

Wasco Union High School District
Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
Boardroom NKVTC Room 4
January 12, 2012
7:00 p.m.
Adopted Minutes

I. Call to Order – 6:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Wasco Union High School District Boards of Trustees was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Craig Fulwyler.

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. 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

Mr. David Abernathy, Mrs. Susan Andreas-Bervel, Mr. Walt Desatoff, Carina Duran, Mr. Grant Herndon, Mrs. Sandy Fisher, Mrs. Mary Ann Lucas, Mr. Chris McCraw, Mrs. Denise Morales, Antonio Rosas, Ana Iris Ruiz, Haley Seals, Cinthia Ugalde,

Flag Salute

The flag was saluted.

II. Adopt Agenda

It was moved by Wallace and seconded by Sanchez of the Wasco Union High School District to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0

III. Public Comments

None

IV. Executive Session

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

Regular Session

The meeting convened 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 Wallace to approve the minutes of the special meeting of December 6, 2011 and regular meeting of December 13, 2011. Motioned carried Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

VI. Public Comments

Mr. McCraw reported on behalf of the Ag Department. He welcomed Mr. Oscar Raya to the District as the new Ag Farm Lab Assistant. He invited the Board and Administration on the 30th of January; we will be having our monthly meeting at the Ag Shop and Dodge Ball on the Tennis Court. On the March 29 Mr. Charles Parker, regional supervisor will be in attendance at the State FFA Awards Banquet at the Kern County Fair Grounds. He also shared that on the April 21-24 is the State Convention where one of Wasco High School Senior Leaders, Miranda Medrano is running for the state spot. On the 11th of May is the FFA Friends and Family Banquet.

Mrs. Fisher reported on HOBY and shared that students who attended last year have created an application for interested sophomore students to apply. The application process has been completed, the selection has been made and the students will be going soon. She also shared on the Leaders in Life Conference which is for students lead by students. Our students did a great job at the Conference. She then reported that we are getting close to the FASFA workshop. We will be having an online workshop on 23rd and 24th of this month. Cash for College will also be coming up, with someone from Senator Rubio's Office. A thousand dollar scholarship will be awarded to 2 students if we can get 100 students in attendance.

VII. Items From Board Members

Mr. Acebedo shared on the Kern County Student Leadership. The next meeting will be at Frontier High School for the prayer breakfast on the 26th of January.

Mr. Braun reported on the Christmas Program, he shared that he was not disappointed. It was a great program, the sleigh ride song by the steel drums was amazing.

Mr. Wallace shared on the Basketball Game. Although the Coach has still not hit the 500 there is a big difference. They are moving right along.

Mrs. Sanchez shared that she went on the charter bus to the Valley Championship Game at Washington Union High School and it was a great experience. She wanted to thank the boosters and rotary for their support of the charter bus; it made it such an exciting and fun experience. Our Wasco High School Students in attendance were great. She saw Daniel Cisneros at the game and he came up to her and her husband and welcomed them to the game. This is great leadership and a great reflection of Wasco. Students, staff, administration, everyone keep up the good work. Our students athletes conducted themselves so well and you all should be commended and their parents as well. It was also great to see the teachers in attendance and supporting to the students.

VIII. Reports

1. Mrs. Mary Ann Lucas reported on behalf of Daniel Cisneros, Student Board

Representative. Mrs. Lucas shared that before the break, we hosted a conference on December 6th. We had 12 schools and our topic was fundraising. Wasco High Students raise funds greatly compared to others schools. The students did a great job. The advisors from the other schools were very complimentary of our students and our campus. She then reported that January 28th is the Snowball at the Bakersfield Women's Club. The kids do a great job and have a good time. This year is the masquerade ball.

