

Wasco Union High School District
Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
February 9, 2006
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 5:00 p.m. in the Boardroom by President Barry Braun.

Board Members Present

Mr. Barry Braun, President
Mr. Craig Fulwyler, Clerk
Mr. Tim Holtermann

Mr. Ernie Sanchez
Mr. Tom Schulte

Administrators Present

Mrs. Elizabeth McCray
Mr. Joseph Elwood
Mr. Martin Lonza

Mrs. Pat Rissi
Mrs. Lori Albrecht
Mr. Gary Cheatwood

Classified Management Present

Mr. Joe Salazar

Secretary Present

Mrs. Jan Wright

Visitors

Mr. David Abernathy, Mr. John Albertson, Mrs. Anna Balentine, Mrs. Michele Brand, Yesenia Campos, Mr. Tim Chernabaeff, Mrs. Merrilee Desatoff, Mr. Walt Desatoff, Paul Fulwyler, Monica Loera, Eric Lowe, Mr. David Lucas, Mrs. MaryAnn Lucas, Mrs. Gloria Medina, Mr. Alex Morales, Mrs. Violeta Okolonwamu, Mrs. Beatrice Ramirez, Claudia Ramirez, Mr. Clark Skinner, Jessica Skinner, Michelle Streiff, Mr. Jose Torres, Mrs. Jackie Villa, Aaron Wheeler, Mr. Richard White

Flag Salute

The flag was saluted.

II. Adopt Agenda

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

III. Executive Session

The meeting convened in executive session at 5:02 p.m.

Regular Session

The meeting reconvened in regular session at 7:20 p.m.

Announcement of Executive Session Actions

Mr. Braun reported the Board would reconvene in closed session at the end of the meeting to work on the Superintendent's evaluation.

Mr. Braun reported the Board has taken action in the expulsion hearing of student Case No. 0506-5. 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 student is expelled from the district until the beginning of the 2006-07 second semester. The student is to enroll in a community school in either Delano or Bakersfield and also seek counseling. The student will be allowed to re-enroll in the Wasco Union High School District in the spring semester of 2007 upon the completion of the previous mentioned criteria.

IV. Reading and Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Holtermann and seconded by Fulwyler to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 12, 2006. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

V. Public Comments

Mrs. Lucas introduced the following new elected CSEA officers for 2006-07: Beatrice Ramirez, President, Carla Dominguez, Vice President, Gloria Medina, Secretary, Jackie Villa, Treasurer. Mrs. Lucas will be the Job Steward. She stated CSEA hoped to have a proposal to the Board for the 2006-07 negotiations at the March meeting.

Mr. Abernathy reported the Breakfast Bunch had seventeen students attend along with their teachers. He thanked Mr. Braun and Mr. Elwood for attending and said everything went great.

Mrs. Desatoff expressed appreciation for the support in the effort to get the Breakfast Bunch going. For her promotion of academic success she and Mrs. Alaniz held a pizza and ice cream party for the five students who passed the exit exam. She thanked Mr. Braun and Mr. Holtermann for attending and thanked Mrs. McCray for the letter she wrote to the students. It meant a great deal to the students. She reported she had proctored the English portion of the exit exam this week and the seniors in her class took the exam very seriously. They are anxiously awaiting the results. She stated March 2 will be national "Read Across America Day". The English Department is trying to put together some activities for promotion of literacy for the school and community.

Mrs. Brand, assistant Academic Decathlon coach, wanted to honor the individual students for their outstanding work: Leo Rios received a 1st in literature, a 2nd in super quiz, a 3rd in math, a 4th in economics, a 7th in essay, a 7th in speech and a 6th overall; Lucy Martinez earned a 3rd in science and a 7th in literature; Jonathan Bradley earned a 7th in science and a 7th in math; Kelly Christian earned a 6th in literature and a 6th in math; Robert Holtermann earned a 7th in economics; Dina Hoisington earned a 6th in math. She said considering there were 51 students participating, our students did extremely well. She thanked the Board and Mrs. McCray for their support of the Academic Decathlon team.

