

Wasco Union High School District
Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
Boardroom NKVTC Room 4
March 10, 2011
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 Barry Braun.

Board Members Present

Mr. Barry Braun, President
Mr., Craig Fulwyler, Clerk
Mr. Jesse Acebedo

Mrs. Patricia Sanchez
Mr. Wayne Wallace

Administrators Present

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

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

Classified Management Present

Mrs. Susan Cheatwood

Mr. Joe Salazar

Secretary Present

Mrs. Gracie Saldaña

Visitors

Edith Becerra, Daniel Cisneros, Yessenia Figueroa, Mrs. Sandra Fisher, Alumni Football USA Players, Mr. David Lucas, Mrs. Mary Ann Lucas, Isydra Lujan, Mr. Chris McCraw, Mrs. Helen Medrano, Miranda Medrano, Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Payne, Christian Quinones, Mr. Jose Rios, Mr. John Sanford, Mrs. Carmey Sears, Carlos Verdoza, Abigail Wheeler and Mr. Jim Wheeler

Flag Salute

The flag was saluted.

II. Adopt Amended Agenda

It was moved by Acebedo and seconded by Fulwyler to adopt the amended 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 6:03 p.m.

Regular Session

The meeting reconvened in regular session at 7:15 p.m.

Announcement of Executive Session Actions

President Braun reported that Superintendent McCray received an overall satisfactory evaluation and the Board is recommending her contract be extended to the end of the 2012-2013 school year.

V. Reading and Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Fulwyler and seconded by Acebedo to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 10, 2011. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

VI. Public Comments

Mr. Braun shared that the time allotted to any individual speaker is three (3) minutes. When numerous individuals wish to address the same issue, time will be limited to ten (10) minutes for the subject area. In case of numerous requests to address the same item, the Board President may select representatives to speak on each side of the item. He also reminded members of the audience to please refrain from making comments or asking questions beyond the public comment opportunity.

Mr. Wheeler commended the Wasco Union High School District Board and Administration for the great job that they have done, specifically the Sports Complex. He shared that the campus looks very nice and he is very proud of Wasco High School. Mr. Jesse Acebedo reported that Mr. Wheeler is the new executive director for the Wasco Housing Authority as of February 1, 2011.

Mrs. Fisher commended the Ceramics Class and shared that they are doing an excellent job.

A member of the Wasco High School Alumni Football Team addressed the Board. He thanked the Board on behalf of the Alumni Football USA for giving them the opportunity to submit their Facilities Request for the Wasco vs. Shafter Alumni Game.

Mrs. Rissi reported on behalf of the Wasco Women's Club. The Wasco Women's Club was extremely ecstatic due to the wonderful time they enjoyed while judging art projects. The students were also very enthusiastic about their work. There were over 75 people in attendance at the awards ceremony.

Mr. Chris McCraw reported on behalf of the Ag. Department. On the 23rd of March the State FFA Banquet will take place 6PM at the Kern Ag. Pavilion. Mr. McCraw thanked the Board and Administration for approving the Ag. Department, Field Trip Requests. He shared that these field trips experiences inspire the classroom.

VII. Items From Board Members

Mrs. Patricia Sanchez shared that she attended the SSL Wrestling Tournament that was hosted at Wasco High School. She reported that Wasco took First Place. This is the second year in a row that Wasco has taken the SSL Title. Mrs. Sanchez also thanked the Board and Superintendent McCray for the opportunity to attend a conference for the New and First Time Board Members. She shared what she appreciated the most out of the conference is that she learned as a Board Member the students are the first and primary focus.

Mr. Wallace asked Mr. Elwood to tell him about E2020. Mr. Elwood shared that E2020 is an online curriculum that was purchased this year. It is primarily aimed at seniors who are behind on scheduled graduation. This program will allow them to catch up on their units. It will give the students an opportunity to earn 20 and in rare cases up to 30 credits in a year. The program is driven by the student's desire in pacing. The standards are

very high, it is not an easy class by any means. If a student is very dedicated and committed to succeeding they can catch up and graduate on time. We are also looking into expanding this program to the Junior level for next year. By expanding to the program we can identify the students earlier. This is another tool for students to get back on track.

Mr. Wallace shared that the staff has shared with him that the students go into E2020 with enthusiasm but they really need some more guidance. He then asked if we are going to provide that assistance. Mr. Elwood shared that some of the misconception is that this program is going to be easy with low standards but the standards are not lower. We have some ideas on how to provide assistance by having the library open later hours. This is the first year and there are things we are working on but this is a great program.

Mr. Wallace then asked for the rationale regarding not having a General English Course. Mr. Elwood shared that the expectations we have for our students is that we are preparing every student for college. If we automatically placed Freshmen in General English, we have just limited the options for those students. Our data shows that on average maybe 8 Seniors are not graduating due to academic reasons. They are succeeding at the rigor, if anything maybe our rigor needs to be higher.

VIII. Reports

1. Edith Becerra reported on behalf of the Student Body. She reported on the Noche de Gala that will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2011. She also shared that the Exit Exam Testing is on Tuesday and Wednesday. She then reported to the Board that the quarter ends tomorrow.
2. Mr. Fulwyler had no report on behalf of the North Kern Vocational Training Center.
3. Mrs. McCray introduced Mr. Elwood who shared with the Board the Academic Decathlon Team. The Academic Decathlon Team is made up of our scholars on campus. Mr. Elwood then introduced Carmey Sears who shared with the Board the Members of the Decathlon Team. She then reported that since the introduction of the class, we have never been better. The team demonstrated for the Board the process of Super Quiz. Mrs. Sears then shared that these members put in not only the time in the classroom but also 177 extra hours before the competition in February. She, with the help of Mr. Braun, presented Certificates to the Academic Decathlon Team. The team members consisted of Edith Becerra, Daniel Cisneros, Yessenia Figueroa, Jeremiah Keeley, Isydra Lujan, Miranda Medrano, Christian Quinones, Carlos Verdoza and Timothy Wymer.