2. Mr. Fulwyler reported on behalf of the North Kern Vocational Training Center. He shared that a donation of a house was offered to NKVTC but unfortunately it was turned down since they are still involved in the Self Help Program. Mr. Fulwyler reported that Mr. McFarland is the new President and Mr. Fulwyler is the new Vice President of the Board of NKVTC. Mrs. McCray asked if there are any plans for the house on the Wasco High School District property. Mr. Fulwyler shared that there have not been plans since they are very occupied with the Self Help Program.
3. Mrs. McCray introduced Mr. Grant Herndon of Schools Legal Services regarding the resolution that was passed in 2010 regarding the by trustee area. This data is updated to exclude the Prison Population. He shared that based on data from the California Statewide Database as Registered Voters with Spanish Surnames 62% with a voter turnout of 50.4%. These Spanish Surnames totals may also include non-Hispanics. In an At large District the down side is the election zone; the board members will be elected by 20% of the community. The upside is that the voters are voting to people who are close to them. Currently all voters in the district can vote every two years; by trustee area it is only once every 4 years in the area where you live. He asked if any board member feels the size of the district is a barrier. Mr. Fulwyler shared that it is definitely manageable, our voters in Wasco are comparable to a trustee area in Bakersfield. Mr. Acebedo shared as far as a candidate running, it is very inexpensive. Mr. Braun shared that one can easily campaign. Mr. Herndon then asked the Board about the possibility of territorial effects. Mrs. Sanchez shared that she likes the at large system since we learn from each other. Mr. Braun shared that we all feel we have a responsibility to everyone in the community. If the district is divided up like that we can be passing on our worries to others. Mr. Herndon asked how they felt about the electoral voting every two years. The board agreed that the current at large gives the community the opportunity to let their voices be heard every two years instead of every 4 years. Mr. Herndon then asked if voter influence could change from trustee area to area. Mr. Braun shared that in dividing up our district, it would not be that much different as far as make up. Mr. Herndon asked if the minority voters are better now or in a trustee area. Mr. Acebedo shared that the Hispanics have the power they can vote for whoever they want, when they want. Mr. Fulwyler explained that the data does not show that the community will benefit from changing to trustee area. Mr. Braun shared that we could also create contention between areas. We don't want to divide the people to conquer. Mr. Fulwyler shared that it is important to continue to review but at this point it is not conclusive. Mr. Herndon asked if they agree with the current system. Mr. Acebedo expressed that if it is not broken then why fix it. Mr. Herndon shared that he will work on the Public Hearing and will return at the next board meeting. Mrs. McCray commended and thanked Mr. Herndon for his information and presentation.

Mrs. McCray then introduced Mr. Elwood who introduced Mrs. Morales. Mrs. Morales then reported on the Pasadena Rose Parade along with a few FFA students. FFA students; Antonio Rosas, Ana Ruiz, Kaylee Seals, Carina Duran assisted in the presentation. On December 26th the FFA Students woke up at 5AM and headed over to Pasadena. A powerpoint presentation was reviewed of their experience assisting in the making of the float. Former Wasco High Alumni Sonia Rios who currently attends Cal Poly Pomona, was the one who reached out to Wasco FFA. Mr. Fulwyler asked how many others were there that day. Mrs. Morales shared that there were not that many, we had the biggest group in attendance. It was a great experience for our students to be working with the college students.

Mrs. McCray reminded the Board of the Trustee Dinner on Thursday, 23rd of February. She asked the Members to please contact Mrs. Gracie Saldaña if they would like to attend the dinner. She also concurred with Mrs. Sanchez regarding the Valley Championship Football Game, it was quite a weekend. She too felt very honored that the boosters and the rotary supported this great event. Looking in our stands we had more people in attendance than Washington Union. What was also great was the Sherriff's Department escorting the Varsity Football Teams charter bus back into town. Several of the students have said that it is something they will never forget. To sit back and watch the community come together to welcome these athletes was a great experience. She commended the varsity football coaches, Mr. Raul Rangel, Mrs. Mary Ann Lucas and administration for all of their efforts. They have everything to be proud of. It is fun to watch and to see that Wasco pride. There was an article on Deontay Greenberry in the Fresno Bee. He has committed to Notre Dame and was selected as Mr. Football in the Central Section. We have received lots of commendations on our student athletes. It was also nice to see the support on the football field after the game. This reiterated why we are in the field of business that we are in.

Mrs. McCray reported on enrollment. She stated that last year's enrollment for the district was 1703 with 1505 students at Wasco High and 198 students at Independence High. Last month the district was at 1748 with 1563 at Wasco High and 185 students at Independence High. This month the district is at 1711 with 1540 at Wasco High and 171 students at Independence High.

