

Wasco Union High School District
Boards of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
Boardroom NKVTC Room 4
December 8, 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 arrived 7:00 p.m.

Administrators Present

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

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

Classified Management Present

Mr. Jeff Payne
Mr. Joe Salazar

Mr. John Yanez

Secretary Present

Mrs. Gracie Saldaña

Visitors

Mrs. Susan Andreas-Bervel, Daniel Cisneros, Mr. Oscar Raya

Flag Salute

The flag was saluted.

- II. Adopt Agenda
It was moved by Acebedo and seconded by Sanchez to adopt the agenda as presented.
Ayes: 4; Noes: 0; Absent: 1 (Wallace)
- III. Public Comments
None
- IV. Executive Session

The meeting convened in executive session at 6:02 p.m.

Regular Session

The meeting reconvened in regular session at 7:00 p.m.

Announcement of Executive Session Actions

None

V. Reading and Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Acebedo and seconded by Sanchez to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 9, 2011. Motioned carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

VI. Conduct Annual Organizational Meeting with Election of Board Officers

Mr. Braun turned the meeting over to Mrs. McCray. Mrs. McCray and Daniel Cisneros presented a plaque to Mr. Fulwyler on behalf of the administration, faculty, staff and students in appreciation of his service as Clerk of the Board.

Mrs. McCray and Daniel Cisneros then presented a plaque to Mr. Braun on behalf of the administration, faculty, staff and students in appreciation of his service and leadership as President of the Board.

Mrs. McCray asked for nominations for Board President and Clerk of the Board. It was moved by Braun and seconded by Wallace as a slate to nominate Mr. Craig Fulwyler as Board President and Mr. Jesse Acebedo as Clerk of the Board. No other nominations were made. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

Mrs. McCray asked for nominations for Trustee Representative. It was moved by Acebedo and seconded by Fulwyler to nominate Mr. Barry Braun as Trustee Representative. Motioned carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Acebedo and seconded by Wallace to designate Superintendent Elizabeth McCray and Assistant Superintendent Lori Albrecht as the Authorized Representatives. Mrs. Elizabeth McCray will continue to be the Secretary of the Board. Motioned carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

It was moved by Braun and seconded by Fulwyler to designate the Board Meetings to begin at 6:00 p.m. for closed session and 7:00 p.m. for regular session on the second Thursday of the month. Please note the April Board Meeting will be one week later due to Easter Vacation. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

Mrs. McCray congratulated Mr. Fulwyler, Mr. Acebedo and Mr. Braun. The meeting was turned over to President Fulwyler.

VII. Public Hearing of Annual Account of School Facilities Fees

A public hearing was convened to certify the district's compliance with Education Code 60119 concerning the Annual Accounting of School Facilities Fees. Hearing no comments, the hearing was closed.

VIII. Public Comments
None

IX. Items from Board Members

Mr. Braun thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve on the Board. He shared that being part of the Board during a momentous time to allow the district to be able to move on to bigger and better things has been a privilege. Our students are starting to really bear fruit. The students are catching on and so are the staff. The student are learning and it is good to see. It is a privilege to be a part of this organization.

Mrs. Sanchez thanked Mrs. McCray and the Board for the opportunity for her to attend the CSBA conference. There were a lot of great school workshops. She shared with the Board about the classes she attended.

Mr. Fulwyler reported on the Kern County School Board Planning Meeting. He shared that the Winter Meeting will be on February 23, 2012. He shared that Kern County Superintendent of Schools should be commended for the information given to school districts regarding the Election Systems for School Boards. They did a great job.

X. Reports

1. Daniel Cisneros reported on behalf of the Student Body. He shared that there were 30-40 students who participated in the International Economic Summit. Wasco High brought back 3 trophies and a number of certificates. He shared that tomorrow Wasco High Football will be having a game at Washington Union in Fresno for the Valley Championship. Daniel invited the Board Members to attend the Football Game. He also reported that the Link Crew has been doing a lot of community service. They participated in the Turkey Run at Teresa Burke to raise money for the Ronald McDonald Charity. On Monday, Link Crew helped Freshmen Students with testing skills and hope to keep this up. Daniel also reported that the soccer teams have participated in two tournaments and are doing well. Mrs. Sears who oversees the Academic Decathlon, has made her selection on the students who will be participating.
2. Mr. Fulwyler reported on behalf of the North Kern Vocational Training Center. He shared that there was nothing new to report. He shared that the board is remaining the same.
3. Mrs. McCray introduced Mr. Elwood who reported to the Board on Wasco High School, Junior - Hector Delgado. Hector has been selected as 1 of 3 finalists for Student Member of the Board for the State of Board of Education. Hector was selected in early November as a top 12. On the 8th of the November they selected

the top 6, Hector is now in the top 3. The Governor of California is now going to select from these top 3 in January. If Hector is selected, he will be the first in Kern County. The successful candidate will be joining the State of Board Education a few times of year.

