

Wasco Union High School District
Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
August 14, 2008
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 6:00 p.m. in the Boardroom by President Tim Holtermann.

Board Members Present

Mr. Tim Holtermann, President
Mr. Jesse Acebedo, Clerk
Mr. Barry Braun

Mr. Craig Fulwyler
Mr. Wayne Wallace

Administrators Present

Mrs. Elizabeth McCray
Mr. Joseph Elwood

Mr. Martin Lonza
Mrs. Lori Albrecht

Classified Management Present

Mr. Joe Salazar

Mr. John Yanez

Secretary Present

Mrs. Yolanda Garcia

Visitors

Mrs. Merrilee Desatoff, Mr. Walt Desatoff, Mrs. MaryAnn Lucas

Flag Salute

The flag was saluted.

II. Adopt Agenda

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

III. Executive Session

The meeting convened in executive session at 6:03 p.m.

Regular Session

The meeting reconvened in regular session at 7:00 p.m.

Announcement of Executive Session Actions

No action was taken.

IV. Reading and Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Acebedo and seconded by Wallace to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 14, 2008. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

V. Public Comments

No comments.

VI. Items from Board Members

Mr. Braun stated that he attended a conference – A Framework for Understanding Poverty. He stated that there were a lot of good tools in the book and would like all Board members to receive a copy. Mr. Braun also gave information and perspectives of what the conference was about and advised that it was time well spent attending the conference.

Mr. Acebedo commended Mrs. McCray on how smooth the first day of school turned out. He also commended John Yanez on how great the campus looked.

Mr. Wallace stated that he received very good comments from the community on how smooth the first day of school turned out. He suggested to Mrs. McCray that she look into the possibility of the school using alternative energy sources such as solar energy. Mrs. McCray replied with a comment regarding the Build Green movement.

VII. Reports

Mrs. Lucas represented ASB due to the Student Board representative attending church camp. Mrs. Lucas reported on the new Link Crew program. She advised that about 240 students attended and hopes to get more students to attend next school year. She advised that counselors Sandy Fisher and Ross Shafer are working on getting more students involved. She hopes to get more certified staff involved with the Link Crew. She stated that she and Kristy Martinez had attended a 3-day, 32 hour training for Link Crew.

Mr. Holtermann, North Kern Vocational Training Center representative, reported that enrollment was down for the 2008-09 school year. He stated that North Kern has not received any bids on the house. He advised that there were two interested parties so the house will be going out to bid again. He stated possible reasons as to why the house is not selling.

Mrs. McCray commented on the positive aspect of the Link Crew. She commended John Yanez on how great both campuses looked. She stated that the Welcome Back Breakfast in the cafeteria looked like it was at full capacity and looked forward to the district's progress with the new cafeteria facility. She commended Rhonda Jones and all cafeteria staff for the great breakfast. She also thanked Michele Brand for opening her house for the Back to School Barbeque. Mrs. McCray asked Mr. Elwood and Mr. Lonza to give an overview of the first week of school.

Mr. Elwood commented on how well Link Crew students did and how good they did in getting students involved in the activities. He stated that a total of 311 Spanish speakers attended the freshman orientation which was held in the cafeteria and a total of 97 English speakers attended freshman orientation which was held in the Auditorium. He reported that a total of 1384 students attended registration. He stated that the school had a good start. He also reported that students now have new I. D. cards with bar codes that can be swiped in the cafeteria for meals. He advised that the I.D. card numbers correspond with the students' state I.D. number which will make it easy to follow the student if they were to change districts. He stated that currently there are teachers teaching in 2 Science, library computer lab, and in room 3 Ag until the new building is completed. Mr. Elwood thanked everyone for a great start.

Mr. Lonza reported that they had a real good start and expects to be at full capacity by next week. He commended staff for being excited for the new school year and for all of

their hard work. He also stated that he has a great staff and that they work well together and he is very pleased to have such a great staff.

Ms. McCray reported that the District Bond rating was an A+, which is exemplary and is very pleased with how everything turned out. She reported that the bonds were up for public sale and was pleased to announce that there were 5 bidders. The district accepted the lowest bid and would have more information regarding the sale at the September Board meeting. She stated that the interest rate was 4.8% and is due to close on August 28, 2008. Money will be in the bank at the end of the month. Once Bond Building Fund 21 is set up, money will be deposited by County Treasurer. The first series of bonds is in the amount of 15.5 million dollars. The District has received partial site approval from DTSC for the project on the west side of Palm Avenue, approval from DSA for both projects, CDE approval has just come in. She commended Mr. Lonza on doing a good job. She reported that cost analyses for phase II & III are in progress and looks like District might be getting a 5 to 6 million match at this time. We plan to go out to bid for Phase II the first week of September. Mrs. McCray stated that she hopes to bring a bid for the Board to accept by the October Board meeting.