Mr. Cheatwood wanted to publicly thank the following staff members for chaperoning the Snowball at the Bakersfield Women's Club: Michele Brand, Julie Hargrove, Jennifer Hernandez, David Lucas, Greg MacLean, Bea Ramirez, Mickie Wedel and Linda Whitfield.

VI. Items from Board Members

Mr. Fulwyler said he was told the Wasco group was one of the best groups that used the Bakersfield Women's Club. In fact there are only a couple of schools they allow to use their facility. He is very proud of Wasco High students.

Mr. Holtermann said NKVTC started a Microsoft Word class last Thursday with Mrs. Dever as the instructor. He thanked Mrs. Desatoff for the invitation to the exit exam party. He thanked Mrs. Brand and Mrs. Sears for their hard work and putting in personal time to coach the Academic Decathlon team. He wanted to give credit to Leo Rios for receiving a gold and bronze medal and Lucy Martinez for receiving a bronze medal. He was asked by a parent about students receiving homework over Christmas break. The parent felt there shouldn't be homework since grades are turned in on Friday before vacation starts and second semester doesn't start until school starts again in January. Do we have a policy on this?

Mrs. McCray said it is up to the discretion of the teacher and is outlined at the beginning of the classes. As an example, in the music department, Mr. Sparks expects the students to practice over the vacation. In other departments they may wish to get a head start on the new semester.

Mr. Elwood stated he has talked to the parent and the problem has been addressed.

Mr. Braun said he was proud of the accomplishments of the Academic Decathlon team.

VII. Reports

Eric Lowe reported the Snowball went very well. Michelle Streiff was crowned queen and Alex Ortiz was crowned king. He stated last Wednesday some students staged a walkout in support of the teachers which he felt was ironic since the students were upset earlier in the year because the teachers would not help with homecoming activities. He said Wasco High has been invited to the International Economic Summit state finals in Boise, Idaho on May 9. Wasco High will be hosting Relay for Life on April 29 and 30 on the football field. Some of the high school clubs will be participating in the fund raising event. Also, ASB is planning a talent show/air band on March 23.

Mr. Cobb gave a presentation on the graduation data for the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE). Wasco High has 279 seniors with 211 of them on track to graduate. Twenty students have met all requirements except passing the CAHSEE and 48 students are behind in credits and/or have not passed both parts of the CAHSEE. Independence High has 40 seniors with 7 on track to graduate. Four students have met all requirements except passing the CAHSEE and 29 students are behind in credits and/or have not passed both parts of the CAHSEE.

Mrs. McCray commended the staff for the great job they are doing in getting the students ready for the high school exit exam and our students for passing the exam. She reported the enrollment at this time last year was 1506 in the district with 1275 at Wasco High and 231 at Independence High. Last month the enrollment was 1592 in the district with 1344 at Wasco High and 228 at Independence High. This month the enrollment is 1573 in the district with 1370 at Wasco High and 203 at Independence High. She congratulated the Academic Decathlon team for their accomplishments, and said it was great to see the students participating in the Breakfast Bunch. She said we now have the architect's drawing of the football field and track realignment which includes the 9-lane and metered track with a walkway around it. There is a drawing in her office and Mr. Elwood's office and folks may stop by and take a look at it. The Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet was held last weekend and she was honored to present the Student of the Year award to Paul Fulwyler. She announced the district has been honored by the Association of California School Administrators with two administrator of the year awards. Mr. Martin Lonza was named Continuation Education Administrator of the Year and Mr. Joe Salazar

was named the Classified Administrator of the Year. Also, Mr. Gary Cheatwood was named the Central Section Athletic Director of the Year by the California State Athletic Directors' Association. She is very proud of all their accomplishments. As an update on construction she said our plans are out of the Department of State Architect and back with our architect and the modular manufacturer. She hopes to go out to bid on March 1, open the bids by March 22, award the bid and have a contract by March 30, give a notice to proceed by April 17 and begin construction on the first wing of classrooms by April 21. This means it will not be completed by fall 2006, but hopefully the project will be completed by Christmas 2007.