Mrs. McCray shared with the Board that she spoke to Mr. Juan Flores regarding a community garden. After approaching the city, he was referred to Mrs. McCray. She reported that the location has to be a place that the community has access to. Mrs. McCray then asked the Board if they had any ideas. Mr. Fulwyler asked if there are any operating community gardens. Mrs. McCray shared that there are but not local. She reported that she can look into that. Mr. Fulwyler suggested that she contact someone with experience of a community garden. Mrs. McCray shared that she will speak with the Mr. Flores a little more to find out more information. Mr. Braun shared that he is interested

Mrs. McCray invited the Board Members to the combined Wasco High School and Wasco Elementary Christmas Concert on December 15, 2011 at 7PM. She also reminded the Board Members of the Veteran's Dinner sponsored by VFW. Mrs. McCray then shared that Mr. Gary Steward has expressed his interest in the Wasco High School Centennial Celebration in 2015. A celebration plan is in the works, She suggested that Mr. Steward contact Mr. Raul Rangel. The Centennial Celebration is anticipated to be held in October of 2015.

Mrs. McCray then introduced Mr. Jeff Payne who reported to the Board on the First Interim Budget Report and Audit Report.

Mr. Braun asked that if we continue to move forward at this rate are you projecting in about 10 years 100% of our budget will go to Salaries and Benefits. Also, do you have a minimum amount of total revenues to run this school? Mr. Payne responded that is correct. He shared that it is difficult to answer, but the average district pays 85% to 90% of it's budget on salaries & benefits. Mr. Braun then stated that we can not continue on this kind of a trend, and we will need to set a limit. Mr. Payne shared that we have options to explore. Other districts are looking at furlough days, cut in calendar year and health benefits. Mrs. McCray then shared that there is a percentage that we have to spend on Curriculum. Mr. Payne agreed with Mr. McCray that there is and we can review. Mrs. McCray shared that we also have expenses from personnel that are incurred over and above their regular working hours. Mr. Acebedo commended Mr. Payne. He shared that it was a great presentation. Mr. Braun agreed with Mr. Acebedo and shared that it was very helpful. Mrs. McCray also expressed her appreciation and that the presentation was very informative and she commended Mr. Payne. Mr. Fulwyler shared that he appreciated the information that Mr. Payne shared but also the knowledge that he provides from other districts in comparison. Mr. Fulwyler asked if this expense is also when we have folks that are doubling up on

the High School and Elementary Health Benefits, is that correct. Mrs. McCray shared that he was absolutely correct.

Mrs. McCray thanked everyone in attendance at the Special Joint Meeting on Tuesday Evening. The purpose of last week's joint meeting was to provide information of the process. Now as a District we go get that information and the budget information from the County Office. As a result of the Joint Special Board Meeting we will now see it all in a plan. And at that point the board will have the opportunity to decide what is best for the District and the Students of the District. The powerpoint presentation is now on the Wasco Union High School District Website. She then asked the Board if they have any other information they might need. Mr. Acebedo asked what did the loss of local control mean and that he did not see that happening. Mrs. McCray then shared a possible example Wasco High School and Shafter High School were asked to be a part of Kern High School District. As a result of Shafter became a part of Kern High School District. Maybe they feel like they lost local control in Shafter. Wasco High chose to stay as its own District. But we don't see this as a problem in Wasco. Mr. Braun thanked Mrs. McCray and shared that if we now go on to Lost Hills, Maple, Semitropic, they could feel like they would lose local control but in Wasco's case it is not the issue. Mrs. McCray shared that all three schools are a school of choice. How many students leave the community of the Wasco District to attend these schools? Two of the three schools are sending their buses in Wasco to pick up elementary children. Wasco Elementary is losing a lot of ADA as a result. Mrs. Sanchez shared that she was told by migrant parents that the class sizes were smaller and the students get home later (eliminating child care issue). Mrs. McCray shared that if we are building the best possible school district, we can see these students come back as a result. Mrs. McCray shared that from July to December she has seen more cooperation and collaboration between the districts now than what she has in the 14 years she has lived in Wasco. She has been at both districts and it has never happened until now. I don't attribute it to me, I attribute it to this opportunity. What matters is what is good for our children in the community. It is wonderful to see this in such a short period of time, it can only result in good things for our students. Mr. Wallace stated that it was due to standards. Mrs. McCray shared that we have had standards for years. We are articulating K-12 and it has made a huge difference. Mr. Acebedo shared that it boils down to leadership and he commended Mrs. McCray for her efforts. Mrs. McCray shared that right now the majority of her time is being spent learning more about Wasco Union Elementary School District. The Wasco Union High School District however has not skipped a beat, from the classroom, to Administration, to maintenance operations and transportation, our folks are taking care of business. Think about what is happening, look at our track record, people will want to be a part of it. Students are what it is about. Unification can happen faster than I thought. Mrs. McCray shared the following; Why should I support unification? By unifying we will; 1. Establish a unified school district that will be responsive to the needs of our student population, providing safe and

