

Wasco Union High School District  
Board of Trustees  
Regular Board Meeting  
April 6, 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

Classified Management Present

Mr. Joe Salazar

Secretary Present

Mrs. Jan Wright

Visitors

Mr. Tim Chernabaeff, Mr. Charles Craig, Mrs. Merrilee Desatoff, Mr. Walt Desatoff, Eric Lowe, Mrs. Violeta Okolonwamu

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-1(j) and VIII-11 and Item VIII-4 was removed from the agenda. 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 7:13 p.m.

Announcement of Executive Session Actions

Mr. Braun reported the Board has taken action in the expulsion hearing of student Case No. 0506-6. The decision is based on the evidence and the student's admission 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 end of the 2006-07 first semester. The student is to enroll and complete the remainder of the school year in a community school in either Delano or Bakersfield. 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.

Mr. Braun stated the Board has ratified the paid administrative leave for an administrative employee.

Mr. Braun stated the Board has accepted the 2006-07 Contract Re-opener Proposal from Wasco Union High School CSEA Chapter #166. This proposal will be available for public review in the District Office. Further, the Board has directed the Superintendent to proceed with negotiations as soon as possible.

IV. Reading and Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Fulwyler and seconded by Sanchez to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 9, 2006. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

V. Public Comments

Mrs. Desatoff stated she would be assigning homework over the spring break for her AP class because of lack of instructional time with the testing schedules. She also expressed her concerns with the WASC report saying the report lists the same issues as in the past yet we don't seem to address them.

Mr. Chernabaeff said if we had an all weather track that possibly the gym would not have as much dirt tracked in from the outside.

VI. Items from Board Members

Mr. Sanchez asked if there was any way possible we could help the home economics class get their safe serve certificates.

Mr. Fulwyler commended the administration and staff on working together to protect students and staff during the Shafter High students demonstration march that happened last Friday. He was very impressed with the way it was handled.

Mr. Schulte commented on the City of Wasco's lack of infrastructure that will impede the progress of our addition of three classroom wings, and could prevent the addition of a new gymnasium and cafeteria.

Mrs. McCray stated she was informed that there could not be any water runoff coming from our new construction into the existing city storm sewer. We will have to put in a water retention sump somewhere on our property. This could possibly mean an additional \$1,000,000.

Mr. Holtermann reported the Kern County Vocational Olympics would be held on Friday at Kern High Adult School. Wasco High School will have approximately thirty students participating. He commended the staff and students on the handling of the lock down situation. He asked Mrs. McCray to discuss the WASC recommendations during her report.

Mrs. McCray replied she had asked Mr. Elwood to give an update on the visit, the findings and the direction we will be taking.

Mr. Braun commended Mrs. McCray and Mr. Elwood for their stance for the march on Friday. He thanked the teachers for keeping the students in the classroom, and he thanked the students for their behavior.

## VII. Reports

Eric Lowe reported the prom scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup> has been cancelled. Spring week activities will take place the first week back from spring break. ASB elections will be held the first of May.

Mrs. McCray deferred to Mr. Elwood to talk about the WASC visit, the recommendations and what the direction will be.

Mr. Elwood stated they were no surprises with the visit. The report was so specific because we had a team do a self study and we told them specifically what we were doing wrong. The report addressed four major areas we need to look at:

1. *Work on a professional development program.* When teachers attend seminars, they should share the information school-wide not just with their departments. Also, develop a procedure to measure the impact of these trainings on student achievement.
2. *The collection and use of data to drive instruction.* This has to do with benchmarks. We are looking at a product by College Board called Springboard software program that has assessment and evaluation ability.
3. *Update our School-wide Action Plan.* We have accomplished a lot of the items listed and now we need to update with future goals.
4. *Articulation with feeder schools.* Mr. Elwood stated he will be meeting with the principals of the feeder schools.

Mr. Elwood thanked the Leadership Team and staff for their work and input for the review and stated he would go to work on the recommendations.

Mr. Holtermann requested that Mr. Elwood give an update in the fall on the progress that has been made on the recommendations.

Mrs. McCray responded to Mr. Sanchez' question regarding the safe serve certificates for the home economics students. Usually the teacher writes a grant to Paramount and she did that again this year, but this time she was unsuccessful. There are other options available to be able to support this program, through VEA/Carl Perkins grant. Sadly she chose not to participate in that. This would have provided the money to fund the certification. There was also the department budget that could have been used, but wasn't. We can look at that next year to include it with vocational education program through VEA. Mrs. McCray commended Mr. Elwood for sending out an email to the staff on Friday morning thanking them for everything they did during the lock down. She also commended the staff and students for their understanding and cooperation during the lock down. She reported we received notification from Paramount that four Wasco High students have been selected to receive scholarships and each student named a teacher that was most influential to them. The College Bound Scholarship Banquet will be held Friday, April 28 at the Doubletree in Bakersfield. They are:

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| Marisol Barba   | Matthew Steward |
| Carlos Barraza  | David Abernathy |
| Maria Hernandez | Balbina Sanchez |

The Community Scholarship Banquet will be held Friday, May 5 at the Holiday Inn in Bakersfield. Attending will be:

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| Leonardo Rios | Carmelina Sears |
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Janet Lopez

Juanita Rodriguez

It was moved by Fulwyler and seconded by Holtermann to approve the following field trip requests submitted by the Counseling and Social Science Departments. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

Counseling Department: (UC Merced will be covering the costs of the trips)

Cal State Fresno, Tuesday, April 18, 2006

UC Merced in May, 2006 (the specific day will be determined at a later date)

Social Science Department

Ronald Reagan Library and Museum, Simi Valley, Friday, April 28, 2006

It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Schulte to approve the donations to ASB, Band, Focus Club, International Economic Summit 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 Holtermann and seconded by Sanchez to approve the facilities requests submitted by Cub Scout Pack 950 and Mr. Charles Craig. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Schulte and seconded by Fulwyler to approve the interdistrict transfer requests submitted by the parents of Ramiro Soto and Megan Mazingo for the 2006-07 school year. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Holtermann and seconded by Sanchez to approve the submission of the quarterly report for Williams Uniform Complaints with no formal complaints filed. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

IX. Discussion and Information

A letter of congratulations was shared with the Board from California Department of Education for Wasco High School making their 2004-05 growth targets and exiting II/USP accountability.

Correspondence from Kern County Superintendent of Schools stating the district had the appropriate reserve for economic uncertainties and would be able to meet the terms of the 2005-07 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the WUHS Teachers' Association.

A thank you note from ELD students to the Board and Mr. Elwood for their support of the ELD program and attending their pizza party was shared with the Board.

X. Claims, Transfers and Accounts

It was moved by Fulwyler and seconded by Schulte to approve the claims, transfers and accounts for Batches 50, 51, 52, 53, and Payrolls in the amount of \$1,127,500.80. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

Mr. Braun called a recess at 8:10 p.m.

XI. Executive Session (cont'd)

The meeting reconvened in executive session at 8:15 p.m.

XII. Regular Session

The meeting reconvened in regular session at 8:50 p.m.

XIII. Adjournment

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