

Wasco Union High School District
Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
Boardroom Room 2 Science
May 14, 2009
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 6:03 p.m. in the Boardroom by President Jesse Acebedo.

Board Members Present

Mr. Jesse Acebedo, President
Mr. Wayne Wallace, Clerk
Mr. Barry Braun

Mr. Craig Fulwyler
Mr. Tim Holtermann

Administrators Present

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

Mrs. Lori Albrecht
Mrs. Pat Rissi
Mr. Rob Cobb

Classified Management Present

Mr. John Yanez

Secretary Present

Mrs. Gracie Saldaña

Visitors

Karina Hurtado, Gustavo Morfin, Ileana Soto, Jessica Sidhu, Mr. Chris McCraw, Mrs. Merrilee Desatoff, Mr. Walt Desatoff, Mr. Joe Hively, Mr. Jose Rios, Mrs. Rosalba Soto, Mrs. Sylvia Ibarra

Flag Salute

The flag was saluted.

II. Adopt Agenda

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

III. Public Comment

No Public Comment

IV. Executive Session

The meeting convened in executive session at 6:05 p.m.

Regular Session

The meeting reconvened in regular session at 7:04 p.m.

Announcement of Executive Session Actions

None

V. Reading and Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Holtermann and seconded by Fulwyler to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 16, 2009. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 1.

VI. Public Comments

Mrs. Desatoff reported on behalf of the Senior Class. Mrs. Desatoff introduced Karina Hurtado and Gustavo Morfin. Karina presented to the Board a gift, on behalf of the 2009 Senior Class, a Portable Electronic Score Table that can be used for wrestling and volleyball games. Gustavo Morfin invited the Board to attend the 2009 Baccalaureate Ceremony on Sunday Evening, May 17, 2009 at 6 p.m. in the Cafeteria. Mrs. McCray asked Karina for the Portable Electronic Score Table information to agendaize it for the next board meeting to be accepted by the Board. Mrs. Desatoff also shared with the Board that the 2009 Senior Class is the best class she has ever advised. As of today, they have raised in 4 years nearly \$13, 500 dollars.

Mr. Joe Hively addressed the Board regarding ipods. He expressed to the Board that he is against ipods. He shared the importance of getting back to teaching and learning. He suggested limiting the usage of ipods only to students who have a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Mr. Joe Hively also reported on the Wasco High Hall of Fame. The event was a great success and a great time. The Hall of Fame DVD is going to be come out very soon. Wasco High Hall of Fame is hosting a reverse drawing on June 25 at the Elks Lodge.

Mr. Chris McCraw reported on behalf of The Ag Department. He reported that Mr. Garcia has taken a different opportunity and is going to be working down at the North Kern Vocational Training Center. Our upcoming Friends and Family Banquet is happening tomorrow evening with food at 6 o'clock and the program at 7 o'clock. We will be giving out about 700 awards. Mr. McCraw thanked the Board Members who met with him and allowed him to share his insight on the Ag Program. Mr. McCraw shared his suggestions on the Fire Fighter Class and possible location of the Fire Fighter Class. He also shared with the Board since Mr. Garcia has moved on to different opportunities Mr. Elwood has asked that we take a look at modifying our Ag Department staffing from 5 teachers to 4 teachers. One of the concerns that we have in deciding, although we are in an economic situation, is that we are still not convinced that is the best decision for the kids and the Ag Program. We are really having a struggle trying to figure out if we modify the staffing in the program, how to cut down the kids and as we believe our Ag Program is one of the still true vocational education programs, we are just trying to figure out the best way to do that. Mr. McCraw expressed we (teachers) are pleased of the fact that the school district has been very consistent and conservative in the funding issues and all the teachers that are currently on staff are getting to come back and everybody is pleased. One of the challenges is that other Districts may have been not as savvy as our current leaders have so there are a huge number of high quality Agriculture teachers who would love the opportunity to work at a school the caliber of Wasco.

Ms. Sylvia Ibarra addressed the Board regarding an incident that occurred at Wasco High School last week with her son. Although Mr. Elwood was the most helpful in resolving the situation, there was one thing that did bother Ms. Ibarra and is unsure what would be the next step in resolving her concern. Mr. Elwood shared with Ms. Ibarra that the next step would be to meet with Mrs. McCray, our Superintendent. Ms. McCray expressed to Ms. Ibarra she is welcome to contact the office and set up an appointment to meet. Mr. Acebedo also shared with Ms. Ibarra after meeting with Mrs. McCray, if she had any more questions, to feel free to come back.

