

Wasco Union High School District
Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
Boardroom Room 2 Science
February 11, 2010
6:00 p.m.
Adopted Minutes

I. Call to Order – 6:00 p.m.

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 Wayne Wallace.

Board Members Present

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

Mr. Craig Fulwyler
Mr. Tim Holtermann

Administrators Present

Mrs. Elizabeth McCray
Mrs. Lori Albrecht
Mr. Rob Cobb

Mr. Joseph Elwood
Mr. Martin Lonza
Mrs. Pat Rissi

Classified Management Present

Mr. Joe Salazar

Mr. John Yanez

Secretary Present

Mrs. Gracie Saldaña

Visitors

Mr. Dave Abernathy, Mr. Steve Corbin, Mrs. Sandra Fisher, Mr. Chris McCraw, Mrs. Helen Medrano, Miranda Medrano, Mr. Jose Rios, Ileana Soto

Flag Salute

The flag was saluted.

II. Adopt Agenda

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

III. Public Comments

No Public Comment

IV. Executive Session

The meeting convened in executive session at 6:01 p.m.

Regular Session

The meeting reconvened in regular session at 7:16 p.m.

Announcement of Executive Session Actions

Mr. Wallace reported the CTA and CSEA proposal letters are available for review at the District Office. He also reported that the Superintendent's evaluation will be continued in closed session at the end of the meeting.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Holtermann and seconded by Acebedo to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 14, 2010. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

V. Public Comments

Mrs. Sandy Fisher from the Counseling Department shared with the Board that the counseling department is working with the Senior Class to graduate in a timely manner. There are currently 10 senior students who will be able to attain their diploma if they are offered summer school. She asked for the Board to keep these students in mind when they are looking at budget constraints for Summer School this year.

Miranda Medrano reported on behalf of the Wasco FFA. She shared with the Board about student achievements, National FFA Week and the Donkey Basketball Game on the 15th of March at 6 PM. This year game will be against the Wasco FFA alumni. She also presented to the Board a FFA Newsletter of events and dates to remember.

IV. Items From Board Members

Mr. Braun shared with the Board that after attending the Chamber of Commerce Banquet, he is very proud to be part of Wasco Union High School District.

Mr. Acebedo reported that he attended the Open House on Tuesday and he was disappointed in the parent participation. Considering an enrollment of over 1500 students, he thought there were less than 100 people in attendance.

V. Reports

1. Illeana Soto, Student Board Representative reported on the Academic Decathlon. Wasco High School Academic Decathlon Team competed against 22 High Schools, 176 students and placed 5th. Wasco was the only team in the top 5 to increase their points.
2. Mr. Fulwyler reported on behalf of the NKVTC, saying all is the same and still plugging away.
3. Mrs. McCray introduced Mr. Elwood who presented a flag, with the sisters of Mr. Joseph Hicks, to Mr. Wallace who accepted it on behalf of the Board and District. Mr. Hicks graduated from Wasco High in 1983, joined the United States Army and after 22 years of service, retired as a Sergeant First Class. Sergeant Hicks continues his service in Iraq by servicing the vehicles who sweep for mines. The Flag was flown over Iraq in honor of Sergeant Hicks and he dedicated it to Wasco High School.

Mrs. McCray introduced Mr. Steve Corbin of SC Architect, who is the architect for the District. Mr. Corbin commended the Board, the staff, the community and Mrs. McCray for all their efforts in allowing all of the projects to become reality. Of 18 submittals, 5 awards were issued and Mr. Corbin was awarded The American Institute of Architects Golden Empire Chapter Special Award of Merit – Economy of Means for Wasco High School Physical Education & Sports Complex “Field Dugout Building”. Mr. Corbin presented a copy of the award to Mr. Wallace who accepted it on behalf of the Board and District. Mrs. McCray also shared with the Board the display of awards for the Board to review. She

also commended Mr. Corbin for his contributions to Wasco High and was very pleased with the honor bestowed upon him.

Mrs. McCray acknowledged the Wasco Chamber of Commerce Awards. Wasco High School was the recipient of 3 of the 5 awards given that evening. Eric Sanchez was named Student of the Year and we are very proud of Eric. We received the award for Outstanding Achievement for our Sports Program. Mr. Rangel accepted that award and acknowledged all of our coaches and student athletes. We also received the Beautification Award, for all the work we have done at Wasco High School. The community greatly appreciates the facilities, how they look and how they are maintained. Mrs. McCray commended Mr. John Yanez and his crew for keeping Wasco High School looking the way it does. Mrs. McCray also commended the Board Members, the administration team and the facilities committee for their vision. The award is a result of the great efforts and it has been greatly appreciated by the community and it was gratefully accepted by Mrs. McCray. We were all very appreciative of the award and are looking forward to the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Thursday - March 25, 2010.

Mrs. McCray also shared information with the Board regarding a grant opportunity that is available mainly to City and Parks but Schools can also get involved in this grant as a partner. It can be used for recreational facilities. The name of the grant is the Statewide Parks Development and Community Revitalization. If the Board considers doing something like this, we would form a partnership with either the City of Wasco or Wasco Park & Recreation. Mr. Jon Isom and his brother Greg have formed their own company, they are now Isom Advisors. They alerted us to this opportunity, but due to the quick turn around of March 1st, I suggest if we want to apply we wait for the next round. This grant is available for a minimum of \$100,000 and a maximum of \$5,000,000. This is not a loan or a match. Due to the points awarded according to the criteria, we probably would have been in the top 15. The funds are through a State Bond. Mr. Holtermann asked if there would be other costs. Mrs. McCray said there would be costs associated with grant writing, community meetings and advisors.

