

Wasco Union High School District
Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
March 10, 2005
6:00 p.m.
Adopted Corrected Minutes

I. Call To Order

A regular meeting of the Wasco Union High School Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:10 p.m. in the Boardroom by Clerk Barry Braun.

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. Martin Lonza
Mrs. Pat Rissi

Mrs. Lori Albrecht
Mr. Gary Cheatwood

Classified Management Present

Mr. Steve Balentine
Mr. John Butler

Mrs. Susan Cheatwood
Mr. Joe Salazar

Secretary Present

Mrs. Jan Wright

Visitors

Mr. John Albertson, Mrs. Juanita Albertson, Mr. Robert Cobb, Claudia Flores, Mr. Chris McCraw, Mrs. Denise Morales, Mr. Jose Rios, Mr. Clark Skinner, Mr. Richard Winters

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 Item VIII-13 and Item VIII-14. Motion carried. Ayes: 4; Noes: 0; Absent: 1.

III. Executive Session

The meeting convened in executive session at 6:11 p.m.

Mr. Schulte arrived at 6:12 p.m.

Regular Session

The meeting reconvened in regular session at 7:15 p.m.

Announcement of Executive Session Actions

No action was taken.

IV. Reading and Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Holtermann and seconded by Fulwyler to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 10, 2005. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

V. Public Comments

Mr. Rios wanted to commend the people responsible for hiring Ms. Irma Prado. He said she is doing a great job and is very diligent about letting the parents know about meetings.

FFA members, Juana Becerra, Stephanie Crowles, Christina Garza, Omar Reyes, Ernesto Rios and Gina Villalobos, spoke to the Board about their many activities and programs.

Mrs. Morales stated the students, their parents and the other ag teachers make her very proud to be a part of the ag program. She reported on the many activities the students have participated in and awards they have received. She has received the Regional Supervisor's report with the recommendations and commendations, and it was very favorable for the department. She remarked Mrs. Sandra Fisher will be receiving a sectional star counselor award. She stated the ag program is where it's at now because of the support they receive from the counselors and administration. She invited everyone to come out for the donkey basketball game on Monday, March 14 at 6:30 and said the Friends and Family Banquet is scheduled for Friday, May 13.

VI. Items from Board Members

Mr. Braun asked how many students participated in the Cal Grants workshop. He also recommended that Mrs. McCray and Mr. Schulte get together and make minor revisions to the Superintendent's evaluation form.

Mrs. McCray said she would check on the number of participants in the workshop and let Mr. Braun know.

Mr. Holtermann, reporting for NKVTC, stated approximately 70 of our students would be competing in the Skills Olympics scheduled for Friday, March 18 in Bakersfield. Also, Mr. Kasiner, Security Law Enforcement instructor, has resigned due to health problems and will be replaced by a new instructor next week. Mr. Holtermann stated it was nice not to see Wasco High School listed in the paper as a problem school with the NCLB act. There was one district from Wasco listed, but fortunately it wasn't ours. He said the Elementary District has been publicly discussing going to neighborhood schools. If they do, it could have an effect on sharing transportation with them. He asked the Superintendent to look into that possibility and the cost effectiveness of the shared busing program. He would like the Superintendent to give a report at the next meeting.

Mr. Sanchez thanked the FFA students for their presentations and congratulated them on their performance in competitions. He hoped to see the other school groups do as well.

Mr. Fulwyler remarked he thought parents appreciated ABI and being able to access their student's grades. He commended the teachers that keep it up so parents can have current information.

Mr. Schulte also thanked the FFA members for their presentations. He suggested perhaps the ag teachers or students could check the possibility of the students being able to put their FFA patches on a letterman jacket instead of wearing the FFA jacket. Also, he thanked the Facilities Committee members for giving of their time and serving on the committee.

VII. Reports

Claudia Flores, reporting for the student board representative, said on March 5, the Maya Club held their annual Noche de Gala dance with 240 people attending. She said next week is Spring Week with special dress attire for each day and special activities planned at noon. The faculty/senior basketball game is scheduled for March 31 and the junior/senior boys powder buff volleyball game is set for April 7.

Mrs. McCray reported the district enrollment is 1488 with 1239 students at Wasco High, 249 students at Independence High which includes the independent study and opportunity class for Wasco High. California Exit Exam will be given on March 15 and 16. It will be given to all sophomores and the juniors that did not pass previously. It is mandatory for the class of 2006 to pass the test in order to graduate. She commended Pat Rissi, staff and administration for their work on the school's safety plan. Kern County Superintendent of Schools contacted us wanting to use our plan as a model in some of their in-services. She stated she has received an invitation from Nicole Parra's office to participate on her Education Advisory Group. They will probably meet once a month with the meetings held within our area. She reminded the Board of the invitation to the Elementary District's grand opening for their Educational Resource Center and Educational Support Services on March 17 at 10:00 a.m. She said we have been notified the City Council did approve the stop sign at 5th Street and Palm Avenue. Also, power has been reinstated to the language arts building and the auditorium.

