

Wasco Union High School District
Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
January 13, 2005
6:00 p.m.
Adopted Minutes

I. Call To Order

A regular meeting of the Wasco Union High School Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:01 p.m. in the Boardroom by President Tom Schulte.

Board Members Present

Mr. Tom Schulte, President
Mr. Barry Braun, Clerk
Mr. Craig Fulwyler

Mr. Tim Holtermann
Mr. Ernie Sanchez

Administrators Present

Mrs. Elizabeth McCray
Mr. Mark Greenfield
Mr. Martin Lonza

Mrs. Lori Albrecht
Mr. Gary Cheatwood

Classified Management Present

Mr. John Butler

Mr. Joe Salazar

Secretary Present

Mrs. Jan Wright

Visitors

Mr. John Albertson, Mrs. Sandra Fisher, Mrs. MaryAnn Lucas, Mr. Benito Juarez, Mrs. Marissa Juarez, Mr. Jose Rios

Flag Salute

The flag was saluted.

II. Adopt Agenda

It was moved by Holtermann and seconded by Sanchez to adopt the amended agenda with the addition of items VIII-12 and VIII-13. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

III. Executive Session

The meeting convened in executive session at 6:04 p.m.

Regular Session

The meeting reconvened in regular session at 7:10 p.m.

Announcement of Executive Session Actions

Mr. Schulte reported the Board had decided not to grant an early retirement incentive to the retiring staff member.

IV. Reading and Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Holtermann and seconded by Fulwyler to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 9, 2004. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

V. Public Comments

Mrs. Lucas reported the CSEA negotiating team has met and will have a proposal to present to the Superintendent in a couple of weeks.

Public Hearing on Participation in the Program Improvement Prevention Program

Mrs. McCray explained what participating in the program would mean to the school and teachers. The state has notified districts that could possibly be at risk of becoming a program improvement district. The purpose of this is to present opportunities to districts to accept \$50,000 annually for possibly three years and bring in an external evaluator to determine the direction that schools and districts would need to move to improve their school program. We volunteered for the IIUSP program, which is a state funded program, for program improvement. We have used the document we received from the external evaluation team to drive our instruction, to develop our school site plan, to look at our LEA plan. We believe we have listened to the external evaluator, we have moved in the right direction, we are still moving in the right direction. The morale of our staff is up; they understand the urgency of the standards and the urgency of the movement. We are very close to moving ourselves out of program improvement and out of IIUSP. She believes that if we go with the federal program for this prevention program, it could set us back. We are on course and she would like to stay on that course.

Mr. Albertson agreed with Mrs. McCray that the morale of staff is improving. We are going in the right direction, we are making progress and we shouldn't change a thing.

Mrs. Fisher reported at the recent awards assembly we had 325 students that had received a 3.0 GPA or above. She agreed with Mr. Albertson that the district is moving in the right direction and to use another external evaluator would not be to the district's advantage at this time.

The hearing was closed.

Public Hearing on Annual Accounting of School Facilities Fees

Mrs. McCray explained this is a requirement that we have to show how we collect our developer fees and how we use those fees. For 2003-04 it was used for the Certificate of Participation in the purchase of the NKVTC building. In the future some of the money will be used for our building project.

The hearing was closed.

VI. Items from Board Members

Mr. Holtermann said he had talked to Mrs. Santillan and the numbers are up in the nursing program and the class will again be held at Wasco next year. The latest class that was offered at North Kern was the Tomorrow's Leaders Today class. The class is in its second year and is only offered in Wasco. He also thanked the Facilities Committee members for giving of their time and serving on the committee.

Mr. Sanchez stated parents had contacted him to complain when sports activities were cancelled because of the fog cancellation. He agrees that the school made the right call to protect the students.

VII. Reports

Mrs. McCray reported the current enrollment is 1512 students for the district with 1280 at the high school, 121 at continuation, 85 in independent study and 26 in opportunity class. She recently received a tentative track map for approximately 600 more new homes to be built in Wasco. It is something we are discussing in the facilities meetings and looking at in our master plan. The tentative school calendar will be ready for a first reading at the February meeting. We are looking at a start date of August 15th. We have put the tentative calendar out for everybody to take a look at. Semitropic school is also looking to start when we do as well as Lost Hills. We will be in contact with the other feeder schools to get their input on the starting date. We have been told the Elementary District will be starting on August 22nd. She commended all the staff and students for the way they handled themselves when the fire occurred in the band room. We are very fortunate that it was caught early and will need some new wiring done. She wanted to give a public commendation to Pat Rissi who worked with the staff and was instrumental in setting up the Safe School Plan. County Office has contacted us and wants to use our plan as an example. Thirteen teachers and Mr. Greenfield attended the explicit direct instruction workshop presented by DataWorks. She received a phone call complementing our teachers and Principal on their participation and their presentation. Bobbie Sanchez informed her she has been nominated for Disney's Teacher of the Year. We wish her good luck. She has been informed of possibly 475 incoming freshmen for next school year. We are looking at the possibility of permanent modular buildings east of the Life Science buildings. One wing could have nine classrooms and restrooms, with a second wing of ten classrooms. Dependent on the price and the cost of construction, a possible third wing of nine classrooms and restrooms could be added. The architect is to have master plan schematics at the next facilities meeting. We received a donation from Wasco Hardware for the paint used on the football field for the Wasco/Shafter game. We have a transportation issue with the vans that effective January 1st all drivers must have a Class B license with a passenger endorsement. John Butler is working on solutions and a plan.