VII. Items From Board Members

Mr. Barry Braun shared that he attended the music concert. It was good to see a diversity of music but as he had to leave early he did not get to see the Steel Drums. Also this year I had the opportunity to chaperone the Tomorrow's Leaders Today group and it was fun to have them out at my house for lunch today. It was fun, good experiences and a very good program. Mr. Braun also commended Wasco Rotary of such a great program.

Mr. Tim Holtermann reported on Tuesday night the North Kern Vocational Training Center gave out their awards at the High School Auditorium.

Mr. Jesse Acebedo shared that he attended the retirement dinner for Mrs. Santillan. It was a great night, a lot of fun and wishes Mrs. Santillan well. Mr. Jesse Acebedo commended the Wasco High School Golf Tournament, it was fun, well run, well put together and they did a good job.

VIII. Reports

1. Jessica Sidhu, Student Board Representative reported on the ASB Elections. The ASB Officers for the 2009-2010 School Year are; President-Eric Sanchez, Vice President-Chandler Snow, Secretary-Mayra Gomez, Treasurer-Kenny Meacham, Publicity Manager-Ana Orozco, Yearbook Representative-Nayeli Sanchez, Social Chair-Hailey Melhberg, and Spirit Commissioner-Samantha Saldaña. Jessica then introduced the new Student Board Representative Ileana Soto. The current ASB and the new ASB attended a Leadership Conference at Independence High in Bakersfield. Last night was the Spring Athletics Awards Ceremony. Last but not least, tomorrow is the Seniors last day of school.
2. Mr. Fulwyler reporting for NKVTC reported the Board did ask Mr. Gary Garcia to fill our Executive Director Position and he did accept.
3. Mrs. McCray wished all of our Graduates a lot of success in the future and we are very proud of them. We are going to miss all of our kids. Staff and Administration get very attached to our kids. Mrs. McCray shared how she enjoys walking across the street and getting a "kid fix", when she gets to walk among the kids and they are laughing, learning, enjoying themselves and they really are great representatives of Wasco and Wasco High School. Wasco High's Graduation is next week and Independence High Graduation is the following week. We are looking forward to all of our seniors going off and doing great things. The Yearbooks are not here yet but should be here on Monday.

Mrs. McCray also shared she attended the Fresno State Ag One Event which Mr. and Mrs. McCray attend quite often. To my surprise Mr. Chris McCraw was in attendance with Valeria Ramirez. Valeria was recognized by Fresno State with a Scholarship and she will attend Fresno State in the Fall. We were extremely pleased to see a Wasco High Graduate going to Fresno State. We were very proud to be there to acknowledge Valeria's and Mr. Chris McCraw's efforts.

This week we did the Rose Queen Candidates Interviews which is always a lot of fun. It is incredible to watch the girls the interview evening and then watch them as the pageant progresses and then see them when it is complete. There are 10 girls from Wasco High, great representatives of our High School. One of our Rotarians other than Lori or myself asked the question, "What was it about Wasco, that is the Highlight of the city of Wasco?" The answer is usually the Auditorium. One of the things that stood out and it was Lori's question to the girls, "Which teacher has had the most effect on you and why?" The answers that

the girls come up with are absolutely wonderful and Lori and I were talking about this and we want to share this with our staff and let the teachers know how the kids feel about them.

Mr. Jesse Acebedo asked how many 2009 Graduates. Mr. Elwood responded we currently have 299 seniors on campus. 30 seniors are not going to make it, 60 seniors are pending due tests results. Mr. Tim Holtermann asked what about the 90% rule. Mr. Elwood responded the 90% rule will not be met by 5 students. Another 2, who attend Saturday and do not miss, will make it.

Mrs. McCray introduced Mr. Martin Lonza to present the Board with a construction update. Construction is moving relatively close to schedule. The project we are still expecting to have completed by November. How quick the grass grows will determine what point it will be ready to play on. Monday morning Tennis Courts are going to be poured. A lot more contractors are coming in on Monday. Mr. Martin Lonza explained to the Board the post tension procedure for the Tennis Courts. Mr. Tim Holtermann asked if the construction was going to have an effect on the Graduation Ceremony. Mrs. McCray explained the entry off the Parking Lot on the Eastside will be opened like we did last year.