Mrs. Albrecht reported besides the Safe Routes to School Grant, the City has been looking at other funding sources to help us. They found one called Hazard Elimination Safety Grant that will help fund illuminated crosswalks. We are looking at two crosswalks on Palm Avenue and one on Poso by Independence High. It would provide in-pavement crosswalk lighting which could be motion activated or started by pushing a button before crossing.

VIII. Discussion and Action

It was moved by Holtermann and seconded by Fulwyler to approve the following personnel items with the exceptions of c-1, 2 and d-6 which were deleted. Motion carried. Ayes: 4; Noes: 0; Absent: 0; Abstain: 1 (Schulte).

- a. Approve Notice of Release Letters sent to:
 1. Brian Bell
 2. Mark Bell
 3. Blanca Soto-Ortiz
 4. Richard Winters
- b. Approve Academic Decathlon Advisors
 1. Carmelina Sears, Head Advisor
 2. Michele Brand, Assistant Advisor
- c. Approve Substitute Typist Clerks
 3. Lurdes Ibarra
 4. Kathy Nunez
- d. Approve Coaches
 - Track
 1. Delete Kelly Records as paid assistant
 2. Russell Cherry and Lynette Nahigian, Assistants, each paid ½ salary provided there are 45 students out for track
 - Baseball
 3. Jason Neal, Freshman Coach, Walk-on, Paid \$500 Stipend

Softball

4. Mona Ross, Assistant, Walk-on, Paid
5. Gilbert Garland, Assistant, Walk-on, Paid \$500 Stipend

Wrestling

7. Delete Jose Landin as paid assistant
8. Alex Gallardo, Assistant, Walk-on, Paid

Football

9. Leonard Ortiz, Head Football Coach, Paid, for 2005-06 School Year

Cheerleaders

10. MaryAnn Lucas, Assistant Advisor, Paid, for 2005-06 School Year

It was moved by Holtermann and seconded by Fulwyler to accept and approve the 2003-04 audit report with the information regarding Capital Leases and Joint Powers Agreements as stated on page 27 to be verified with the auditor. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Braun to approve the second period interim budget report. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Fulwyler and seconded by Sanchez to approve the contract for Master Plan, Growth & Modernization with Mr. Stephen Corbin of SCArchitect, Inc. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Holtermann and seconded by Braun to approve the recommendation of the Facilities Committee and proceed with the modular project at an estimated cost of \$5.3 million. The project will be three modular buildings and will contain a total of 27 classrooms with student restrooms in each building. Staff restrooms are also included in the buildings. The buildings will be located east of the Life Science buildings. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Holtermann and seconded by Sanchez to approve the E-Rate contractor bid from AARC Technology in the amount of \$61,651 for the technology infrastructure for the new classrooms. We qualify for 90% of the costs to be paid by e-rate with the district responsible for the remaining 10%. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Fulwyler to approve the 2005-06 academic school year calendar with a starting date of August 15, 2005 and an ending date of May 26, 2006. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Braun and seconded by Sanchez to approve the instructional materials list for use in the Library Media Center. Motion failed. Ayes: 1; Noes: 4; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Braun to approve the following field trip requests submitted by the Counseling Department and Forensics Team. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

	Counseling Department		Forensics Team	
•	March 3	U.C. Merced	March 12	Sanger High School
•	March 7	U.C. Santa Barbara	March 17	Lone Pine
•	March 9	U.C. Riverside	April 28-May 1	Northridge

It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Braun to declare the list of library books obsolete and ready for disposal. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Fulwyler and seconded by Sanchez to approve the application process for the 2005 funding cycle for the WIA program. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Braun and seconded by Sanchez to approve the following facilities requests submitted by Wasco Community Scholarship Association and Wasco Youth Wrestling Club. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

- April 9 - Wasco Youth Wrestling Club
- May 14 - Wasco Community Scholarship Association

It was moved by Holtermann and seconded by Sanchez to approve the field trip request submitted by the Ag Department for Friday, March 18th to Visalia. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Braun and seconded by Holtermann to approve the interdistrict transfer request submitted by the parents of Amanda Sanchez. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

IX. Discussion and Information

Wasco High School Teachers' Association initial contract proposal was introduced.

CSEA Chapter #166 initial contract proposal was introduced.

Correspondence from California Department of Education was shared with Board members regarding potential changes in the identification of local educational agencies for Program Improvement under the Title I Program.

The Technology Plan was introduced for the Board's review.

Independence High's School Site Council minutes were shared with the Board members.

X. Claims, Transfers and Accounts

It was moved by Braun and seconded by Sanchez to approve the claims, transfers and accounts for Batches 35, 36, 37, 39, 40, 41, 42 and Payrolls in the amount of \$899,032.77. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

XI Adjournment

It was moved by Holtermann and seconded by Sanchez to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.