

Wasco Union High School District
Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
December 14, 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

Newly Elected Board Members

Mr. Jesse Acebedo

Mr. Wayne Wallace

Administrators Present

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

Mrs. Pat Rissi
Mrs. Lori Albrecht

Classified Management Present

Mrs. Susan Cheatwood

Mr. Joe Salazar

Secretary Present

Mrs. Jan Wright

Visitors

Mr. John Albertson, Mrs. Michele Brand, Mrs. Merrilee Desatoff, Mr. Walt Desatoff, Valerie Gomez, Mr. Rafael Gonzalez, Leslie Sanchez, Mrs. Patty Sanchez, Mr. & Mrs. Cristobal Rios, Erica Rios, Isabel Rios, Mr. Jose Rios, Mrs. Frances Zuniga, Mr. Ralph Zuniga

Flag Salute

The flag was saluted.

II. Adopt Agenda

It was moved by Holtermann and seconded by Fulwyler to adopt the amended agenda with the deletion of items IX-7 and IX-8. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 1.

III. Executive Session

The meeting convened in executive session at 5:01 p.m.

Mr. Schulte arrived at 5:07 p.m.

Regular Session

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

Announcement of Executive Session Actions

Mr. Braun announced the Board has taken action to expel and suspend the expulsion of student Case Number 0607-1. Student will be placed on a behavior contract drafted by Mr. Lonza and Mr. Elwood, and must meet, at least initially, with our at-risk counsel or the District will advise him of available counseling agencies. The student will attend school at Independence High School for the remainder of the 2006-07 school year. The student will attend and complete all work in the alternative education program. The student will stay away from all district school sites, except to attend the alternative education program. The student will obey all district and school rules, regulations and directives of school officials. The student may be allowed to re-enroll in Wasco High School in the fall of 2007 upon the completion of the previous mentioned criteria. The suspension of enforcement may be revoked by the governing board if the pupil commits any of the acts enumerated in Section 48900 or violates any district rules and regulations governing pupil conduct. Upon revocation of the suspension of enforcement, the pupil will be expelled from the district.

Presentation of Board Resolution to Retiring Employee

Mr. Sanchez presented Mrs. Frances Zuniga with a board resolution recognizing her for twenty-nine years of service to the district.

IV. Reading and Approval of Minutes

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

V. Conduct Annual Organizational Meeting with Elections of Board Officers

Mr. Braun turned the meeting over to Mrs. McCray who presented plaques to Mr. Sanchez and Mr. Schulte for their dedicated service as board members the last four years.

Mrs. McCray also presented a green T-shirt to Mr. Schulte from athletics, activities, superintendent, administration, staff, students and grounds to remind him that the Wasco High football field will be green.

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

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

Mr. Schulte thanked everyone and stated the past four years had been nice.

Mr. Sanchez thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve on the board.

Mrs. McCray administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Acebedo, Mr. Holtermann and Mr. Wallace.

Mrs. McCray asked for nominations for Board President. It was moved by Braun and seconded by Wallace to nominate Craig Fulwyler for Board President and Tim Holtermann for Board Clerk. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

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

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

It was moved by Braun and seconded by Wallace to designate the Board meetings to begin at 6:00 p.m. for closed session and 7:00 p.m. for regular session on the second Thursday of the month. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

The meeting was turned over to President Craig Fulwyler.

VI. Public Comments

Mr. Albertson congratulated the new board members. He asked why students were not expelled after an incident involving a toy gun on campus.

Mr. Elwood replied in lieu of expulsion, the students were sent to Independence High School. The students did not have a history of discipline problems before, and the administration felt this was the wisest thing to do as they were not a risk to staff or students.

VII. Items from Board Members

Mr. Holtermann congratulated Mr. Acebedo and Mr. Wallace. He also wanted to acknowledge the administration on a compliment he had received for parents being notified of the different programs and scholarships.

Mr. Holtermann asked Mr. Elwood and Mrs. McCray if either one had been approached prior to the meeting regarding Mr. Albertson's question. When they both answered no, he stated he thought that was the process before it came to the board.

Mr. Fulwyler stated he attended the planning meeting for the Kern County School Boards Association and there will be a meeting on January 18th at Hodels. There will be a new board member training before the dinner meeting. It was announced at the meeting that COLA was going to be down to 3.8% this next year. CSBA is looking for someone from Kern County to replace representative Bill Farris on the board.

VIII. Reports

Valerie Gomez reported the fall awards ceremony on November 16th was held in the auditorium instead of the cafeteria. They wanted the ceremony to be more formal than it has been in the past. Reporting on the November 17th powderpuff game, she stated the junior and senior classes each received \$1559.35 from the admission and concession receipts. The Snowball theme this year will be "Egyptian Palace" and will be held on February 3rd at the Bakersfield Woman's Club.

Mr. Holtermann reported NKVTC held their organizational meeting last night. Mr. Montgomery was elected president and new members from Delano and McFarland were introduced. Since the house construction project has been so successful for Wasco, Delano has decided to offer the program and build a house on their site. He said it has been suggested that Mr. Garcia and Mr. Steward meet and Mr. Garcia's welding class possibly make the gates for the new location of the house project. Since NKVTC cannot

make a profit on the house, Mr. Holtermann asked Mrs. McCray to research if it would be possible for ASB to buy the house, sell it and be able to keep the profit.

Erica Rios presented the PowerPoint presentation she used at the J. Paul Getty Museum to receive a scholarship from the California State Summer School for Mathematics and Science (COSMOS).