Mrs. McCray reported on enrollment. She stated last year's enrollment for the district was 1635 with 1418 students at Wasco High and 217 students at Independence High. Last month the enrollment for the district was 1683 with 1482 students at Wasco High and 201 students at Independence High. This month the enrollment for the district is 1669 with 1470 at Wasco High and 199 at Independence High. We have a loss of 14 students from last meeting to this meeting. However there were some who graduated, some who moved, some who went to community school and some who just dropped. We try to find out where they are but some leave and don't tell us where they are going.

IX. Discussion and Action

1. It was moved by Fulwyler and seconded by Wallace to approve the following personnel items pending fingerprint clearance and TB clearance. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
 - a. Approve Resignation from Certificated Staff Members
 1. Gary Garcia
 2. Megan Stiles
 - b. Approve Eric Sands as a Science Teacher
 - c. Approve of the following staff for Migrant Summer School
 1. Gloria Medina and Beatrice Ramirez – SSA Position 50/50
 2. Ian Hunter – Substitute
 - d. Approve Migrant Work-Study Summer School Students
 1. Elodia Alvarez
 2. Jesus Carriedo
 3. Katherine Neri-Ortega
 4. Marisela VegaAlternates-
 5. Lyannet Neri-Ortega
 6. Alberto Gallardo
 - e. Approve Rehire of Certificated Staff for 2009-10 School Year (see attached list)

2. It was moved by Holtermann and seconded by Braun to approve CTA's Request to Donate to Certificated Employee's Catastrophic Sick Leave. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent:0.
3. It was moved by Wallace and seconded by Fulwyler to approve Graduation Waiver for Special Education Students. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent:0.
4. It was moved by Fulwyler and seconded by Braun to approve LEA Plan Addendum Program Improvement. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent:0.
5. It was moved by Braun and seconded by Wallace to approve the Designation of 2009-2010 CIF League Representatives. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent:0.
6. It was moved by Braun and seconded by Fulwyler to approve the Change Order No. 2 to Park West Builders, Inc. Motion carried. Ayes: 4; Noes: 1(Holtermann); Absent:0.
7. It was moved by Fulwyler and seconded by Braun to approve the Change Order No. 2 to JTS Construction, Inc. Motion Carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent:0.
8. It was moved by Braun and seconded by Wallace to approve the French III Course of Study. Motion Carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent:0.
9. It was moved by Fulwyler and seconded by Braun to approve the Expository Reading and Writing 11 (EAP 11) Course of Study. Motion Carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent:0.
10. It was moved by Braun and seconded by Fulwyler to approve the French Textbook. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent:0.
11. It was moved by Fulwyler and seconded by Braun to approve the CAHSEE textbooks in ELA and Mathematics. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent:0.
12. It was moved by Holtermann and seconded by Fulwyler to approve the Interdistrict Transfer Request. Motion Carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent:0.
13. It was moved by Wallace and seconded by Fulwyler to approve the Cheerleading Chaperones. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent:0.
14. It was moved by Braun and seconded by Wallace to approve the Field Trips from Ag Dept., Cheerleaders, Outdoor Club and Math Club. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent:0.
15. It was moved by Fulwyler and seconded by Braun to approve the Interact Club and Boys Soccer Club. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent:0.
16. It was moved by Fulwyler and seconded by Holtermann to approve the Facilities Request by Wasco Union Elementary School District. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent:0.

X. Discussion and Information

1. Correspondence from Self-Insured Schools of California Worker's Compensation was shared with the Board
2. Correspondence from Kern County Superintendent of Schools regarding the second Interim Budget Approval was shared with the Board
3. Correspondence from California Technology Assistance Project was shared with the Board
4. Information on the Williams and Valenzuela Settlement Legislation was shared with the Board
5. W Book For the 2009-2010 School Year was introduced for the Board's first reading
6. Archiving I Course of Study for History/Social Science Department was introduced for the Board's first reading
7. Supplemental Textbook for French III was introduced for the Board's first reading
8. Video of a Previous Approved Novel was introduced for the Board's review
9. Information from the San Fernando Valley Daily News was shared with the Board

XI. Claims, Transfers and Accounts

It was moved by Wallace and seconded by Braun to approve the claims, transfers and accounts for Batches 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85 and Payrolls in the amount \$2,325,468.22. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

XII. Adjournment

It was moved by Fulwyler and seconded by Holtermann to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

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