Mrs. McCray introduced to the Board a book by the name of Net Cetera. This book is free to all the parents (English & Spanish). Mr. Joe Salazar shared this book with Mrs. McCray to help parents understand how to work with their children on the use of the internet. We would like to pass these books out during the Freshmen Orientation.

Mrs. McCray shared information with the Board regarding Supplemental Services for students. In the past we would have approximately 5 students interested in the service. This year we had 73 students, with the majority being 9th and 10th grade students who are below a 2.0 and are staying on campus for lunch. So we have great interest in this program because the parents are aware that there is an issue. We have also found that parents are very interested in their students. Through these Supplemental Services phone calls we have had lots of inquiries by parents returning all our phone calls and sharing their concerns.

Mr. Wayne Wallace asked Mr. John Yanez for a report on the new bus. Mr. Yanez reported the new bus (Bus 203) arrived a little over a week ago. It is a beautiful bus. The new bus has seatbelts. We are encouraging the use of the seat belts but at this time is not the law. There is an interest in the old Bus 203. The bus was to be sent off to be crushed but the Shafter Police Department/Sheriff's Department/SWAT Team is interested in the Bus for terrorist/hostage training.

Mrs. McCray reported on enrollment. She stated last year's enrollment for the district was 1711 for the district with 1492 students at Wasco High and 219 students at Independence High. Last month the enrollment for the district was 1735 with 1557 students at Wasco High and 178 students at Independence High. This month the enrollment for the district is 1723 with 1532 at Wasco High and 191 at Independence High.

VI. Discussion and Action

1. It was moved by Holtermann and seconded by Acebedo to approve the following personnel items pending fingerprint clearance. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0;
 - a. Accept Letter of Resignation from Jackie Villa, Classified Employee
 - b. Approve Rehire of Classified Substitute, Lettie Cruz
 - c. Approve the following Athletic Coaches
 1. Baseball Coaches
 - a. Scott Beasley-Walk-On, Volunteer
 - b. Ross Wymer- Walk-On, Volunteer
 2. Boys Golf Coaches
 - a. Jeff Acebedo- Walk-On, Volunteer
 - b. Joel Ackerknecht- Walk-On, Volunteer
 - c. Brent Paul- Walk-On, Volunteer
 - d. Leonard Ortiz-Assistant, Volunteer
 3. Boys Tennis Coaches
 - a. Dennis Groseclos, Walk-On, Volunteer
 - b. Anthony Sandoval, Walk-On, Volunteer
 - c. John Steward, Walk-On, Volunteer
 4. Frosh/Soph Softball Coaches
(pending enough players)
 - a. Monica Santos, Walk-On, Volunteer
 - b. Ramona "Wally" Canchola, Walk-On, Volunteer
 5. Change in pay for the following Coaches
Softball Coaches:
 - a. Head Varsity stipend will be split 4 ways between Herrera, Garland, Serda, S.Wedel
 - b. Herrera will donate \$250.00 of her stipend to Frosh/Soph Coach Santos
 - c. Assistant stipend will be split 2 ways between Salinas and A. WedelSwimming Coaches:
 - a. Joaquin will split his stipend with Lori
2. It was moved by Braun and seconded by Fulwyler to approve the Wasco High School Single Plan for Student Achievement. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
3. It was moved by Braun and seconded by Acebedo to approve to go out to Bid for Wasco High School Cafeteria Project. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
4. It was moved by Braun and seconded by Holtermann to approve the CAHSEE Waiver Request for Designated Special Education Students. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

5. It was moved by Braun and seconded by Fulwyler to approve the CSBA Delegate Assembly. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
6. It was moved by Acebedo and seconded by Braun to approve the Facilities Requests. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
7. It was moved by Acebedo and seconded by Fulwyler to approve the Chaperone/Drivers. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
8. It was moved by Braun and seconded by Holtermann to approve the Field Trip Requests. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
9. It was moved by Acebedo and seconded by Holtermann to approve the Donations. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

VII. Discussion and Information

1. Introduction of Revision of Board Policy 1330 and Administrative Regulation 1330, Use of School Facilities
2. Introduction of Proposed 2010-11 Academic School Year Calendar

VIII. Claims, Transfers and Accounts

It was moved by Braun and seconded by Wallace to approve the claims, transfers and accounts for Batches 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51 and Payrolls in the amount 1,153,157.48. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

Mr. Wallace called a recess at 8:16 p.m.

IX. Executive Session (con't)

The meeting reconvened in executive session at 8:30 p.m.

X. Regular Session

The meeting reconvened in regular session at 8:50 p.m. Mr. Wallace reported that the Board had reviewed Mrs. McCray's evaluation and is pleased with the progress the Superintendent has made this past year in leading the district. We gave her an overall satisfactory evaluation.

XI. Adjournment

It was moved by Braun and seconded by Holtermann to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

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