

Wasco Union High School District  
Board of Trustees  
Regular Board Meeting  
September 11, 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 6:05 p.m. in the Boardroom by President Tim Holtermann.

Board Members Present

Mr. Tim Holtermann, President

Mr. Craig Fulwyler

Mr. Jesse Acebedo, Clerk

Mr. Wayne Wallace

Mr. Barry Braun

Administrators Present

Mrs. Elizabeth McCray

Mr. Martin Lonza

Mr. Joseph Elwood

Mrs. Lori Albrecht

Classified Management Present

Mrs. Susan Cheatwood

Mr. John Yanez

Mr. Joe Salazar

Secretary Present

Mrs. Yolanda Garcia

Visitors

Mr. Gary Garcia, Briseria Gonzalez, Mr. Jose Rios, Mr. Leonard Rodriguez, Mrs. Gracie Saldana, Mr. Ross Shafer, Jessica Sidhu, Mr. Matthew Steward

Flag Salute

The flag was saluted.

II. Adopt Agenda

It was moved by Acebedo and seconded by Braun to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried. Ayes: 4; Noes: 0; Absent: 1.

III. Executive Session

The meeting convened in executive session at 6:07 p.m.

Mr. Fulwyler arrived at 6:11 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 Wallace and seconded by Acebedo to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 14, 2008. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

V. Public Comments

Public Hearing on Sufficiency of Textbooks and Instructional Materials for 2008-09 School Year

A public hearing was convened to certify the district's compliance with Education Code §60119 concerning the sufficiency of textbooks and instructional materials for the 2008-09 school year. Mrs. McCray reported that during the recent Williams visit we were found compliant in all areas regarding instructional materials. The hearing was closed.

Mr. Leonard Rodriguez commented on his concern regarding locker theft on campus. Mr. Elwood advised Mr. Rodriguez that he would be more than happy to meet with him to discuss this issue.

Mr. Garcia reported that the Ag Department is really going and is very busy. He thanked the Board members that helped out with the FFA job interview competition. He reported he had returned from a FFA parent meeting. He stated the parents were given information regarding their student's projects and provided them with a schedule of times and dates for the Kern County Fair. Also, FFA students attended a Chapter Officer Leadership conference in Porterville where they received leadership training. Advisors meet with all of the FFA students once a month in the cafeteria. He said the students were doing a great job and he is very proud of them.

VI. Items from Board Members

Mr. Braun commented on how pleased he is with the way the campus looks. He also thanked Mr. Garcia for inviting him to be a part of the FFA judging team.

Mr. Acebedo asked Mrs. McCray if there has been any progress made on having a Board meeting in Lost Hills. Mrs. McCray said she spoke to Mr. Jerry Scott about having a board meeting in Lost Hills. Mr. Scott has requested more dialog and suggested to have more of a "meet and greet" meeting rather than doing a full board meeting. Mrs. McCray stated she would follow up on it.

Mr. Acebedo reported that he has read a couple of chapters of the book "A Framework for Understanding Poverty." He stated it is an excellent book and recommended everyone should read it.

Mr. Holtermann commented on how impressed he was with the way the staff handled the vandalism, especially since it was a holiday weekend. He also reported Mrs. Santillian was very appreciative of John Yanez and his staff for taking care of the vandalism at NKVTC.

VII. Reports

Student Board Representative Jessica Sidhu reported the freshman dance, which was sponsored by the Link Crew, was a success. She stated the Link Crew has been getting very good feedback from all staff. The Link Crew has made the freshmen feel more confident. Reporting on the recent Wasco Community Day activity, students from different campus clubs helped clean windows, clean Westside Park and helped elders take out trash. All students who participated were rewarded with a barbecue at the end of the day.

Mr. Fulwyler reported NKVTC has received a bid for the construction house and is assisting the bidder by requesting bids from movers to move the house to 1<sup>st</sup> Street. They

expect to move the house before the starting date of the sports complex project. Once the house is moved the construction class will add a garage to the house. Mr. Fulwyler reported that enrollment for the construction and welding classes is low this year but, the enrollment for the nursing class is high. North Kern Vocational did not accept adults in the programs this year due to the high student enrollment. Mr. Fulwyler reported that it's been a real challenge with this year's new schedule.

