

Wasco Union High School District
Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
Boardroom Room 2 Science
July 9, 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 6:04 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 arrived at 6:07 p.m.

Administrators Present

Mrs. Elizabeth McCray
Mr. Joseph Elwood
Mr. Rob Cobb

Mr. Martin Lonza
Mr. Raul Rangel

Classified Management Present

Mr. Joe Salazar

Secretary Present

Mrs. Gracie Saldaña

Visitors

Mr. Chris McCraw, Ileana Soto

Flag Salute

The flag was saluted.

II. Adopt Agenda

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

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 7:03 p.m.

Announcement of Executive Session Actions

None

V. Reading and Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Fulwyler and seconded by Wallace to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 11, 2009. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

VI. Public Comments

Mr. Chris McCraw reported on behalf of the Ag. Department. We have about half an acre of pumpkins in the ground. The turkeys have also arrived. We are very pleased that the match came in for the Horticulture Improvement. Mr. McCraw invited the Board Members to visit the Ag. Shop as it is being rearranged and inventoried. He shared with the Board during the inventory process a lot World War II tools have been discovered.

VII. Items From Board Members

Mr. Tim Holtermann reported he received a phone call from Mr. Paul Funk regarding the Ag. Lease. Mrs. McCray shared that the Ag. Department has expressed an interest in farming some land. We are awaiting our SISC representative to meet with Mr. John Yanez and Mr. Chris McCraw at the farm to go over what the kids can do, can't do. So that is forthcoming. Mrs. McCray shared with the Board she informed Mr. Funk during their last conversation, upon the meeting of SISC, Mr. Yanez and Mr. McCraw that she will be in contact with him if the Ag. Department chose to farm land closest to the Ag. Lab.

Mr. Tim Holtermann asked Mrs. McCray if we will have to go out to bid or can we just renew.

Mrs. McCray responded the way the lease reads, if we want to continue with Mr. Funk we just renew the contract for another three years in November.

Mr. Holtermann then asked Mrs. McCray if the lease will have to be renegotiated then. Mrs. McCray responded it will have to be rewritten; changing dates, the question will be whether the Board would like to raise the lease and if the Ag. Department decides to farm.

Mr. Holtermann stated from a farmer perspective, if the High School could decide what they are doing sooner that would probably be better for Mr. Funk in planning his rotation.

Mrs. McCray agreed with Mr. Holtermann and understands. Due to the schedule conflicts of the gentleman from SISC and staff vacations it is not resolved yet. Mr. McCraw wanted to be included in the meeting to find out from SISC what liability we have and the allowable participation of the students before the decision is made.

Mr. Holtermann then asked Mrs. McCray if it was her intention to run it all the way to November. Mrs. McCray responded "No". In fact Mr. John Yanez was trying to get a meeting together next week.

Mr. Holtermann asked about the million dollar deficit. Since our last meeting, has there been any thing you have seen or staff has come up with, to cut into that amount to reduce that deficit.

Mrs. McCray responded that we are not backfilling two teacher positions. We are cutting a lot of unnecessary supplies and material along with overtime, substitutes, most conference, travel and unnecessary transportation. We are working to save utilities costs. The budget has been developed to balance but expenditures are contingent upon approval as they come through. Right now we still don't know if the State is going to retro some other cuts for 08-09.

Mr. Jesse Acebedo asked Mr. Martin Lonza regarding the issue on the lip on Beckes Street. Mr. Lonza responded that we have not received a solution yet. It is still being

engineered. It is anticipated that we are going to need to pave slightly over half the street to make the flow work and take care of the lip. The crown of the street is slightly lower than the curb flow line, so we need to come to a point where we can get the water to flow from the street to the gutter.

Mr. Holtermann asked Mr. Lonza if this was not engineered properly or it is not installed properly. Mr. Lonza responded it is installed as per the engineering and the engineering was locked. There is a point at 5th Street and Palm Avenue where the gutter started, a fix point. Then there is a fixed point where it ended on Beckes Street, closest to 7th Street. So there are two end points that are preexisting and the grade was even between the two points. The engineer felt that it would work; it was close. Beckes Street is slightly lower than they anticipated and there in lies the issue why it didn't work. We are awaiting a proposal to our fix that is acceptable to our engineers, the City of Wasco and the City of Wasco engineers.

