

Wasco Union High School District
Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
April 14, 2005
5:30 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 5:33 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. Pat Rissi
Mrs. Lori Albrecht
Mr. Gary Cheatwood

Classified Management Present

Mr. John Butler

Mr. Joe Salazar

Secretary Present

Mrs. Jan Wright

Visitors

Mr. Rob Cobb, Cortney Coleman, Ms. Guadalupe Cortez, Mr. Gary Garcia, Mr. Anthony Leonis, Mrs. MaryAnn Lucas, Alyssa Lujan, Mrs. Lynette Nahigian, Phillip Ortiz, Sulema Pimentel, Mrs. Wendy Terrazas, Erica Ward

Flag Salute

The flag was saluted.

II. Adopt Agenda

It was moved by Holtermann and seconded by Braun to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

III. Executive Session

The meeting convened in executive session at 5:34 p.m.

Regular Session

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

Announcement of Executive Session Actions

No action was taken.

IV. Reading and Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Braun and seconded by Sanchez to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 10, 2005 as corrected. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

V. Public Comments

Public Hearing on WUHS Teachers' Association Initial Contract Proposal

A public hearing was convened to address comments from the public on WUHS Teachers' Association initial proposal to the district. There were no comments from the public and the hearing was closed.

Public Hearing on WUHS CSEA Chapter 166 Initial Contract Proposal

A public hearing was convened to address comments from the public on WUHS CSEA Chapter #166 initial proposal to the district. There were no comments from the public and the hearing was closed.

Mr. Garcia reported on the many trips and activities the Ag Department has participated in recently.

Mrs. Lucas stated she was looking forward to a meeting with Mrs. McCray to discuss the possibility of adding more classified staff for next school year.

Phillip Ortiz addressed the Board with regards to the dirty tables in the patio area. He had expressed his concerns earlier to Mrs. McCray and thanked her for listening. The tables are clean now, but the students are concerned that the tables will not be kept clean. The campus does look better with all the food kept in the cafeteria/patio area. The students do need a clean environment to eat in.

Mr. Cheatwood reported he had accompanied the ASB officers, cheerleaders, staff from the Ag Department and counselors to Maple School last week for a recruitment visit and it went very well.

Cortney Coleman, representing the student body, expressed their concerns over what he called "the food lock-down." They feel the rule that has been made is unreasonable and is not in the W Book. Students are not allowed out of the cafeteria/patio area with food or drink. The cafeteria and patio areas are not large enough to accommodate all the students. They do agree that something needs to be done about the trash on campus, but they feel the food lock-down has taken it to the extreme. They would like to have a trial period and feel students will be more respectable now knowing what harsh rules can be imposed.

After much discussion, it was suggested that if the students were not happy with the rule they should meet with Mrs. Rissi. If they were not happy with the outcome, they could then meet with Mr. Greenfield and then with Mrs. McCray if it was necessary.

VI. District's Response to WUHS Teachers' Association Initial Contract Proposal

Because of Mr. Albertson's absence, Mrs. McCray will present the District's 2005-06 Reopener Proposal to him on Friday morning.

VII. District's Response to WUHS CSEA Chapter 166 Initial Contract Proposal

Mrs. McCray presented the District's 2005-06 Reopener Proposal to Mrs. Lucas.

VIII. Items from Board Members

Mr. Holtermann, reporting for NKVTC, stated the long-term substitute hired for Mr. Kasiner is working out well. He invited Mrs. McCray and the Board members to the Olympics on Friday at Delano. He commended the high school staff, administration, students and especially Mrs. Rissi on a job well done for the lock-down a couple of weeks ago.

Mr. Schulte thanked Mrs. McCray and all the staff responsible for getting the stop sign installed at Palm Avenue and 5th Street. He also commended the staff, administration and students on the exceptionally well run lock-down.

IX. Reports

Mrs. McCray commended everybody for their actions on the lock-down. The disaster plan definitely worked.

Pat Rissi presented Mrs. Terrazas and Ms. Cortez with certificates of appreciation for their participation in a project to aid two children in receiving electric wheelchairs, hearing aids and physical therapy. Also receiving certificates, but unable to attend the meeting was: Mrs. Laretta Castillo, Mrs. Christina Navarro, Ms. Irma Prado,

Mrs. McCray reported the enrollment is 1209 at Wasco High, 140 at continuation, 45 in opportunity class, and 86 in independent study for a total of 1480 students. Responding to Mr. Braun's question from last month's meeting, we checked with Nicole Parra's office and there were 50-60 participants in the Cal Grants workshop. She reported she had received an email complementing our FFA students on the care of their livestock projects and their pens at the agriculture farm. She stated there were approximately 120 hours spent on gathering the information County Office required for the Williams Settlement. They will visit our school unannounced before school is out and then every year thereafter during the first four weeks of school. She reported to the Board on a transportation report detailing the following information based on 2003-04 data:

Wasco Union High School District

- 6 buses are used daily
- 295.8 students (average) are transported daily one way
- We transported 168 high school students and 128 elementary students
- \$839.945 is the cost per student
- \$33,667 is reimbursed back to the district
- \$248,455 was the transportation cost to the district
- \$166,507 was the allocation received by the district
- \$81,949 was the encroachment to the General Fund
- On a minimum day for which we transport only our students, we use 4 buses and 2 vans

Wasco Union School District

- 9 buses are used daily
- 986.8 students (average) are transported daily one way
- They transported 954 elementary students and 32 high school students
- On a minimum day for which they transport only their students, they use 11-12 buses

Proposed changes to the W Book were introduced for the Board's review.

A course of study for an Expository Reading and Writing class was introduced for the Board's review.

A course of study for a Life and Career Skills I and II class was introduced for the Board's review.

A course of study for an Advanced ELD class was introduced for the Board's review.

Correspondence from Paramount Farms informing the district that senior Jessica Valencia has been selected to receive a 2-year scholarship at \$1250 per year was shared with the Board.

Correspondence from Association of California School Administrators informing the district that senior Maira Martinez has been selected to receive a \$100 scholarship was shared with the Board.

Correspondence from the Kern County Grand Jury regarding Trustee compensation was shared with the Board. Mr. Schulte directed the Superintendent to draft a letter of response to the Grand Jury stating the Board appreciates their interest in the roles school trustees serve as advocates for Kern County children. The Board has decided to continue with the current member compensation.

XII. Claims, Transfers and Accounts

It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Braun to approve the claims, transfers and accounts for Batches 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49 and Payrolls in the amount of \$833,668.15. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

XIII 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 8:43 p.m.