Mrs. McCray introduced Mr. Ross Shafer and asked him to speak on the Parent Project training he had attended along with Mrs. Mary Johnson. The Parent Project is a series of 10 to 16 meetings where parents of difficult or out of control students are invited to learn how to constructively guide and control their child. They are taught how to address problematic behavior, encourage, show love and develop action plans. This is done through a series of work book projects interacting with others of similar concerns within a support group building structure. We plan to hold a 10-week series for English speakers at Wasco High while a Spanish speaking series is simultaneously being held at Thomas Jefferson School. The Parent Project will again be offered in the spring semester. He stated the Parent Project is a nation wide program. Mrs. Johnson has been contacting parents and making home visits and they plan on mailing out information as well.

Mrs. McCray commented that this is a great way to get the parents involved. She stated that this is a collaboration effort between our district and the Elementary School District. She reported that administration is very encouraged with the collaboration they have already seen between WHS and the Elementary School District. Mrs. McCray discussed with Dr. Chounet, concerns that were applicable to both school districts. A week later she met with Dr. Chounet, Mr. Ron Bryant, Mr. Kelly Richards, Mrs. Lori Albrecht, Mr. Joe Elwood, Mr. Martin Lonza and Mr. Robert Cobb to discuss some commonalities and is pleased to have everyone working together. She reported that next week our math department teachers would be going to Thomas Jefferson Middle School to work with their math teachers and assist with textbook selection. She is very encouraged by what she has seen and heard and feels very good about the effort that is being made to bring the two districts together for collaboration.

Mrs. McCray commended John Yanez, Chris Beelner, Mario Juarez, and Gerardo Gomez for the great job they did in handling the vandalism that occurred recently. She also commended Art from Art's Glass in Delano for replacing the windows before Thursday night's Rose Queen Pageant and for also repairing North Kern's windows. She reported that a WHS bus was involved in an accident. The bus was on its way to school when a car rear ended the bus. She gave a commendation to Nelly Sanchez for everything she and the students did. She reported that she received an accommodation from the Highway Patrol for the actions that Nelly took to make sure the students were safe and how well behaved our students were.

Mrs. McCray gave a summary of the bond sale. She reported that the bonds did sell and the money is already in the bank. She reported that we wanted to obtain the highest rating possible from Standard & Poor's and we did with an A+. We were able to keep the tax limit at the \$30.00 per \$100,000.00. We were able to generate a premium to pay for the cost of issuance therefore it does not come out of the \$15.5 million that is in the bank. She reported that we decided to go with a competitive bid which turned out to be the best way to go. She stated that we were able to get five bidders and went with the one with the lowest interest. The underwriter did make a decision to insure the bonds. We preserved the ability to call the bonds which means that we can look at refunding those at the lower interest rates if the rates drop. Interest rates for the benchmark 10-Year U.S.

Treasury Bond ranged from 3.92% to 4.05% during the week prior to the sale. Stocks closed with the Dow Jones down 99.85 points and the NASDAQ up 4.3 points. The 10-Year U.S. Treasury Bond closed at 3.95%. She stated we achieved all of our goals and she is really pleased with the outcome and for everyone's support.

Mrs. McCray reported that WHS received a letter from the City of Wasco notifying WHS that they want to drill a ground monitoring well on our Ag Farm property. She spoke to Paul Funk because the well could possible impact him with his farming operation. Mr. Lonza contacted George Shaw, our consultant from the State of California for our building project and who is very familiar with our Ag Farm. Mr. Lonza informed the Board that this is a test well and is 90 feet deep and would remain on the property for approximately 20 years. The city is looking for possible contaminations from sewer farms along with other sewers. Mr. Lonza said that if approved the well would go where we currently have the vegetable garden by the edge of the road. He stated that he had discussed this with Chris Burger from Schools Legal at County Office.

Mrs. McCray informed the Board that the city would like for WHS to share the cost of maintaining the in-pavement light crosswalks that will need to be put in with our Phase II project. The city advised us that the crosswalks are something WHS was required to do and therefore WHS should help maintain the in-pavement light crosswalks by paying 50% of the costs. The cost of maintaining the in-pavement light crosswalks would be limited to \$2,000.00 annually. The City of Wasco would pay all of the electrical energy.

Mrs. McCray shared a letter with the Board she had received along with a flag from Christina Salazar, a graduate of Wasco High Class of 1997 and former Migrant office employee who is now a Lieutenant in the Marines. The flag was flown over the camp where she has been deployed for the last five months in honor of America's Independence. Mrs. McCray gave Mr. Elwood the flag, letter and the certificate of authenticity. The flag will be put into a display case in the main office in honor of Christina and in honor of Wasco High School. Mrs. McCray said she was very happy to be able to present the flag to the Board and the District on September 11.