VIII. Discussion and Action

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

- a. Accept Letter of Resignation from Todd Best, Special Education Teacher
- b. Accept Letter of Retirement from Theodis Nelson, Custodian/Bus Driver
- c. Approve Mr. Raul Rangel as Athletic/Activities Director
- d. Approve Katie Moreno Special Education Department Chair
- e. Approve Summer School Principals
 1. Martin Lonza, Summer School
 2. Pat Rissi, Migrant Summer School
- f. Approve Debra Moore, Walk-on Volunteer for Band
- g. Approve Athletic Coaches

Baseball

1. David Lucas, Assistant Baseball Coach, Paid
2. Shane Beach and Anthony Saldana, Assistant Coaches, Walk-on Volunteers

Tennis

3. Charles Guyton and Fred West, Assistant Coaches, Walk-on Volunteers

Softball

4. Christina Nance, Assistant Softball Coach, Paid
5. Gilbert Garland, Assistant Coach, Walk-on to be paid \$1,000 of Head Coach DyAnn Herrera's salary as per Coach Herrera

Swimming

6. Brian Bell and Russell Cherry, Assistant Coaches, Volunteers

Golf

7. Paul Ante, David Gaeta and Gary Cheatwood, Assistant Coaches, Volunteers

Track

8. Joe Blanchard, Assistant Coach, Paid
9. Jennifer Hernandez, Assistant Coach, Volunteer

Fall Coaches for 2006-07 School Year

10. Leonard Ortiz, Head Football Coach
 11. Millie Pettibone, Head Volleyball Coach
 12. Joe Hively, Head Girl's Tennis Coach
 13. Craig Williams, Head Cross-country Coach
- h. Approve Variable Term Waiver for Blanca Soto-Ortiz, Mathematics Teacher

It was moved by Schulte and seconded by Fulwyler to approve the classified job description of Activities Coordinator for the 2006-07 school year. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Fulwyler and seconded by Sanchez to accept the Audit Report for 2004-05 as presented with no findings noted. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Schulte and seconded by Sanchez to approve the following textbook for Freshmen Requirements I. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

Responsible Driving, Glencoe/McGraw-Hill Publisher, 2006, \$47.49/book

It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Schulte to approve the donations submitted to Band and Swim Club 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 Holtermann to approve the field trip requests submitted by the Art Department to San Francisco April 21-23, the Golf Club to Victorville February 26-27, the Math Department to Magic Mountain March 18, and the Social Science Department to San Francisco State University to participate in the International Economic Summit on April 5-6. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Fulwyler and seconded by Sanchez to approve the interdistrict transfer requests submitted by the parents of Paulette and Angel Castro, Sarah Mebane, Ricardo Echevarria, Maria and Ventura Gonzalez, and Brenda Mendoza. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Schulte to approve the out of state conference request submitted by Mr. Robert Cobb to Atlanta, Georgia to attend the National AP Equity Colloquium sponsored by the College Board on March 2-5, 2006. Paramount Farms will be responsible for all of his expenses. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Schulte and seconded by Fulwyler to approve Resolution No. 0506-7 Conveyance of Interest in Real Property. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Fulwyler to approve the contract with Professional Tutors of America for supplemental education services. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Holtermann and seconded by Fulwyler to approve the MAA Claiming Agreement with Kern County Superintendent of Schools. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Fulwyler to designate February 23rd for a special Board meeting with a starting time of 5:00 p.m. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Fulwyler to approve the out of state conference request submitted by Mr. Gary Cheatwood to attend the California State Athletic Director's Association conference in Reno, Nevada on April 27-30, 2006. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

IX. Discussion and Information

Minutes from Independence High School's Site Council were shared with the Board. Correspondence from School Services of California, Inc. regarding special education proposed legislation was shared with the Board.

X. Claims, Transfers and Accounts

It was moved by Fulwyler and seconded by Sanchez to approve the claims, transfers and accounts for Batches 35, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42 and Payrolls in the amount of \$858,323.72. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

XI Executive Session (cont'd)

The meeting reconvened in executive session at 9:00 p.m.

XII. Regular Session

The meeting reconvened in regular session at 9:50 p.m.

Announcement of Executive Session Actions

Mr. Braun reported the Board was pleased to announce they completed the Superintendent's evaluation in which she met all expectations.

XIII. Adjournment

It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Schulte to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0. Meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.