

Wasco Union High School District
Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
Boardroom Room 2 Science
April 15, 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 6:02 p.m. in the Boardroom by President Wayne Wallace.

Board Members Present

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

Mr. Jesse Acebedo
Mr. Tim Holtermann

Board Member Absent

Mr. Craig Fulwyler

Administrators Present

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

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

Classified Management Present

None

Secretary Present

Mrs. Gracie Saldaña

Visitors

Mr. Chris McCraw, Mr. Jose Rios, Ileana Soto

Flag Salute

The flag was saluted.

Mr. Fulwyler arrived at 6:05

Mr. Acebedo departed at 6:20

II. Adopt Agenda

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

III. Public Comments

No Public Comment

IV. Executive Session

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

Regular Session

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

Mr. Acebedo arrived at 7:15

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 March 11, 2010. Motion carried. Ayes: 4; Noes: 0; Absent: 1.

VI. Public Comments

Mr. Chris McCraw reported on behalf of the Ag. Department. He shared with the Board the results of the Career Development Events. The Wasco High teams did really well and we are very excited to see this happen. He invited the Board Members to attend the Friends and Family Banquet on Friday, May 14, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

VII. Items From Board Members

Mr. Wallace asked Mr. Elwood why it was voted to change the grading scale three years ago. Mr. Elwood responded that we changed the requirement to get a D from 60 to 67 with the expectation that it would challenge the students to attain the C instead of the D and raise the grades. Three years ago one-third of student were getting D's or F's, equally divided. Now three years later one-third of our students continue to get D's or F's but two-thirds of those are F's. With these results we have not seen an improvement in grades. This is something we are addressing as we meet and review the grading scale for next year.

Mr. Wallace then showed Mr. Elwood a packet of documents that he had in his hand. He shared with Mr. Elwood that the packet had pretty neat information. Mr. Elwood shared with Mr. Wallace that the documents he had is the draft packet of a possible plan he will share with the staff at their next meeting. Mrs. McCray then stated that this is a little troublesome for the rest of the Board since they do not know what Mr. Wallace is referring to. This draft packet has been an idea that Mr. Elwood has been working on with his leadership team, DSLT and PAC. They are looking into the possibilities of rethinking the grading system. This draft packet has been put together as a point of discussion; this is not concrete at this point and was not intended to be shared with the Board yet. If the Board would like Mr. Elwood to explain this at a subsequent meeting we can do that. Mrs. McCray also reminded the Board that any grading policy changes would have to come before the Board. Mrs. McCray also shared with the Board that the concern of failing students has been expressed by all levels in our discussions.

VIII. Reports

1. Ileana Soto, Student Board Representative reported that Wasco High School has five students who have been accepted to elite Universities to include Colgate University (Jesus Reyes), Norte Dame University (Daniel Sanchez & Moises Martinez), Stanford University (Alejandro Martinez) & the University of Denver (Jose Puente). She also reported the ASB Elections are going to be held next Friday, April 23, 2010.
2. Mr. Fulwyler reported on behalf of the NKVTC. We met this morning and we are looking at the budget situations. There will be some cuts that will need to be made in order to balance the budget.
3. Mrs. McCray introduced Mr. Martin Lonza who shared with the Board an update on the Independence High School WASC Review. The WASC Review resulted in a rewarding review. The review was done by Dr. Dorothy Stanford from the

Orange County Department of Education and Kathleen Kristen, Principal of Citrus High in Porterville. The review team was quite impressed with Independence High School. This review is part of the 6 year accreditation process, and this was for the 3 year mark.

Mrs. McCray also welcomed Mrs. Pat Rissi back to school after her illness.

Mrs. McCray shared with the Board that the first CSEA Bargaining Session was held on Monday, April 19, 2010. We reviewed the proposals and will be meeting again soon. She thanked Mr. Jose Rios for his efforts in coordinating the meetings.

Mrs. McCray also reported to the Board that the District has posted for the Wasco High School Science Position and received great candidates. Although we have done the interviews, we have decided to postpone our decision due the recent notification from another teacher who has submitted her letter of resignation. We are now posting for a Continuation Teacher-Science/Math at Independence High School. We will await our decision until this posting has closed in the event that a Certificated Employee from Wasco High School would like to transfer to Independence High School.

Mrs. McCray reported on enrollment. She stated last year's enrollment for the district was 1683 for the district with 1482 students at Wasco High and 201 students at Independence High. Last month the enrollment for the district was 1706 with 1510 students at Wasco High and 196 students at Independence High. This month the enrollment for the district is 1680 with 1491 at Wasco High and 189 at Independence High.

IX. 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 the following Certificated Employee
 1. DyAnn Herrera
 - b. Approve Voluntary Transfer Request from the following-
 1. Russell Cherry to transfer from Wasco High to Independence High, ISP Math
 2. Kristy Martinez to transfer from Wasco High to Independence High, Continuation English
 - c. Consider Approval of the following Athletic Coach
 1. Matt Madrigal –Track Coach, Walk-On, Volunteer
 - d. Consider Approval of Board Resolution for Retiring Employees
 1. Chiyoko Carender
 2. Elmer Epps
 3. Tom Ware
2. It was moved by Acebedo and seconded by Braun to approve Submission of Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
3. It was moved by Braun and seconded by Fulwyler to approve Independence High School Single Plan for Student Achievement. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

4. It was moved by Braun and seconded by Fulwyler to approve American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Title I, Part A Waiver Application . Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
5. It was moved by Acebedo and seconded by Fulwyler to approve Student Teaching Agreement TCH0842 with California State University, Bakersfield. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
6. It was moved by Fulwyler and seconded by Braun to approve Labor Compliance, LLC for Wasco High School Cafeteria Project. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
7. It was moved by Acebedo and seconded by Braun to approve Steve Guffey, DSA Certified Inspector for Wasco High School Cafeteria Project. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
8. It was moved by Braun and seconded by Holtermann to approve Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District Official Assessment Ballot. Motion carried. Ayes: 4; Noes: 1 (Fulwyler); Absent: 0.
9. It was moved by Acebedo and seconded by Fulwyler to approve English Textbooks. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
10. It was moved by Braun and seconded by Acebedo to approve to Declare Library Equipment as Obsolete. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
11. It was moved by Braun and seconded by Holtermann to approve to Declare Textbooks No Longer in Use as Obsolete. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
12. It was moved by Holtermann and seconded by Fulwyler to approve Interdistrict Transfer Requests. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
13. It was moved by Holtermann and seconded by Acebedo to approve Facilities Requests submitted by the 60's Reunion Committee. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
14. It was moved by Holtermann and seconded by Braun to approve Field Trip Requests submitted by the FFA, Math Club, Science Club, Mrs. Carol Ray-Delfino, and Mrs. Laura Garcia-Williams. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
15. It was moved by Holtermann and seconded by Fulwyler to approve to Donations to the Boy's Golf Club, Golf Activities, Freshmen Class, Football Club, Jr. Class, Sophomore Class, Mr. Eric Sands for Once Classroom At A Time. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

X. Discussion and Information

1. Instructional Materials were introduced for the Board's review.
2. Correspondence from Self-Insured Schools of California (SISC I) Workers Compensation was shared with the Board.
3. Correspondence from Colgate University Office of Admission was shared with the Board.

4. Correspondence from California Association Future Farmers of America was shared with the Board.

XI. Claims, Transfers and Accounts

It was moved by Braun and seconded by Holtermann to approve the claims, transfers and accounts for Batches 56, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68 and Payrolls in the amount 1,151,161.97. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

XII. Adjournment

It was moved by Braun and seconded by Acebedo to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0. Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

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