Mr. Lonza stated that we hope to take occupancy of the new buildings upon OPSC approval.

Mrs. McCray reported that enrollment in the District at this time last year was 1733 students. A total of 1680 attended Wasco High and 53 attended Independence High. This year the total is 1765 students. A total of 1589 are attending Wasco High and 176 are attending Independence High. She expects an increase by next week.

VIII. Discussion and Action

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

- a. Approve the Following Returning Substitutes
 1. Leticia Juarez, Custodian
 2. Letisia Ornelas, Custodian
 3. Theodis Nelson, Bus Driver
 4. Terry Ruddell, Bus Driver
- b. Approve the Following Teachers for Extended Day, After School Tutoring and Pass Program
 1. Anna Balentine
 2. Sonya Brackley
 3. Michele Brand
 4. Merrilee Desatoff
 5. Sunny Ekanem
 6. Willie Fields
 7. Teresa Johns
 8. Joey Mayo
 9. Julie Pineo
 10. Frank Russell
 11. Araceli Solis
 12. Kevin Tallon
 13. Rose Tyack
- c. Approve Coral Ceiley-Jackson as Adult Education Teacher
- d. Accept Letter of Resignation from Miranda Wright
- e. Approve BTSA Support Providers
 1. Michele Brand
 2. Sonya Brackley
 3. David Lucas
 4. Brian Bell
 5. Rose Tyack
 6. Anna Balentine
 7. Chris McCraw
 8. Carmey Sears
 9. Pete Mitchell

- f. Approve Eric Alvarez as Colorguard Instructor
- g. Approve Chris Ruiz as Girls' Golf Coach
- h. Approve the Following Football Coaches
 - 1. Primo Ocampo, JV Walk-on Coach
 - 2. John Sutton, JV Walk-on Volunteer
 - 3. Ed Moreno, Varsity Volunteer
 - 4. Joe Acevedo, Varsity Walk-on Volunteer
- i. Approve the Following Girls JV Tennis Coaches
 - 1. Joe Hively, Volunteer
 - 2. Rebecca Landin as Walk-on Volunteer
- j. Approve Kay Fraley as Snack Bar Supervisor
- k. Approve Irene Adams as Ticket Booth Clerk
 - 1. Approve Rosie Cota as Substitute Ticket Booth Clerk

It was moved by Acebedo and seconded by Braun to approve the Transfer of Funds from Special Reserve Capital outlay Fund 40 to Building Fund 35. Motion Carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Wallace and seconded by Fulwyler 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 Acebedo and seconded by Braun to approve Resolution No. 0809-4 certifying the Bond Election Results. Motion Carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Braun and seconded by Wallace to approve Resolution No. 0809-5 to establish a bond Building Fund 21. Motion Carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Fulwyler and seconded by Braun to approve Resolution No. 0809-6 allowing teacher to teach outside his credentialed subject area. Motion Carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Acebedo and seconded by Braun to approve change order # 2 for Omega Construction in the amount of a credit of \$25,259 for the exclusion of items that are expected to impede the installation of the Phase II modular classrooms. Motion Carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0 Absent: 0.

It was moved by Braun and seconded by Acebedo to approve Wasco High School's Single Plan for Student Achievement. Motion Carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Wallace and seconded by Braun to approve Interdistrict request submitted by the parents of Amy Saechao. Motion Carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Fulwyler and seconded by Wallace to approve field trip requests submitted by FFA, CAHSEE Award Trip and the Tennis Team. Motion Carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Acebedo and seconded by Wallace to approve donations received by ASB, Freshman Class, Softball and by the District with thank you letters sent by the recipients.

IX. Discussion and Information

Correspondence from the Superintendent of Schools for Fiscal Year 2008-09 Budget was shared with the Board.

Correspondence from the Superintendent of Schools regarding Compliance requirements for CAHSEE was shared with the Board.

Correspondence from SISC commending the District for few claims filed was shared with the Board.

Correspondence from CSBA for Nominations for Directors-at Large was shared with the Board.

X. Claims, Transfers and Accounts

It was moved by Acebedo and seconded by Braun to approve the claims, transfers and accounts for Batches 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and Payrolls in the amount of \$ 1,871,971.95. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

XI. Adjournment

It was moved by Acebedo and seconded by Braun to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.