler

Bill Ryan

Absent were: [no members absent].

The following matters were discussed, considered, and decided at the meeting:

I. Opening of the Meeting

Call to Order and Roll Call. Mr. Hansen called the meeting to order, and took roll of members.

II. New Business

The board discussed school business items as follows:

- There are less numbers of open schools due to more accessible voucher and funding programs.
Public schools get substantially less funding per student compared to these vouchers.
- WUSD student count and comparisons to nearby districts.
- Calculation for estimating the next year's budget.
- Homeschooling, and ESA student participation in sports has been a concern. Possible fee plan needs to be approved.
AIA has strict policies for students enrolled in online school districts.
- Staffing levels have increased for special needs students.
- District averages compared to state averages were presented.
- The current pay schedules were reviewed, and thoroughly discussed.

Mr. Ryan moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Allan seconded. Mr. Hansen adjourned the meeting.

Dated this 5 day of February 2026.

Willcox Unified School District Governing Board

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