

Sections 7.8.1 and 7.8.2
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
WILLCOX UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD
OF MEETING May 5, 2026

A public meeting of the Willcox Unified School District Governing Board was convened on Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 6:00 P.M in the District Education Center Board room, located at 480 N. Bisbee Avenue, Willcox, AZ 85643

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

Homer Hansen

James Allen

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
 - A. Call to Order and Roll Call. Mr. Hansen called the meeting to order, and took roll of members.
 - B. Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Hansen led the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - C. Invocation for the Governing Board. Mrs. Kibler prayed for the Board.
 - D. Adoption of the Agenda. Mr. Ryan moved to adopt the agenda. Mrs. Kibler seconded. No Discussion. In favor: [Mr. Ryan, Mrs. Kibler, Mr. Marlatt, Mr. Allen, Mr. Hansen] Opposed: [None]
- II. Call to the Public—No public response.
- III. Presentations
 - A. Elementary Student Council

The second semester has been busy. In February, students participated in Donuts with Dads, where donuts and juice were served. February was also Love of Reading Month, which included door and window

decorating contests; winners received gift certificates to the Book Fair Shop. Students attended a performance at the Willcox Historic Theater.

AASA testing took place April 3rd–4th, and Maid Rite Feeds provided snacks for students during testing. For Mother’s Day, cookies and flowers were distributed.

The spring talent show is upcoming. This Thursday, students will attend a history field trip to the Slaughter Ranch. A field day is also planned, featuring water activities including a slide, fire trucks, and a dunk tank. The 4th Grade Promotion ceremony will be held the morning of May 21st.

IV. Administrative reports/Summary of current events.

A. Year-end events and calendar

- FFA Banquet – High School Old Gym, 6:00 PM, May 7, 2026
- Orchestra Concert – High School Auditorium, 6:00 PM, May 14, 2026
- Baccalaureate – High School Auditorium, 5:00 PM, May 17, 2026
- 8th Grade Promotion – High School Auditorium, 6:00 PM, May 20, 2026
- 4th Grade Promotion – High School Auditorium, 9:00 AM, May 21, 2026
- High School Graduation – Football Field, 7:00 PM, May 21, 2026

B. Student count

The district had 39 students withdraw this year, mostly due to families moving from the area.

C. Construction

The high school weatherization project is ongoing, with a brief pause to accommodate end-of-year events. Work on the elementary multipurpose room is being prioritized, and the drawings will be reviewed at the next meeting.

V. Consent Agenda

Mr. Marlatt moved to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Allen seconded. No discussion. In favor: [Mr. Ryan, Mrs. Kibler, Mr. Marlatt, Mr. Allen, Mr. Hansen]
Opposed: [None]

VI. New Business

A. Mr. Hansen moved to approve the revised Maintenance and Operations and District Additional Assistance budgets for FY 2025-2026 as noted in the board backup material. Mr. Ryan seconded. No discussion. In favor: [Mr. Ryan, Mrs. Kibler, Mr. Marlatt, Mr. Allen, Mr. Hansen] Opposed: [None]

B. Mr. Ryan moved to approve the contract extension for FY 2026-2027 as noted in the board backup material. Mrs. Kibler seconded. Discussion: The contract is more cost-effective than completing the work in-house. If results do not

improve, other options may be considered later. In favor: [Mr. Ryan, Mrs. Kibler, Mr. Marlatt, Mr. Allen, Mr. Hansen] Opposed: [None]

- C. Mr. Ryan moved to approve the Superintendent's goals for FY 2025-2026 as noted in the board backup material. Mrs. Kibler seconded. No discussion. In favor: [Mr. Ryan, Mrs. Kibler, Mr. Marlatt, Mr. Allen, Mr. Hansen] Opposed: [None]

D. Board Member Comments/Request for Agenda Items

Comments: The district has worked with Sodexo for several years, and food quality remains a concern. If Sodexo does not improve this year, an alternative option is for the district to prepare meals in-house to improve quality.

The board may schedule a June work session to review survey results and set superintendent goals for the next fiscal year.

E. Future Meeting Dates

The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 2nd, 2026.

VII. Adjournment

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

Dated this 7 day of May 2026.

Willcox Unified School District Governing Board

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