Mrs. McCray stated as per Mr. Braun's request, she has been in contact with Jon Isom from Dale Scott & Company and he will be assisting us to determine if we want to go for a bond. Mr. Isom will be at our January meeting to do a presentation of our bonding capacity and some issues that are related to that.

Mrs. McCray reported we have been having discussions in regards to driver's education, both behind the wheel and driver's training in the classroom. The classroom portion is part of our freshman requirements. There are very few high schools remaining that do any type of driver's training. It is all done outside of the school by the parents and students. She asked Mrs. Albrecht to report to the Board her findings.

Mrs. Albrecht stated she wanted to take the opportunity to open dialog and get the Board's input on dropping the driver's education component from freshman requirements beginning next year. Freshman requirements currently include the health component as well as driver's education. Several issues have prompted the investigation of dropping the driver's ed courses. One is the lack of credentialed teachers to teach the course work and behind the wheel training. Currently only two universities offer driver education programs, so it is difficult to get the credential. Using the 02-03 freshman class data only about 21% completed the entire program by their senior year allowing them to get their license. We are looking at alternative programs that might make better use of student's time. One of them is College Ed, a college and career planning program.

Mrs. McCray said they will bring a couple of different options to the January meeting for the Board to look at.

Mrs. McCray reported the district's enrollment at this time last year was 1595 with 1388 at Wasco High and 207 at Independence High. Last month the district had 1668 students with 1481 at Wasco High and 187 at Independence High. The district's enrollment this month is 1666 with 1466 at Wasco High and 200 at Independence High. She also stated they are bringing a Department of State Architect office to Bakersfield which should help get our Phase 2 plans through faster.

IX. Discussion and Action

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

- a. Accept Letter of Resignation from Linda Whitfield, Special Education Teacher, effective June 1, 2007
- b. Approve Jared Hendricks as ESL Adult Education Teacher for second semester
- c. Approve Laura Garcia-Williams as Caseload Counselor
- d. Approve Rusvel Prado as Head Football Coach for 2007-08 School Year

It was moved by Braun and seconded by Acebedo to approve the following personnel items. Motion carried. Ayes: 4; Noes: 0; Absent: 0; Abstain: 1 (Holtermann).

- e. Approve Athletic Coaches and Student Workers

1. Wrestling Coaches
 - a. George Romero, Walk-on, Paid instead of Volunteer
 - b. Alex Gallardo, Walk-on, Volunteer instead of Paid
2. Boys' Tennis Coaches
 - a. John Steward, JV Coach, Walk-on, Paid
 - b. Charles Guyton, Walk-on, Volunteer
 - c. Fred West, Walk-on, Volunteer
3. Baseball Coaches
 - a. Shane Beach, Varsity Assistant, Walk-on, Volunteer
 - b. David Lucas, JV Coach, Paid
4. Student Workers
 - a. Robert Holtermann
 - b. German Rios
 - c. Esmeralda Medina
 - d. Brenda Ortiz
 - e. Daniel Bryan
 - f. Samuel Mecham
 - g. Lucy Martinez

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

It was moved by Braun and seconded by Wallace to accept the 2005-06 Audit Report with no findings noted. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Braun and seconded by Holtermann to approve the Supplemental School Counseling Program. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Holtermann and seconded by Acebedo to approve Resolution No. 0607-5 Request Release of Impounded Monies in Settlement of Pending Litigation. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Acebedo and seconded by Holtermann to approve the Kern County Substance Abuse Prevention Education Consortium Memorandum of Understanding. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Braun and seconded by Holtermann to approve Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$32,690.00 for the construction project. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Braun and seconded by Holtermann to approve the contract with Staff Development for Educators for a staff development workshop on Saturday, January 20, 2007. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Braun and seconded by Wallace to appoint Mr. Holtermann to the North Kern Vocational Training Center's Board of Directors. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Acebedo and seconded by Holtermann to approve the donations to ASB, Band and Golf Club with letters of appreciation to be sent by the recipients. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Braun and seconded by Holtermann to approve the following field trip requests. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

Band

San Diego on Friday and Saturday, March 30 & 31, 2007

Counseling Department

Cal Poly on Thursday and Friday, February 22 & 23, 2007

Golf Team

Lompoc on Sunday and Monday, April 8 & 9, 2007

Atascadero on Monday and Tuesday, April 9 & 10

Wrestling Team

Torrance on Friday and Saturday, December 29 & 30, 2006

Morro Bay on Friday and Saturday, January 26 & 27, 2007

It was moved by Holtermann and seconded by Acebedo to approve the following parent chaperones for band trips. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

Adrian Benavides

Lorenza Benavides

Alicia Hinojosa

It was moved by Braun and seconded by Wallace to approve the interdistrict transfer requests submitted by the parents of Gildardo Hinojosa and Jesus Miranda. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

X. Discussion and Information

A thank you from Wasco City Council to Mr. Sparks and the band for performing at the recent U.S. Flag Acceptance Ceremony was shared with the Board members.

A thank you from Paramount Farming Company to Mr. Elwood and staff for the recent lunch and Springboard classroom observations was shared with the Board members.

A review of Board Policy Bylaws was shared with the Board members.

XI. Claims, Transfers and Accounts

It was moved by Holtermann and seconded by Braun to approve the claims, transfers and accounts for Batches 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36 and Payrolls in the amount of \$1,833,320.48. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

XII Adjournment

It was moved by Holtermann and seconded by Braun to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.