

Wasco Union High School District  
Board of Trustees  
Regular Board Meeting  
Boardroom NKVTC Room 4  
November 10, 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. Patricia Rissi

Classified Management Present

Mr. Joe Salazar

Mr. John Yanez

Secretary Present

Mrs. Gracie Saldaña

Visitors

Edith Becerra, Mr. Chris McCraw, Mr. Mauricio Lara, Mrs. Lucila Lara, Mr. Cesar Lara, Mrs. Vernave Lopez, Mr. Jose Rios, Mr. Luis Zepeda and Mrs. Guadalupe Zepeda

Flag Salute

The flag was saluted.

II. Adopt Agenda

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

III. Public Comments

No Public Comments

IV. Executive Session

The meeting convened in executive session at 6:02 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 Holtermann and seconded by Braun to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 14, 2010. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

VI. Public Comments

Mrs. Lucila Lara addressed the Board in Spanish and was interpreted in English by Mrs. Gracie Saldaña. Mrs. Lara provided her attorney's business card to the Board Members. She shared that she has spoken to Mrs. Rissi and the problem isn't her daughter, it is the administration. Mrs. Rissi is poorly educated and does not know how to treat the parents because she shuts them up. Mrs. Lara said that she has also met with Mr. Elwood but everything goes in one ear and out the other. She then stated, then there is the Superintendent, it is more difficult to meet with her than the President. If they do not want to do their jobs I am willing to arrange a petition and have them removed. Mrs. Lara again made reference to her attorney's business cards and informed the Board that they should be hearing from her attorney by Friday or Monday. She then stated if the Superintendent thinks I am playing, I am not, and if the Board would like I can fill up this Boardroom with people who share the same sentiments. She thanked the Board and expressed that she is looking forward to a response.

Mr. Chris McCraw reported on behalf of the Ag. Department. He reported on the Ag. Calendar. On the 16<sup>th</sup> of November there will be 42 students attending a public speaking contest in Taft. On the 11<sup>th</sup> of December there will be 22 students competing in a public speaking contest at Bakersfield College. Mr. McCraw reported that the FFA has started their poinsettia sale. He reported on the Annual Farm Tour; it was a great time and we had a lot of fun. He also commended Mr. John Yanez for his strategies for garbage disposal in saving the District approximately forty-five thousand dollars.

VII. Items From Board Members

Mr. Jesse Acebedo shared with the Board that the first Student Leadership Meeting was held a couple of weeks ago. There was a good response with 32 students in attendance. Mr. Acebedo then personally invited anyone interested to attend the next meeting. It will be held next Thursday during the lunch hour.

Mr. Wayne Wallace then shared with the Board that he visited the Wasco High School Campus today. In speaking with one of the counselors he understands that we have 1679 F's. He also understands there are quite a few pregnancies on our campus. Mr. Wallace shared that back when he was at Wasco High there use to be education on this, also on drugs and everything else. Mr. Elwood reported that it is part of the curriculum for the Health Class with freshmen in attendance.

VIII. Reports

1. Edith Becerra reported on behalf of the Student Body. She reported that this is Wasco/Shafter Week. Friday is the Wasco/Shafter Exchange Rally with the Wasco/Shafter Game in the evening. Edith commended Taylor Serda for her Softball Scholarship to Utah State and she also commended the Tennis Team for winning 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Valley Championship.
2. Mr. Fulwyler reported on behalf of the North Kern Vocational Training Center. He shared that the Construction Class is working with Self Help to help build some houses behind Kmart. This class allows the students the experience with no cost to the District.
3. Mrs. McCray congratulated and commended Mr. Joe Salazar for the completion of the CTO Mentor Program.

Mr. Salazar shared that this was a very good program. It was an 8 month program and it gave him the opportunity to dialog on a monthly basis with Technology Professionals around the State who are involved in K-12 organizations. The program focused on three strands; Leadership, Technology and Education. Each strand had a sub set of strands. It covered Leadership, Project Management, Professional Development, Assessment and Accountability. This gave Mr. Salazar an opportunity to branch out and learn more about school business, educational aspects and his responsibilities. Mr. Salazar thanked the Board for the opportunity.

Mrs. McCray introduced Mr. Joseph Elwood to report on the Truancy Sweep. Mr. Elwood commended Mrs. Rissi for coordinating the sweep. A list of students was identified as students who were constantly truant and that list was given to the police officers. A few students were in attendance that day so they were called in and the officers had an opportunity to speak to them. For those who were not in attendance, they were visited by an officer who knocked on their door and asked their parents why their student was not in attendance at school. This sent a really strong message it is important for the students to be in school because if they are not in school they will not learn. Mr. Elwood thanked Kern High, along with Shafter Police Department for their support.

