

Wasco Union High School District  
Board of Trustees  
Regular Board Meeting  
December 8, 2005  
5:00 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 5:02 p.m. in the Boardroom by President Tom Schulte.

Board Members Present

Mr. Tom Schulte, President	Mr. Tim Holtermann
Mr. Barry Braun, Clerk	Mr. Ernie Sanchez
Mr. Craig Fulwyler	

Administrators Present

Mrs. Elizabeth McCray	Mrs. Pat Rissi
Mr. Joseph Elwood	Mrs. Lori Albrecht

Classified Management Present

Mrs. Susan Cheatwood	Mr. Joe Salazar
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Secretary Present

Mrs. Jan Wright

Visitors

Mrs. Anna Balentine, Mr. Russell Cherry, Mr. Tom Clowers, Mrs. Merrilee Desatoff, Mr. Walt Desatoff, Mrs. Sandra Fisher, Mr. Tom Frantz, Mr. Joe Hively, Mrs. Violeta Okolonwamu, Mrs. Denise Ortiz, Mr. Jose Torres

Flag Salute

The flag was saluted.

II. Adopt Agenda

It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Holtermann to adopt the amended agenda with the addition of Item IX-14. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

III. Executive Session

The meeting convened in executive session at 5:03 p.m.

Regular Session

The meeting reconvened in regular session at 7:17 p.m.

Announcement of Executive Session Actions

Mr. Schulte reported the Board had taken action in the expulsion hearings of students Case No. 0506-3 and Case No. 0506-4. The decision is based on the evidence and is in the best interest of the students and staff of Wasco Union High School District. The students are expelled from the district until the end of the second semester. The students are to enroll and complete remainder of the school year in a community school in either Delano or Bakersfield. The students will be allowed to re-enroll in the Wasco Union

High School District in the fall of 2006 upon the completion of the previous mentioned criteria.

IV. Reading and Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Holtermann and seconded by Sanchez to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 9, 2005. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

V. Conduct Annual Organizational Meeting with Elections of Board Officers

Mr. Schulte turned the meeting over to Mrs. McCray who asked for nominations for Board President. It was moved by Holtermann and seconded by Fulwyler to nominate Barry Braun for the office of President. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

Mrs. McCray asked for nominations for Clerk of the Board. It was moved by Holtermann and seconded by Schulte to nominate Craig Fulwyler for the office of Clerk. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Schulte and seconded by Holtermann to nominate Barry Braun as the Trustee Representative. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Holtermann and seconded by Schulte to designate Superintendent Elizabeth McCray as the Authorized Representative. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Holtermann and seconded by Schulte to designate the Board meetings to begin at 6:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month. Because of Easter vacation, the meeting in April will be on the 6<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

Mrs. McCray thanked all the Board members for the hard work they do. She presented a plaque to Mr. Braun in appreciation of his service as Clerk of the Board.

Mrs. McCray presented a plaque to Mr. Schulte in appreciation of his service as President of the Board.

The meeting was turned over to Board President Barry Braun. Mr. Braun thanked the Board for their support and vote of confidence.

VI. Public Comments

Mrs. Desatoff announced there was a FFA public speaking contest tonight in the auditorium and invited everyone to attend if the meeting was over in time. The speeches and the evaluation of the speeches was a collaborative effort between the Ag and English departments in which they worked on research and writing skills that went along with their speech.

Mr. Hively, reporting for CTA, stated we were at impasse. The mediation meeting is scheduled for January. He invited the Board, or at least two members to represent the governing board, to be a part of the impasse process and hopefully resolve this issue.

Mr. Cherry addressed the Board on the instructional video the math department has recommended for Board approval.

Mrs. Fisher reported Alvaro Nunez, a Wasco High graduate, is involved in the alumni program at Cal Poly and will be coming back to talk to students on the benefits of doing

well in high school in order to prepare yourself for college. Also, the UC Merced counselor will soon be working here one day a week to help students register for colleges. UC Merced will be covering the cost of a future field trip for seniors to UC Santa Barbara and the Parent Empowerment program with UC Merced is under way and going well.

Mr. Cherry asked if we would have additional classrooms in for next year or would teachers be sharing classrooms.

Mrs. McCray replied the plans are at the Department of School Architect's office and are scheduled to be read by December 12. They have already looked at the fire, life and safety parts of the plan and reported back to the architect and the modular manufacturer on things that need to be done. She wishes she could say there would be a wing of classes in by next fall, but she can't say that right now.

Mr. Torres asked what the teachers in the Industrial Arts building should expect when they start working on the building. Will they be moved to new classrooms? Because if that should happen, the art department will have special needs that need to be addressed.

Mrs. McCray said the IA building would be the first building in the modernization phase of the master plan. But with the state department's lack of funds for modernization it is difficult to say what will happen. Because of the eligibility factor for new construction, it is suggested to do new construction first before we do any modernization.

#### VII. Items from Board Members

Mr. Holtermann reported the house from the construction class at NKVTC was moved to the owner's property on Cypress Avenue. The class will fence off the area west of KCSOS special education classrooms tomorrow for the start of another house project. The plan is to have the house completed by the end of the school year.

Mr. Holtermann asked Mrs. McCray if there were any developments in the theft of the Taft High football team's items.

Mrs. McCray responded that they had found some of the items that were taken and discarded around campus. The district has made a claim with SISC. The district has posted a \$250 reward for any information, and Mr. Elwood and Mr. Lonza are working on some leads.

Mr. Holtermann also stated the article in the Wasco Tribune regarding the band was an excellent article.

Mr. Sanchez congratulated Mr. Sparks and the band on their accomplishments. He wanted to encourage the other organizations to do well. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and hoped everyone enjoyed their break.

