

Sections 7.8.1 and 7.8.2
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
WILLCOX UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD
OF MEETING HELD OCTOBER 13, 2026

A public meeting of the Willcox Unified School District Governing Board was convened on Tuesday, October 13th, 2026, at 6:03 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 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

- 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. Allan, Mr. Hansen] Opposed: [None]

II. Call to the Public—No public response.

III. Presentations

- A. Beyond Textbooks – 15-Year Partnership Recognition
Justin Chesebrough, Director of Beyond Textbooks (Vail School District), presented a plaque recognizing 15 years of partnership with WUSD. He highlighted access to essential standards, pacing calendars, and over 60,000 instructional resources.

B. High School Student Council

Student Council representatives reported on upcoming events, including the college and trade school fair, PSAT/SAT testing, and a presentation by Molly Selin. They described the “Airport Challenge,” encouraging students to disconnect from devices, shared updates on clubs and academics, and highlighted strong athletic performance in volleyball, football, soccer, and cross-country.

IV. Administrative reports/Summary of current events.

A. Bond Construction and Weatherization

Superintendent Davis reported that weatherization work is progressing toward completion by mid-November. He explained that the wrestling room addition is delayed until February and may be finished after the wrestling season to avoid displacing athletes. He also noted ongoing discussions about pricing for the multipurpose room.

B. Communications

The superintendent reviewed districtwide communication upgrades, including new newsletters at all campuses, a high school newspaper, expanded use of ClassDojo with high parent participation, updated Google-based school calendars, and the implementation of the SafeVoice anonymous reporting system.

V. Consent Agenda

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

VI. New Business

- A. Mr. Hansen made a motion to approve the FY 2025-2026 Annual Financial Report (AFR) as included in the board backup material. Mr. Allen seconded. Discussion: Superintendent Davis noted increases in M&O and classroom site spending, a slight decrease in capital expenditures, and total district spending approaching \$20 million.
In favor: [Mr. Ryan, Mrs. Kibler, Mr. Marlatt, Mr. Allan, Mr. Hansen] Opposed: [None]

- B. Mr. Marlatt made a motion to approve the request for out-of-state student travel for the CTE programs' trip to Australia, as noted in the board backup material. Mrs. Kibler seconded. No discussion. In favor: [Mr. Ryan, Mrs. Kibler, Mr. Marlatt, Mr. Allan, Mr. Hansen] Opposed: [None]
- C. Mr. Allen made a motion to adopt, after public review, Frogstreet as the curriculum for the First Steps Preschool. Mr. Ryan seconded. No discussion. In favor: [Mr. Ryan, Mrs. Kibler, Mr. Marlatt, Mr. Allan, Mr. Hansen] Opposed: [None]
- D. Mr. Hansen made a motion to approve the curriculum for public review for youth development, "Positive Potential," in partnership with the Cochise County Health and Social Services Department. Mrs. Kibler seconded. No discussion. In favor: [Mr. Ryan, Mrs. Kibler, Mr. Marlatt, Mr. Allan, Mr. Hansen] Opposed: [None]
- E. Mrs. Kibler made a motion to approve the purchase of a new bus as included in the board backup material and authorizing the superintendent to sign the agreements and/or contracts. Mr. Hansen seconded.
Discussion: Superintendent Davis explained that the previous bus had been totaled in an accident and needed to be replaced. There will be out-of-pocket expenses, as the old bus is from 2010, and the insurance will not be sufficient to cover the cost of the new bus.
In favor: [Mr. Ryan, Mrs. Kibler, Mr. Marlatt, Mr. Allan, Mr. Hansen] Opposed: [None]
- F. Mr. Ryan made a motion to approve the following revision to the resolution and, where noted, Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) and/or contracts and authorizing the superintendent to sign the agreements and/or contracts:
26/27-47 — Head Start MOU.
Mr. Hansen seconded. No discussion. In favor: [Mr. Ryan, Mrs. Kibler, Mr. Marlatt, Mr. Allan, Mr. Hansen] Opposed: [None]
- G. Mr. Marlatt made a motion to consider and, if deemed advisable, to adopt a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of school improvement bonds of the district.
2627 - 63 - Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of Bonds for the District. Mr. Hansen seconded.

Discussion: Bond banker Mike La Vallee advised selling the full remaining amount of approximately \$8 million to avoid increased issuance costs and lock in an interest rate. He noted that funds should be received in early December.

In favor: [Mr. Ryan, Mrs. Kibler, Mr. Marlatt, Mr. Allan, Mr. Hansen] Opposed: [None]

- H. Mr. Hansen made a motion to approve the construction of the Elementary School Multipurpose Building. Mr. Allen seconded. No discussion. In favor: [Mr. Ryan, Mrs. Kibler, Mr. Marlatt, Mr. Allan, Mr. Hansen] Opposed: [None]

- I. Mr. Hansen opened the discussion and potential action related to the Superintendent's evaluation instrument, Form 2-201.

Discussion: The board discussed potential updates to the superintendent evaluation instrument and reviewed examples from ASBA, ASA, Cochise County, and the Trust. The board requested additional samples from neighboring school districts and agreed to revisit the item at a future meeting. No action was taken.

- J. Board Member Comments/Request for Agenda Items

Discussion: The We are Willcox Community Festival will be on October 22nd, from 5-7 pm. Board members may be in attendance, host a booth, and meet and greet with community members. No action will be taken, and it is open to the public.

- K. Future Meeting Dates

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 5th, 2026.

VII. Adjournment

Mrs. Kibler moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ryan seconded. Mr. Hansen adjourned the meeting.

Dated this 14th day of October 2026.

Willcox Unified School District Governing Board

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