

Wasco Union High School District
Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
July 12, 2007
6:00 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 6:01 p.m. in the Boardroom by President Craig Fulwyler.

Board Members Present

Mr. Craig Fulwyler, President
Mr. Tim Holtermann, Clerk
Mr. Jesse Acebedo

Mr. Barry Braun
Mr. Wayne Wallace

Administrators Present

Mrs. Elizabeth McCray
Mr. Joseph Elwood

Mr. Martin Lonza
Mrs. Lori Albrecht

Classified Management Present

Mr. Joe Salazar

Secretary Present

Mrs. Jan Wright

Visitors

Mr. Jon Isom from Dale Scott and Company, Executive Vice President Mr. William Phillimore from Paramount Farming Company, Mr. John Sanford

Flag Salute

The flag was saluted.

II. Adopt Agenda

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

III. Executive Session

The meeting convened in executive session at 6:02 p.m.

Regular Session

The meeting reconvened in regular session at 7:16 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 Acebedo to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 14, 2007. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

V. Public Comments

No comments.

VI. Items from Board Members

Mr. Wallace asked Mr. Elwood about repairing the marquee. He would like to see the marquee working again.

Mr. Elwood replied the present marquee cannot be repaired. They are looking to purchase a marquee and place it in a different location in the future.

Mr. Wallace asked Mrs. McCray about having handicapped parking spaces on the street in front of the Industrial Arts building.

Mrs. McCray stated there will be an increase in handicapped parking spaces around the high school office. As far as handicapped parking spaces on the street, that could be up to the city to decide. She will check into it and see if the city would be agreeable.

Mr. Braun stated the campus is looking great. He commended the grounds crew and all the staff for their hard work.

VII. Reports

Mr. Holtermann reported NKVTC is interviewing to fill two teaching positions at this time. It has been decided the location for the construction class to build the next house project will be in the fenced-in area behind the Agriculture building. He thanked the staff and the Ag Department for their cooperation in deciding on the site.

Mrs. McCray asked Mr. Elwood to report on the exit exam incentive program.

Mr. Elwood stated on August 21st approximately 110 students will leave at 8:15 a.m. for Universal Studios. The trip is a reward for last year's sophomore students that scored 380 or better on the exit exam. The Rotary Club has contributed to help cover some of the costs of charter buses.

Mrs. McCray asked Mr. Lonza to give a construction update.

Mr. Lonza stated today was the completion date for the project. There are a few issues that have to be resolved. They are doing some retrofit on blocks and there are some issues with the pilasters and the bolting. We have received the notice of completion from the Office of Public School Construction on the modulars and we are expecting the same for the construction project. We have the last of the change orders tonight for Board approval. The extension on the bus loading zone is now completed. With the exception of a few items on the punch list, the project is completed.

Mrs. McCray remarked there are still projects happening on the campus. The portables have been painted, pigeon guards have been installed around the Ag building. The inside of the gym has been painted, the gym floor will be refinished, some ceiling tiles have been replaced in the gym and some lead abatement was done in the hallways and locker rooms. The chain link fences between the art classrooms and the library, and the library and the gym have been replaced by a wrought iron fence. Surveillance cameras are still being installed around the campus.

Mrs. McCray stated since we have two Board members that were not on the Board at the time we did the facilities needs assessment, she gave an overview of the facilities master plan and what we have accomplished in order to reach this point, and the need for a bond initiative to now be placed on the ballot.

Mr. Isom stated Mrs. McCray and the district have done a great job in contacting the key opinion makers in the area and getting their support for a bond initiative. He believes, from the polling that was done, that the community would support the initiative at the two-thirds level.