Mr. Cheatwood, reporting for Aaron Wheeler, reminded the Board members about the Snowball at the Petroleum Club on January 22nd and invited them to come by. He said Mrs. McCray was invited to the last student council meeting to talk about the facilities master plan. She gave the students some very good information about the plan and the reasons for the proposals. Also, the senior class has started raising money for the tsunami disaster victims. They received a call challenging the high school and the other Wasco schools to see who can raise the most money. The money will then be sent together to aid the victims.

VIII. Discussion and Action

It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Fulwyler to approve the following personnel items. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

- a. Accept Letters of Resignation from Certificated Staff Members
 1. Mr. Robert Derian, Independence High School Teacher
 2. Mr. Alejandro Gonzaga, Mathematic Teacher
 3. Ms. Shirley Puccinelli, Independence High School Teacher
- b. Approve David Dever as Electronic Technician
- c. Approve Athletic Assistant Coaches
 - Boy's Basketball**
 1. Rusvel Prado, Volunteer

2. Jason Neal, Walk-on Volunteer
3. Warren McDaniel, Walk-on Volunteer

Baseball

4. Craig Williams, Paid

Boy's Tennis

5. Matthew Steward, Paid
(Provided there are enough players out for tennis to warrant a JV team)

Swimming

6. Mark Bell, Head Coach, Paid

- d. Approve 2005-06 Fall Sports Head Coaches
 1. Joe Hively, Girl's Tennis Coach
 2. Millie Pettibone, Volleyball Coach
 3. Craig Williams, Cross-Country Coach
 4. Valerie Black, Cheerleader Advisor
- e. Approve Student Workers for WIA Ready for Work Program
 1. Alfredo Delgado, placed at Wasco Child Development Center
 2. Jacqueline Flores, placed at Almond Court Latchkey
 3. Manpreet Kaur, placed at Almond Court Latchkey
 4. Elizabeth Perez, placed at City of Wasco - Finance Department
 5. Guadalupe Velasquez, placed at Wasco Child Development Center

It was moved by Braun and seconded by Holtermann to approve the Resolution for Annual Accounting of School Facilities Fees. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Fulwyler and seconded by Sanchez to approve the Kern County Substance Abuse Prevention Education Consortium Memorandum of Understanding with Kern County Superintendent of Schools Office. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Braun and seconded by Sanchez to approve the Compromise Agreement and Release with SBC DataComm. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Holtermann to approve the School Accountability Report Card for school year 2003-04 for Wasco High School. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Braun and seconded by Sanchez to approve the School Accountability Report Card for school year 2003-04 for Independence High School. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Fulwyler and seconded by Sanchez to approve the School Site Plan for Wasco High School. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Holtermann and seconded by Braun to approve the School Site Plan and Amended School Site Council By-Laws for Independence High School. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Holtermann and seconded by Braun to approve the acceptance of the following Paramount Farm Grants. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

Plasma CAM	\$1,182	Gary Garcia
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Purchase of Needed Instruments	\$1,977	Greg Sparks
ServSafe Testing	\$2,700	Carleen Street

It was moved by Fulwyler and seconded by Sanchez to approve the field trip request to Cal Poly submitted by the Counseling Department contingent on Mrs. Fisher receiving her Class B license and being qualified to drive the van. Motion carried. Ayes: 4; Noes: 0; Absent: 0; Abstain: 1 (Holtermann).

It was moved by Braun and seconded by Holtermann to declare the list of miscellaneous items submitted by the Ag and Technology Departments obsolete and ready for disposal. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Holtermann and seconded by Braun to approve the recommendation to not participate in the Program Improvement Prevention Program. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Holtermann and seconded by Sanchez to approve the field trip request to Merced on January 28 submitted by the Ag Department. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

IX. Discussion and Information

A proposed new board policy regarding the Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures was introduced for a first reading.

Correspondence from the Wasco Recreation and Parks District stating they would not participate in the joint construction of a sports complex with the high school was shared with the Board.

Independence High's School Site Council minutes were shared with the Board for their information.

X. Claims, Transfers and Accounts

It was moved by Braun and seconded by Fulwyler to approve the claims, transfers and accounts for Batches 27, 28, 30, 31 and Payrolls in the amount of \$768,754.25. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

XI Adjournment

It was moved by Braun and seconded by Holtermann to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.