Briseria Gonzalez, Wasco Rose Queen, reported that she had a very good time at the Rose Festival. She reported there will be a football kickoff on Thursday, September 18 and a community rally right after the freshman game.

Mr. Wallace commended Briseria Gonzalez on the great job she did and how gracious she was with the young children.

Mrs. McCray reported enrollment for last year was 1751 with 1590 at WHS and 161 at IHS. Enrollment for last month was 1765 with 1589 at WHS and 176 at IHS. This month's enrollment is 1794 with 1582 at WHS and 212 at IHS. Mrs. McCray stated that we did have 1804 student at one point but lost some due to them moving or attending other schools. She reported that the new classrooms opened on Monday.

Mrs. McCray distributed her goals to the Board.

#### VIII. Discussion and Action

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

- a. Accept letters of resignation from staff members
  1. Yolanda Garcia, Superintendent's Administrative Secretary

2. Jerardo Briseño, Gymnasium Custodian
- b. Approve Gracie Saldaña as Superintendent's Administrative Secretary
- c. Approve Blanca Ortiz as Department Chair for Independence High School for 2008-09 school year
- d. Approve CAHSEE Preparation Class Teachers
  1. Julie Pineo
  2. Rose Tyack
- e. Approve Yolanda Garcia as Typist Clerk for WHS
- f. Approve Maria Vasquez as Cafeteria Assistant I
- g. Approve Cafeteria Assistance Substitutes
  1. Maria Gutierrez
  2. Wanda McCain
  3. Monique Yniguez
  4. Francisca Sandoval, returning substitute
- h. Approve Cafeteria Student Workers
 

1. Blas Barboza	4. Kristen Parker
2. Linda Ixtupe	5. Jesus Sanchez
3. Rockley Mullins	6. April Thomas
- i. Approve Michael Perez as Gymnasium Custodian
- j. Approve Custodian Substitutes
  1. Vanessa Gutierrez
  2. Mayra Guerra
  3. Horacio Cruz, returning substitute
- k. Approve Yanira Valdez as Colorguard Volunteer
- l. Approve Coaches for 2008-09 School Year
  1. Football Coaches
    - a. Tyler Criner, JV Assistant, Walk-on, Paid ½ stipend
    - b. Joey Acevedo, Change from Varsity to Freshman Assistant, Walk-on, Volunteer
    - c. Mike Johnson, Change from Volunteer to JV Assistant, Walk-on, Paid ½ stipend
    - d. Primo Ocampo, Change from Varsity, Paid ½ stipend to JV Assistant, Walk-on, Volunteer
    - e. Seth Hokit, Change from Volunteer to Varsity, Paid ½ stipend
    - f. Ed Moreno, Change from Varsity Coach to Varsity Spotter, Volunteer
  2. Girls Tennis Coach
    - a. Joe Hively, Change from JV Volunteer to Paid
  3. Wrestling Coaches
    - a. Jose Landin, Head, Walk-on, Paid
    - b. George Romero, Assistant, Walk-on, Paid
    - c. Juan Gallardo, Assistant, Walk-on, Volunteer
  4. Boys Basketball
    - a. Miguel Raya, Varsity Assistant, Walk-on, Volunteer
    - b. Justin Derrick, Freshman Coach, Paid
    - c. Mike Bradley, No Longer Coaching
  5. Boys Soccer Coaches
    - a. Ian Hunter, Head, Paid
    - b. Omar Solis, Assistant, Walk-on, Paid
  6. Girls Soccer Coaches
    - a. Greg MacLean, Head, Paid
    - b. Cindy Hight, Assistant, Walk-on, Paid