Mr. Holtermann then asked Mr. Lonza if we will have to pay for additional engineering for this. For the correction, we would have to pay whether it was engineered correctly or not. We would be facing this whether it was in the initial engineering or not. The question would then be, should the engineer pay for it since he didn't see it or should we pay it because that is the existing condition. Legally, we are going to be paying for it because that is the existing conditions. The preexisting condition was not what they thought it was.

Mr. Holtermann asked Mr. Lonza if we could say it was miss engineered. He responded the engineered plan did not come to pass. But if it would have been engineered with out this we would still be paying for paving to the middle of the street. There is no way we would not be paying to make the tie; there is no way to engineer it otherwise.

Mr. Craig Fulwyler asked if the points could have been dropped or lowered. Mr. Lonza responded no, because the points are fixed. Mr. Fulwyler then stated the only problem is that they (engineers) should have told you all that before hand. Mr. Lonza agreed with Mr. Fulwyler that this should have been known upfront, that we were going to have to pave into the middle of the street as opposed to the two foot as drawn. Mr. Holtermann agreed with Mr. Fulwyler and Mr. Lonza that this should have been in the original bid that way to avoid the extra heat when presenting a change order to the Board.

Mr. Wayne Wallace asked if Beckes Street was originally slanted that way. Mr. Lonza responded there was no gutter, so when it was paved there was never a fixed line on the eastside.

Mr. Lonza shared with the Board a proposal with the City of Wasco would be to cap the whole street. Make a whole new clean street and cap from one side to the other and raise it up and maybe we can split the cost of that. The city may not have the money.

Mrs. McCray shared that we have heard the City may be planning on repaving Beckes Street within the next year and so we need to investigate that.

Mr. Holtermann suggested if this is a possibility what if our half is put into an escrow account or holding account for the City, when they are ready to do the whole road? Mr. Lonza said he would investigate that.

Mr. Wayne Wallace asked Mr. Joe Salazar to share with the Board how the computers shut off and so forth. Mr. Salazar shared that back in April, 2009 we acquired a license for power management for all our PCs in the district. After setting up some policies and

pushing out this application to all the computers in the district basically what it does is at a certain time it shuts down all of the computers that have been left on in the district at a specific hour. This is a small step forward to energy savings. Another neat thing about his application is we can run a report to see how much money we are saving the district.

Mr. Craig Fulwyler asked how much the software cost. Mr. Salazar responded the initial license was \$5000. There is a rebate right now. We are working on the application, to get that money reimbursed.

VIII. Reports

1. Ileana Soto, Student Board Representative reported the ASB Officers finished getting the ASB Office ready for the new school year. She invited the Board Members to visit the ASB Office to see the work they have done to the office. Link Crew Leaders will undergo training on July 28 & 29th to prepare for Freshman Orientation. This Orientation will introduce the incoming Freshman to the high school life and help them feel more comfortable when they arrive. Registration for the new year will be on July 30 & 31, 2009. The 2009-2010 school year will start on Monday, August 10, 2009.

2. Mr. Fulwyler reporting for NKVTC reported to the Board that at the last meeting they spent some time going through the budget. It wasn't a fun experience. We passed a budget without the Fire Fighter Training Program and with other cuts to contracted services. Basically the last two years North Kern has reduced their reserves down to 10% than what it was. So it doesn't look pretty for ROP. Although they have frozen the funding on the ADA calculations, our revenue from the State, which is good from the stand point that you pretty much know what kind of funding you are going to get but that is at a reduced level and there will have to be further cuts to keep from going into the red for next year. Mr. Holtermann shared that NKVTC had some tough cuts and so far we made the easy ones but there could be some hard cuts for the following year, just to keep afloat.

Mrs. McCray updated the Board on the connection with NKVTC and WUHSD. Wasco Union High School District will pick up Mr. Jose Torres' Computer Graphic Courses and Mr. Chris McCraw Farm Power Course and those will become our programs. In discussing with Mr. Gary Garcia he shared that NKVTC is going to be able to pick up John Steward and WUHSD will no longer pay to reimburse John Steward for the two sections for the Introduction to Construction. Mr. Holtermann also shared that Mr. Garcia will be looking at the (NKVTC) classes and if the numbers are not there, we are going to go ahead and cut them class then.

Mrs. McCray shared one concern that has been expressed by our counselors is the loss of the Career Tech., who was a very valuable asset.

3. Mrs. McCray invited the Board on Wednesday, August 5th, 7:45 a.m. to our Welcome Back Breakfast in the Cafeteria. On the next day Thursday, August 6th we will be beginning the day with a presentation at 7:45 a.m. in the Auditorium which will be our messaging and setting the tone for the school year. We invite all Board Members to attend. We will also be handing out to all staff, who have not already received it, the book Transforming School Culture. This will start our process with a Blog as we begin the new school year.