Mr. Wallace asked Mr. Elwood if there were quite a few students who were truant. Mr. Elwood responded that there were 14 students who we wanted to be visited.

Mrs. McCray introduced Mr. Barry Braun who presented the Board with an update on the Cafeteria project, power upgrade and technology infrastructure as well as other upcoming projects on behalf of the Facilities Committee. These projects are funded by the bond.

Mr. Acebedo asked if the current little power plant/transformer just east of the Bus Barn is going to stay there. Mr. Martin Lonza responded that it is staying there and actually is going to expand to the south to accommodate the new switch gear. The intent is to fence in this unit.

Mrs. Lara stood up and asked in Spanish if she could make a statement. Mrs. Gracie Saldaña translated to the Board Mrs. Lara's request but she did not await a response and began talking in Spanish. Mr. Wallace rapped the gavel to bring the meeting back to order.

Mrs. McCray reported on enrollment. She stated last year's enrollment for the district was 1765 with 1566 students at Wasco High and 199 students at Independence High. Last month the district was at 1748 with 1554 students at Wasco High School and 194 students at Independence High School. This month the district is at 1718 students in the district with 1516 students at Wasco High and 202 students at Independence High.

## IX.

### Discussion and Action

1. It was moved by Holtermann and seconded by Acebedo to approve the personnel items. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
  - a. Approve Helen Orozco as 6 hour-Cafeteria Assistant
  - b. Approve Athletic Coaches
    1. Approve the following Boys Basketball Coaches:
      - a. Mike Bradley, Assistant-Walk-On, Paid

- b. George McClay, Assistant-Walk-On, Paid
  - 2. Approve the following Girls Basketball Coach:
    - a. David Lucas, Assistant, Paid
  - 3. Approve the following Cross Country Coach:
    - a. Greg MacLean, Assistant, Paid
  - 4. Approve the following Boys Soccer Coaches:
    - a. Hugo Garcia, Assistant-Walk-On, Paid
  - 5. Approve the following Girls Soccer Coaches:
    - a. Eric Sands, Head Coach-Paid
    - b. Greg MacLean, Assistant, Paid
2. It was moved by Braun and seconded by Fulwyler to designate Thursday, December 9, 2010 as the Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
  3. It was moved by Fulwyler and seconded by Acebedo to approve the CAHSEE Waiver Requests for Designated Special Education Students. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
  4. It was moved by Acebedo and seconded by Braun to approve the Agreement for Joint Use between Wasco Union High School District and North Kern Vocational Training Center. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
  5. It was moved by Braun and seconded by Fulwyler to go out to Bid for the Wasco High School Campus Power Upgrade. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
  6. It was moved by Holtermann and seconded by Acebedo to approve the Year 14 E-Rate Participation. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
  7. It was moved by Acebedo and seconded by Holtermann to approve the Resolution 1011-3 to Apply for the California Department of Education Small School District and County Office of Education Bus Replacement Program. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0, Abstain: 0.
  8. It was moved by Fulwyler and seconded by Acebedo to approve the chaperone for History Club. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
  9. It was moved by Acebedo and seconded by Braun to approve the Interdistrict Transfer Requests. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
  10. It was moved by Holtermann and seconded by Braun to approve the Field Trips. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
  11. It was moved by Acebedo and seconded by Fulwyler to approve the Donations. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

X. Discussion and Information

1. Independence High School Single Plan for Student Achievement was introduced for the Board's review.
2. Wasco High School Single Plan for Student Achievement was introduced for the Board's review.
3. Instructional DVD was introduced for the Board's review.

4. Request for Representative to be appointed to the North Kern Vocational Training Center Board of Directors was introduced for the Board's review.
5. Correspondence from the Department of Education regarding Enhancing Education through Technology American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (AARA) Competitive Grant was shared with the Board Members.

XI. Claims, Transfers and Accounts

It was moved by Braun and seconded by Holtermann to approve the claims, transfers and accounts for Batches 21, and 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, and Payrolls in the amount \$ 995,862.92. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

XII. Adjournment

It was moved by Wallace and seconded by Acebedo to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Any materials required by law to be made available to the public prior to a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the District can be inspected at the following address during normal business hours: District Office, 2100 Seventh Street, Wasco, CA 93280. An individual who requires disability-related accommodations or modifications, including auxiliary aids and services, in order to participate in the Board meeting should contact the Superintendent's Office.