Mrs. McCray then introduced Mr. Elwood who shared with the Board two students who he wanted to acknowledge and recognize. Mr. Elwood introduced Abigail Wheeler (a senior at Wasco High) who is the Chamber of Commerce 2011 Student of the Year, but what he wanted to share is that she has received second place for the 2011 Lincoln Day Essay Contest and a \$500 Dollar Scholarship. This was an essay contest that was open to all students in Kern County. Abby is also the founder of the Wasco Kids Club and received a signed letter from the President of the United States recognizing Abby and her efforts. Mr. Jim Wheeler, Abigail's father then reported that the Kern Community Foundation has a Women and Young Women Philanthropist of the Year. Abby was nominated by someone in the Community unbeknownst us and she was selected as the Young Women Philanthropist of the Year. Mr. Elwood then shared that Brock Carroll, another senior at Wasco High, was walking home last

month and found a little girl around the age of 2 years old at an intersection. As people passed by and didn't pay much attention to her. Brock stopped and asked her what was wrong. He tried to find her parents but with no luck, he called 911. He waited with the little girl and the officers for about 20 minutes until her parents were located. Mr. Elwood then shared that these are the kind of students we have at Wasco High. These are exceptional students but we have a lot of exceptional students throughout our District.

Mrs. McCray then reported to the Board that we are in the process of reviewing the Board Policy. Although we have done some updates throughout the years, we will start to take section by section and be working with the Board as well as with the Administration Staff. This process is to ensure the Board Policy is current with new laws.

Mrs. McCray then shared that at our April Board Meeting Mr. Elwood will report to the Board regarding the proposed Wasco Union High School Academic ID Card. This will encompass many things but it will determine whether or not students will have the privilege of leaving campus at lunch time. There will be a phase in of this as we start next school year, reiterating that leaving campus is a privilege not a right.

Mrs. McCray reported on enrollment. She stated last year's enrollment for the district was 1706 with 1510 students at Wasco High and 196 students at Independence High. Last month the district was at 1685 with 1486 students at Wasco High School and 199 students at Independence High School. This month the district is at 1681 students in the district with 1472 students at Wasco High and 209 students at Independence High.

IX. Discussion and Action

1. It was moved by Fulwyler and seconded by Acebedo to approve the personnel items. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
 - a. Consider Approval of Athletic Coaches
 1. Consider Approval of Samantha Martinez as Colorguard Assistant, Volunteer
 2. Consider Approval of the following changes in Softball Coaches Stipend
 - a. Sonia Wedel to be paid \$1,000 from Head Coaching stipend, Christina Nance receives the balance.
 - b. Angie Wedel to be paid \$500 from the Assistant Coaching stipend, Christina Salinas receives the balance.
2. It was moved by Acebedo and seconded by Wallace to approve the Resolution 1011-5 to Give Notice of Termination of Employment to 1 Classified Employee. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 5; Absent: 0.
3. It was moved by Wallace and seconded by Acebedo to approve Option B of the 2011-2012 Spanish Teachers. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
4. It was moved by Fulwyler and seconded by Acebedo to approve the Second Period Interim Budget Report. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
5. It was moved by Acebedo and seconded by Fulwyler to approve the 2011-12 Academic School Year Calendar. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

6. It was moved by Fulwyler and seconded by Acebedo to approve 2011-12 Oversight Committee. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
7. It was moved by Acebedo and seconded by Wallace to approve the Webhosting Service and E-mail Service bids and rejection of bids for Internet Access, Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections, Cellular Service and Telecommunications for Year 14 Wasco High School District E-Rate Priority 1 and Priority 2 Service Requests. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
8. It was moved by Wallace and seconded by Fulwyler to approve the Bakersfield City School District Piggyback Bid for Smart Brand Technology. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
9. It was moved by Wallace and seconded by Sanchez to approve the Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) Contract. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
10. It was moved by Acebedo and seconded by Wallace to approve to go to bid for insulation of the Agriculture Building Roof and Ceiling. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
11. It was moved by Fulwyler and seconded by Acebedo to approve the Deductive Change Order #1 for FusionStorm for the Routing and Switching Infrastructure for E-Rate Project. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
12. It was moved by Acebedo and seconded by Sanchez to approve the Chaperone/Drivers. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
13. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Wallace to approve the Field Trips submitted by Mr. McCraw for FFA, Mrs. Ray-Delfino for Advanced Culinary, Mr. Castillo for Swim Team, Mrs. Ceiley-Jackson for Pacific Palisades and Mrs. Brand for Senior Picnic. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
14. It was moved by Wallace and seconded by Sanchez to approve the Interdistrict Transfer Requests Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
15. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Wallace to approve the Facilities Requests submitted by Alumni Football USA, Wasco Historical Society, Wasco Union Elementary School District and OFCC. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
16. It was moved by Fulwyler and seconded by Acebedo to approve the Donations. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
17. It was moved by Acebedo and seconded by Fulwyler to reject the Employee Request for Extension of Leave of Absence. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

X. Discussion and Information

1. Correspondence from the Kern County Superintendent of Schools.
2. Correspondence from the CSBA Regarding 2011 CSBA Delegate Assembly Election.
3. Correspondence from the Moorea Banquet Centre.

XI. Claims, Transfers and Accounts

It was moved by Fulwyler and seconded by Acebedo to approve the claims, transfers and accounts for Batches 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 72 and Payrolls in the amount \$ 1,557,788.31 Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

XII. Adjournment

It was moved by Wallace and seconded by Sanchez to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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