academically successful schools. 2. Provide a coordinated, sequential educational program for our students from preschool through twelfth grade. 3. Increase collaboration between elementary staff, secondary staff and the community in our pursuit of national, state, county and local educational goals. 4. Create a unified educational system whereby expectations and accountability are driven by a single Board of Trustees and a single administration representing the community. 5. Provide a more effective use of district resources. This is the message I believe we should be sending to the community. She shared that she thinks it is an excellent opportunity. She explained that she does not want anyone to think they are going to lose their jobs; it might be a different job but this movement is historic. There are a lot of districts watching us and we have lots of support. Mrs. McCray shared that Dr. Forrest's history lesson regarding unification efforts was excellent during the Special Joint Meeting. We just need to push on and continue to do great things. Mrs. McCray then commended Mrs. Susan Andreas-Bervel and Mrs. Lori Albrect for being a great support system. She shared that she feels strongly about this opportunity, this is important to the students and the families of Wasco. Mr. Braun asked if Wasco Union Elementary School District will be contacting Pivot Learning Partners. Mrs. McCray shared that they have already made that contact and the coaches are in place and aligned. Mrs. McCray then wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked everyone for their support to her and to this District during this endeavor to move on to Unification. Root on the Tigers tomorrow night.

Mrs. McCray reported on enrollment. She stated that last year's enrollment for the district was 1727 with 1512 students at Wasco High and 215 students at Independence High. Last month the district was at 1758 with 1580 at Wasco High and 178 students at Independence High. This month the district is at 1748 with 1563 at Wasco High and 185 students at Independence High.

Mrs. McCray then wished the Board, staff, administration and faculty a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. She commended the Board, staff, administration and faculty for all their work.

XI. Discussion and Action

1. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Acebedo to approve the Personnel Consent Agenda. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
 - a. Approval of Certificated Employee(s)
 1. Jamie Chavarria, Lunchtime Tutoring Teacher
 - b. Approval of Classified Employee(s)
 1. Oscar Raya, Agriculture Farm Lab Assistant
 - c. Approval of the following Athletic Coach(es)
 1. Basketball Coach:
 - a. Jim Wheeler- Walk-On, Boys JV, Volunteer
 1. Wrestling Coach
 - a. Seth Hokit - Walk-On, ¼ paid

- d. Approval of ASB Student Workers for 2011-12 School Year
 1. Daniel Cisneros
 2. Cecilia Escalera
 3. Marissa Garza
 4. Miguel Medina
 5. Elisabeth Newman

2. It was moved by Fulwyler and seconded by Acebedo to approve the First Period Interim Budget Report. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

3. It was moved by Acebedo and seconded by Fulwyler to approve the Acceptance of 2010-11 Audit Report. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

4. It was moved by Acebedo and seconded by Braun to approve the Acceptance of Prop 39 General Obligation Bond Performance and Financial Audit. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

5. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Wallace to approve the Resolution of Annual Accounting of Development Fees for 2010-11. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

6. It was moved by Braun and seconded by Sanchez to approve the Resolution No. 1112-4 Resolution of Impoundment of Local tax Revenues to Anticipate Pending Claims and/or Litigation. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

7. It was moved by Wallace and seconded by Sanchez to approve Change Order #3 of FusionStorm (E-Rate) in the amount of \$6,923.55. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

8. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Wallace to approve Change Order #4 for Advanced Communication (E-Rate) to add 44 days to the Advance Communication Contract. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

- Mr. Fulwyler asked it if was possible to know what costs differences are on the projects on how they end up in comparison to the original bid. Mrs. McCray shared absolutely, she then asked how far would you like to go back. Mr. Fulwyler shared that he would like to see only on the big projects.

9. It was moved by Acebedo and seconded by Wallace to approve the Driver/Chaperones for 2011-12 School Year. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

10. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Acebedo to approve the Interdistrict Transfer Request. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

11. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Acebedo to approve the Field Trips. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

XII. Discussion and Information

1. Correspondence from California State Board of Education regarding Wasco High School Student, Hector Delgado was shared with the Board
2. Correspondence from California Association Future Farmers of America regarding Wasco High School Teacher, Amber Nagel was shared with the Board
3. Correspondence from California School Employees Association (CSEA) regarding the Withdrawal of Unfair Practice Charges LA-CE-5591-E and LA-CE-5592-E was shared with the Board
4. Response Letter from Superintendent to California School Employees Association (CSEA) was shared with the Board
5. Correspondence from Mr. Larry Pennell regarding the Citizens Oversight Committee was shared with the Board

XIII. Claims, Transfers and Accounts

It was moved by Fulwyler and seconded Acebedo to approve the claims, transfers and accounts for 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 46, and Payrolls in the amount of \$1,283,417.51. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

XIV. Adjournment

It was moved by Acebedo and seconded by Braun to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

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