VIII. Discussion and Action

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

- a. Approve Rehire of Certificated Staff Members for 2007-08 School Year
 1. DyAnn Herrera, Continuation Teacher at Independence High School
 2. Blanca Soto-Ortiz, Continuation Teacher at Independence High School
- b. Approve substitute teachers list and Kern County Superintendent of Schools list of substitutes for 2007-08
- c. Accept Letter of Resignation from John Campbell, 3-Hour Bus Driver
- d. Approve John Houlihan, 3-Hour Part-Time Bus Driver
- e. Approve Rehire of Substitute and Part-time Bus Drivers and Custodians
 1. John Ross, 2-Hour Part-Time Bus Driver
 2. John Campbell, Substitute Bus Driver
 3. Theodis Nelson, Substitute Bus Driver
 4. Elsa Perez, Substitute Custodian
- f. Approve BTSA Support Providers
 1. Anna Balentine
 2. Mark Bell
 3. Sonya Brackley
 4. Michele Brand
 5. David Lucas
 6. Carmelina Sears
 7. Araceli Solis
- g. Approve Amendment to Superintendent's Contract

It was moved by Holtermann and seconded by Wallace to approve the SpringBoard Subscription Agreement and the Paramount Farming Company-Wasco Union High School District-McFarland Unified School District-College Board-Three Party SpringBoard Program Agreement. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Braun and seconded by Acebedo to approve the Agreement for Bond Counsel with the law firm of Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth with David G. Casnocha as the bond counsel of record. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Braun and seconded by Acebedo to approve Resolution No. 0708-1 Ordering an Election and Establishing Specifications of the Election Order. Motion carried. Ayes: 4; Noes: 1; Absent: 0. Under discussion of the motion, Mr. Holtermann provided the following statement: "My issue is not with asking the voters if they are willing to cover the expense of completing all projects at Wasco High School. My issue is making a special effort to circumvent a larger number of voters. This is an expense that the voters will have to bear for a long time and we need to ensure that the largest number of voters get to voice their opinion.

Secondly, I am not in favor of spending \$40,000 unnecessarily when the issue can be placed on the general election of 2008.” To clarify the issue, President Fulwyler said to Mr. Holtermann, “You are not in opposition to the election, just the timing?” Mr. Holtermann replied, “I am opposed to the special election. If this was a vote to put it on the ballot in November 2008, I would support it.”

It was moved by Acebedo and seconded by Braun to approve accepting a portion of Palm Avenue right-of-way from City of Wasco. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Braun and seconded by Wallace to approve Change Order No. 6 to JTS Construction Contract in the amount of \$88,985.00. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Wallace and seconded by Acebedo to approve curriculum for the Social Science Department for the following course. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

AP World History

It was moved by Wallace and seconded by Holtermann to approve the following textbooks for the Art Department. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

Art Talk, Glencoe McGraw Hill Publisher, 2005, \$63.26/book

Creating and Understanding Drawing, Glencoe McGraw Hill Publisher, 2006, \$46.09/book

It was moved by Acebedo and seconded by Braun to approve the submission of the Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints with no formal complaints received. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Wallace and seconded by Braun to approve the CAHSEE Waiver Request for four designated special education students. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Holtermann and seconded by Acebedo to approve the participation in E-Rate for 2008-09 Year 11. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Wallace and seconded by Braun to approve the Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) Agreement. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Acebedo and seconded by Holtermann to approve to piggyback bid on Los Angeles County Office of Education’s contract with EdBuy for technology equipment. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Wallace and seconded by Braun to approve the interdistrict transfer requests submitted by the parents of Ombre Cuevas and Myriah Martinez. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Braun and seconded by Wallace to approve the school bus routes for 2007-08 and publish them in the newspaper before school starts. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Holtermann and seconded by Wallace to approve the donations received by ASB/Fitness Center and Wasco High School 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 Fulwyler to approve declaring the 1994 Ford pickup obsolete and ready for disposal. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

IX. Discussion and Information

Textbooks for the Math Department were introduced for the Board's review.

Proposed grading scale changes to Administrative Regulation 5121 were introduced for the Board's review.

X. Claims, Transfers and Accounts

It was moved by Holtermann and seconded by Acebedo to approve the claims, transfers and accounts for Batches 73, 75, 76, 77, 78, 2, 3, 4 and Payrolls in the amount of \$1,506,295.87. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

XI Adjournment

It was moved by Holtermann and seconded by Wallace to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.