IX. Discussion and Action

1. It was moved by Acebedo and seconded by Wallace on the approval of the Personnel Consent Agenda. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
 1. Approval of Substitute Instructional Assistants for the 2011-12 School Year
 - a. Maria Duenas
 - b. Ruben Duenas
 - c. Ernestina Gonzalez
 - d. Jesus Villarreal
 2. Approval of Athletic Coaches
 - a. Approval of the following Baseball Coaches:
 1. Michael Rowland-JV, paid

2. Eddie Chavana-JV, Walk-On, Volunteer
 3. Jeff Wedel-Varsity, Walk-On, Volunteer
 4. Jose Castro-Varsity, Assistant, Volunteer
 - b. Approval of Nickol Calderon, Swim Coach Assistant, Walk-On, Paid
 - c. Approval of the following Softball Coaches:
 1. Millie Pettibone-Varsity, Assistant, Volunteer
 2. Tom Proffitt-Varsity, Walk-On, Volunteer
 3. Sonia Wedel-Varsity, Assistant, Volunteer
 4. Hilary Skeels-JV, Walk-On, Volunteer
 5. Christina Salinas-Head JV, Paid
 - d. Approval of the following Basketball Coach
 1. Arturo Navarrete-Girls Frosh, Assistant, Volunteer
 - e. Approval of Letters of Resignation from Cross Country Coaches
 1. Greg MacLean
 2. Craig Williams
2. It was moved by Wallace and seconded by Braun on the approval of the Submission of Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0
 3. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Acebedo on the approval of the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) Waiver Requests. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0
 4. It was moved by Acebedo and seconded by Braun on the approval of the Change Order #7 to Colombo Construction for a credit in the amount of \$8,573.12. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0

Mr. Wallace asked Mr. Lonza the reason for the upgrade to a higher quality grade of paint for the fence, what's the difference. Mr. Lonza shared that it will be more durable paint.

5. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Acebedo on the approval of the Interdistrict Transfer Requests. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0
6. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Braun on the approval of the Field Trips requested by Mrs. Fisher to Cal Poly Pre-Collegiate Symposium – Early Recruitment at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0
7. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Acebedo on the approval of the following Donations; \$1,200.00 donated to Varsity Football Team Charter Buses for Valley Championship Game by Wasco Rotary, \$2,784.00 donated to Horticulture Educational Trips/Denise Morales by Paramount School Projects, \$2,845.00 donated to Science Club/Ian Hunter by Paramount School Projects, \$3,000.00 donated to Computer Game Animation/Pete Mitchell by Paramount School Projects, \$3,000.00 donated to Boys Soccer Club/Ian Hunter by Paramount School Projects, \$3,000.00 donated to Future Women Leaders of America/Araceli Solis by Paramount School Projects, \$3,000.00 donated to Girls Soccer/Eric Sands by Paramount School Projects And Golf Cart donated to Wasco High School by A&A boosters. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0

X. Discussion and Information

1. The Census Information was shared with the Board.
2. The Introduction of Instructional Material for Library was presented to the Board.

Mr. Wallace shared that he has a concern with these books regarding the content. He pointed out three books specifically. Mr. Acebedo agreed with Mr. Wallace. Mr. Fulwyler shared that some say we want the kids to read. Mrs. Fulwyler shared that if Mr. Winters is putting these books on this list, we should know why. Mrs. McCray shared that we can pull those three to the side and do it as a separate item. Mr. Acebedo asked if we have a system of what is the top books check out. Mrs. McCray explained that yes we can do that. Mr. Wallace explained that as a school and as a representative of what should or should not be read, I don't agree with these books. Mr. Fulwyler agreed that it is a good idea to get an explanation. Mrs. McCray shared that we will bring back the Instructional Material list in February minus the 3 books that were discussed. The three books removed will be discussed again after more information.

XI. Claims Transfers and Accounts

It was moved by Acebedo and seconded by Braun to approve the claims, transfers and accounts for Batches 45, 47, 48, 49, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57 and Payrolls in the amount of \$1,271,451.37. Motioned carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

XII. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.