Mrs. McCray shared with the board a stimulus opportunity that is going to be available to school districts called a QSCB, Qualified School Construction Bond.

This is an interest free borrowing program that was created under the Federal Stimulus, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. It is a two year program, 2009 and 2010, any public K-12 school is eligible to participate in this. There are some school districts, I believe eleven districts, who have been predetermined because they are the largest districts in the state and some of the poorest. They already have been given their allocation of this money. But the way this works is that the principal for this particular bonding stimulus is a 15 year term, investors who by these bonds receive Federal Tax Credit rather than Tax Exempt Interest Payment. This is to stimulate the economy through construction projects with schools. It can be the repair of anything in the schools, the district, construction of new facilities, or the acquisition of land for a new school. All the allocations are administered through the State Department of Education. And the application needs to be received by August 25, 2009. The application is very short and to the point. It does have certification and there does have to be a Board resolution prior to that application being submitted. The Bonds are to be issued the year the allocation is made, so if we send in our application to be there by August 25, 2009 then those Bonds will have to be issued no later than December, 2009. We will then have 3 years to spend the money. The key here is this money is to be used for those projects that are imminent, not something way in the future. We could do this a couple different ways; we could repay this through our GO Bond or the district could use its own savings and reserve. Again it is zero interest. It is an opportunity for more construction money to come into the district. I have been in communication with Mr. Jon Isom as to how this will work for us. We have been receiving quite a bit of information from the State Superintendent encouraging school district to apply for this money. The Certifications for the program are pretty basic, attach a project list and costs, certify 100% the proceeds will be for construction of public school facilities, rehab, repair, public school facilities acquisition of land, equipment related to the project constructed or rehabilitated with the proceeds of issuance. Within 6 months of issuance the LEA must be entered into a contract for the use of those proceeds equal to 10% of the issuance. Also all laborers, mechanics employed by contractors etc., would be at the prevailing wage. We would have to submit an IRS Tax Form 838 within 15 days of the issuance. At the completion of the project, there would be a report, just as there is with all of our construction projects. In the event that we do not use all the money given, it will revert back to the State. We can go ahead and apply for the money to meet the deadline and if it is allocated, we can decide whether to accept it at that point. There will be another opportunity in 2010 but all indications are the next go around, next year, there may be far more districts applying than there are this time due to the quick turn around.

Mrs. McCray asked the Board for their thought on whether to apply for QSCB.

The Board agreed to bring the QSCB back to the August Board meeting.

Mrs. McCray requested the Board to contact her with any other questions they have over the next couple of weeks. The more information we have, the more comfortable we will all be. She will forward these questions on to Mr. Jon Isom who will be in attendance at the August Board meeting and he can help us get more explicit answers to our questions.

IX. Discussion and Action

1. It was moved by Holtermann and seconded by Fulwyler to approve the following personnel items. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
 - a. Approve Resignation from Teresa Johns, Certificated Staff

Member

- b. Approve Rehire of Certificated Staff Members for 2009-2010 School Year
1. DyAnn Herrera- Ms. Herrera has attained her Preliminary Credential
 2. Jaime Chavarria- Mrs. Chavarria will be on an Intern Contract, due to the needs of the District and credentialing for Special Education

- c. Approve Substitute Teachers List for 2009-10 School Year

First Name	Last Name
Matthew	Alexander
Theodore	Alexander
Dionicio	Altamirano
Julian	Arevalo
Monica	Ceballos
Diana	Cervantes
Troy	Diaz
Don	Chandler
Gary	Cheatwood
Walt	Desatoff
Alex	Edillor
Geoff	Ellis
Ronald	Flores
Marilyn	Gomez
Allen	Grandle
Gayle	Hobbs
Christina	Hokit
Chris	McDonough
Ken	Myers
Wendy	Navarro
Sharon	Nicol
Marie	Poland
John	Reinch
Lupe	Reyas
Rebecca	Rodriguez
Rafael	Ruiz
Sara	Saliznoff
Anthony	Sandoval
Monte	Sealund
Jose	Solis
Omar	Solis
Jessica	Steward
Sabrina	Stolting
Noemi	Viramontes
Bryan	Waldrip