- m. Approve Bus Drivers for Late Bus Run for Athletics and Extended Day Students
  - 1. Gerardo Gomez
  - 2. John Houlihan
  - 3. Jerry Pearson
  - 4. Juan Ramos
- n. Approve Migrant Work-Study Students
  - 1. Roberto Guerra
  - 2. Ana Karen Alba
  - 3. Alejandra Puente
  - 4. Hector Sanchez
  - 5. Janet Lopez
  - 6. Gregorio Lopez
 Alternative Workers
  - 7. Christina Celis
  - 8. Maria Ruiz
  - 9. Beatriz Ortiz
  - 10. Jorge Alba
  - 11. Cecilia Lanuza
  - 12. Jeanette Lona Flores
  - 13. Carlos Rodriguez
- o. Approve ASB Student Workers for Athletic Games
  - Volleyball Scorekeepers
    - 1. Hillarie Hight
    - 2. Angelo Montez
    - 3. Cristal Montano
    - 4. Corina Gutierrez
    - 5. D'Schell Chatman
  - Snack Bar Workers
    - 1. Esmeralda Medina
    - 2. Jessica Paredes
    - 3. Suzana Carrillo
    - 4. Valeria Ramirez
    - 5. Maritza Ruelas
    - 6. Myriah Martinez
    - 7. Jessica Aguilar
    - 8. Graciela Hernandez
    - 9. Eduardo Medina
    - 10. Carlos Romero
    - 11. Jessica Alvarez
- p. Approve Brian Bell as After School Tutoring Teacher
- q. Approve Jan Wright as Substitute Superintendent Secretary

It was moved by Fulwyler and seconded by Wallace to approve Resolution No. 0809-7 Sufficiency of Textbooks and Instructional Materials. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Braun and seconded by Acebedo to approve the Plan to Expand the Teachers Recruitment and Retention Block Grant. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Wallace and seconded by Braun to approve JTS deferred purchase order in the amount of \$1,186,757.71 for the nine modular classroom buildings and one modular restroom. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Fulwyler and seconded by Wallace to approve the agreement with Advocates for Labor Compliance, LLC. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Braun and seconded by Wallace to approve Mr. Steve Guffey as the DSA certified inspector for on-site improvements for the Phase II building project. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Acebedo and seconded by Braun to approve Mr. Steve White as the in-plant DSA certified inspector for the modular buildings. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Braun and seconded by Fulwyler to accept the Unaudited Actuals Financial Report for 2007-08. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Wallace and seconded by Acebedo to approve the interdistrict transfer requests submitted by the parents of Benjamin Muhr Hernstedt, Jessica A. Martinez, Joshua Wagner, Israel Vargas, Jessica and Ricardo Echevarria, Jayson Edgerle, and Alexandra Vasquez. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Braun and seconded by Wallace to approve E-Rate Participation for 2009-2010 Year 12. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Wallace and seconded by Acebedo to declare cycled out computers obsolete and ready for disposal. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

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

It was moved by Wallace and seconded by Braun to approve field trip request submitted by the Outdoor Adventures Club. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Acebedo and seconded by Braun to approve field trip request submitted by the Cross Country Team. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Acebedo and seconded by Braun to approve the following chaperones for FFA field trips/events for the 2008-09 school year. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

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| 1. Jennifer Abernathy  | 21. Katy Parson     |
| 2. Yolanda Garcia      | 22. Roger Riley     |
| 3. Mark Morales        | 23. Jim Selgrath    |
| 4. Curtis Nagel        | 24. Teresa Taylor   |
| 5. James Medrano       | 25. Deanna Thomas   |
| 6. Helen Medrano       | 26. Jennifer Wilke  |
| 7. Juanita Rodriguez   | 27. Joel Ackernecht |
| 8. Clark Skinner       | 28. Daniel Allen    |
| 9. Theresa Trujillo    | 29. Mike Bloemhoff  |
| 10. Kelly Skinner      | 30. Ron Collins     |
| 11. Stephanie Wymer    | 31. Dr. Tom Edick   |
| 12. Julie Beechinor    | 32. David Hardt     |
| 13. Roxanne Buffington | 33. Lindsay Ono     |
| 14. Pat Casey          | 34. Steve Paul      |
| 15. Christine Dickson  | 35. Candice Rogers  |
| 16. Mike Elliott       | 36. Cody Russell    |
| 17. Ken Harris         | 37. Ron Snow        |
| 18. Joia Jones         | 38. Dale Spurgeon   |
| 19. Raul Murrieta      | 39. John Vanderpoel |
| 20. Craig Nieblas      | 40. Angie Alonso    |

It was moved by Braun and seconded by Wallace to declare old textbooks obsolete and ready for disposal. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

IX. Discussion and Information

A novel for the English Department was introduced for the Board's review.

Textbooks and DVD's for the Library Media Center were introduced for the Board's review.

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

X. Claims, Transfers and Accounts

It was moved by Acebedo and seconded by Braun to approve the claims, transfers and accounts for Batches 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and Payrolls in the amount of \$1,393,869.20. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

XI. Adjournment

It was moved by Fulwyler and seconded by Wallace to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.