Mr. Fulwyler stated one thing he gleaned from the CSBA conference was that technology will be a big influence as time goes on as to how we teach, how we use information, etc. Schools that embrace technology have a greater success and students have higher test scores. Another seminar he attended was on what is different about schools that have higher API scores. One thing the schools did was focus on student achievement and looking at disaggregated data from various tests and keeping that out in the forefront so it

was always in everyone's mind and part of the main focus. He knows we are doing some of that; we just need to keep focusing.

Mr. Schulte said he had enjoyed the CSBA conference. He felt that compared with other schools we are fortunate and he appreciated the work everyone does. He has tried to champion the cause of green grass, but it has not come to pass. He feels we are settling for mediocrity. He is not happy with mediocrity and feels our students deserve better. We need to have a definite plan as to what we expect and the ramifications to that if it is not met.

Mr. Braun felt the CSBA workshops were beneficial. However, he would like to investigate some alternatives to CSBA, possibly California Small Schools Association. He would also like to have the possibility of a community liaison person looked into, the cost and if it would be beneficial to the district. He asked Mr. Elwood to bring the programs they are utilizing now for attendance incentives to the January meeting.

#### VIII. Reports

Mrs. McCray reported Mr. Braun, Mr. Fulwyler, Mr. Holtermann and Mr. Schulte had completed the Masters in Governance course and we have received a certificate from CSBA to display. She stated it was quite a sight to see the house moving down the street. She thanked John Steward and our students for all of their efforts.

Mr. Elwood stated he had talked to each department, and asked how they felt about giving a diploma or certificate of completion for those students who did not pass the CAHSEE. And if they did receive a certificate of completion, should they be allowed to walk in the graduation ceremony. Out of 35 responses, 33 said they felt the students should not walk in the ceremony, but agreed some recognition is necessary. Our Board policy states that the class of 2006 must pass the High School Exit Exam in order to receive a diploma. The question is will we let them walk in the graduation ceremony? Mrs. McCray said probably at the January meeting we would bring a first reading on our board policy to amend it to reflect the changes in the requirements.

Mrs. McCray reported the enrollment for the district is 1595 with 1388 at Wasco High and 207 at Independence High. At this time last year the enrollment was 1513 for the district with 1246 at Wasco High and 267 at Independence High. Last month's enrollment was 1614 for the district with 1410 at Wasco High and 204 at Independence High.

#### IX. Discussion and Action

It was moved by Holtermann and seconded by Schulte to approve the following personnel items with items b & c pending clearance of finger prints and TB tests. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

- a. Approve Mr. Arturo Navarrete as Spanish Teacher
- b. Approve Donna Derington as Campus Supervisor
- c. Approve Substitute Campus Supervisors
  1. Anthony Torres
  2. Diane Villagran
- d. Approve Athletic Assistant Coaches and Student Scorers
  1. Approve assistant football coach, Anthony Gonzalez to be paid a \$500 stipend in addition to the previously approved 25% of an assistant's salary. The \$500 is to be taken from John Sutton's salary as per John Sutton

2. Approve Fernando Alaniz as volunteer, walk-on assistant coach for boys' basketball
3. Approve Christina Arroyo as volunteer, walk-on assistant girls' soccer coach
4. Approve Michelle Streiff, Amanda Visser and Russell Goolsby as student scorers for basketball

It was moved by Holtermann and seconded by Schulte to approve the purchase of 77 acres from Weeks Wholesale Rose Growers, Inc., APN 071-060-01 and APN 071-060-02. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Fulwyler to approve the First Period Interim Budget Report. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Schulte and seconded by Sanchez to approve Resolution No. 0506-5 Impoundment of Local Tax Revenues to Anticipate Pending Claims and/or Litigation. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Holtermann to approve Board Policy 6173 Education for Homeless Children. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Schulte and seconded by Sanchez to approve the deferred maintenance Five Year Plan. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Fulwyler to approve the Carl D. Perkins Vocational Education Grant application. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Holtermann and seconded by Sanchez to approve the bid of \$58,859 from HCI, Inc. for the Fiber Optic Pathway Project. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Holtermann and seconded by Schulte to approve the instructional materials for the math department. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Schulte and seconded by Sanchez to approve the instructional materials for the library media center. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Fulwyler and seconded by Schulte to approve the donations received by boys' and girls' basketball with letters of appreciation to be sent by the recipients. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Schulte and seconded by Sanchez to approve the field trip requests submitted by the Art Club to San Simeon on January 19, 2006, and the Migrant Department to Cal State University Fresno on January 14, 2006. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

There was no action taken on the nomination for CSBA Assembly Delegate.

It was moved by Holtermann and seconded by Schulte to approve participation in E-Rate for year 2006-07. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

X. Discussion and Information

Course outlines for Orientation and Behavior Intervention were introduced for the Board's review.

Correspondence from Kern County Superintendent of Schools congratulating the high school on achieving all Academic Performance Indicator growth targets for the 2004-05 school year was shared with the Board.

Correspondence from Kern County Superintendent of Schools was shared with the Board commending the district for meeting the compliance requirements of the Williams Settlement site visit. They were able to certify that Wasco High School met the necessary criteria for sufficient instructional materials, facilities standards of good repair, and the contents of the School Accountability Report Card.

XI. Claims, Transfers and Accounts

It was moved by Braun and seconded by Fulwyler to approve the claims, transfers and accounts for Batches 25, 26, 27, 28 and Payrolls in the amount of \$873,926.47. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

XII Adjournment

It was moved by Schulte and seconded by Fulwyler to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.