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- d. Approve BTSA Support Providers
1. Chris McCraw
 2. Brain Bell
 3. Pete Mitchell
 4. Sonya Brackley
 5. David Lucas
 6. Araceli Solis
- e. Approve Joe Hively as Head Girls' Tennis Coach

2. It was moved by Fulwyler and seconded by Braun to approve the Submission of Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
3. It was moved by Wallace and seconded by Braun to approve the 2009-10 Agricultural Vocational Education Incentive Grant. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
4. It was moved by Holtermann and seconded by Braun to approve to Board Resolution 0910-1 allowing the following teacher to teach outside his credentialed subject area until the end of the first semester. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

Matthew Steward	Advanced Ceramics
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5. It was moved by Braun and seconded by Wallace to approve the Course of Study and Instructional Materials for Advanced Ag Mechanics (previous ROP Course) Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
6. It was moved by Wallace and seconded by Braun to approve the Interdistrict Attendance Agreement submitted by the parent of Michael Hallmark. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
7. It was moved by Wallace and seconded by Fulwyler to approve to Declare Old Textbooks Obsolete and Ready for Disposal. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
8. It was moved by Braun and seconded by Fulwyler to approve to go out to Bid for Wasco High School Perimeter Fencing. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

Mr. Wallace stated he felt the 4 foot fence would not be effective as it can be jumped by the students. Mr. Martin Lonza explained the concept of the 4 foot fence.

Mrs. McCray explained the motion is to go out to bid but welcomes a direction to look at the 5 foot fence instead of the 4 foot fence when we put together the bid documents, which ever the preference of the Board.

Mr. Wallace then asked if there is going to be the “W” in the little fence. Mr. Martin Lonza responded the “W” is in the plans.

Mr. Braun stated he understands the purpose of the 4 foot fence is to direct students to a different path.

Mr. Holtermann questioned if the bid will come back to the Board. Mrs. McCray responded that it will.

Mr. Holtermann stated he tends to be able to support this more for closed campus.

Mrs. McCray explained to the Board the anticipation is to close campus the second semester if we can get the fence built in time. We are looking at a lunch time tutoring and an incentive program to let kids with grade point or whatever warrants a positive reinforcement to leave campus. But not everyone will be allowed to leave campus. The lunch hour will be a privilege not a right starting January 2010. We are trying to do an intervention at lunch time with the students

and tutoring those who need that extra assistance but if we have no way of containing them, by the means of a fence, it is going to be very difficult to make sure they are there. We have not come to a conclusion that we are going to keep all 1600 students on this campus at once. That is not what we are advocating at this time.

Mr. Holtermann then stated he agreed with and liked Mrs. McCray's words, "It is a privilege not a right". If you are planning on doing something like that, I can see where you might justify the fence. But if we are just putting it up in anticipation of closing it (campus) somewhere down the road, then I say we wait until somewhere down the road. I just can not see spending the money if we are not going to take advantage of the fence. Like you said, if you are going to do this as a privilege rather than a right, I'd love to see something come back worth looking at the same time considering the fence. To me that is why you are justifying putting in the fence. If you are justifying putting it for some action to be taking in two years or five years from now then we wait two years or five years from now to put it in.

Mr. Elwood responded the plan is to start it this (school) year. Mrs. McCray agreed and stated it is to be started in January, 2010. Mr. Lonza responded that is how this 4 foot fence came in as to how do we monitor this part of the front (campus).

Mr. Holtermann then responded this is the first time I have heard that is the plan by second semester. It has been discussed but it was never said at this point.

Mrs. McCray said we have discussed closing campus for years but we knew we would not make it in time for the start of the school year. We are also determining our intervention tutoring. It is not going to be known exactly how many students we are going to have in that lunch time intervention until after the first semester of school.

Mr. Elwood explained the students will get a chance to know it is coming now. We will start school saying, second semester if you don't have these grades, these are consequences. If you do, then you can continue to leave campus.

Mrs. McCray asked the Board if they would like bids for a 4 foot or 5 foot fence.

The Board requested bids for both 4 foot and 5 foot fence.

9. It was moved by Wallace and seconded by Fulwyler to approve the School Bus Routes for 2009-10. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

X. Discussion and Information

1. Computer Graphics Course of Study (previous ROP Course) was introduced for the Board's first reading.
2. Farm Power Curriculum Course of Study (previous ROP Course) was introduced for the Board's first reading.
3. Correspondence from Schools Services of California, Inc. 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 94, 96, 97, 98, 1 and Payrolls in the amount \$512,129.47. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

XII. 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 8:28 p.m.

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