

Wasco Union High School District  
Board of Trustees  
Regular Board Meeting  
Boardroom NKVTC Room 4  
January 10, 2013  
7:00 p.m.  
Adopted Minutes

I. Call to Order – 6:00 p.m.

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

Board Members Present

Mr. Wayne Wallace, President	Mr. Craig Fulwyler
Mrs. Patricia Sanchez, Clerk	Mr. Cruz Rodriguez
Mr. Jesse Acebedo	

Administrators Present

Mrs. Elizabeth McCray	Mr. Joe Elwood
Mrs. Lori Albrecht	Mr. Martin Lonza
Mr. Robert Cobb	

Classified Management Present

Mr. Jeff Payne	Mr. John Yanez
Mr. Joe Salazar	

Secretary Present

Mrs. Gracie Saldaña

Visitors

Jose Rios, Suzie Andreas-Bervel, David Bervel, Dr. Jim Forrest, Barry Braun, Karen Fulwyler

Flag Salute

The flag was saluted.

II. Adopt Agenda

It was moved by Fulwyler and it was seconded by Acebedo to adopt the agenda. 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 Rodriguez and seconded by Fulwyler to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 13, 2012. Motioned carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

VI. Public Hearing on Annual Accounting 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.

VII. Public Comments

None

VIII. Items From Board Members

Mr. Rodriguez asked Mr. John Yanez how he gets these contractors to work on our facilities. Does he try to keep it local or give them 10%. He then shared that he has been asked this question in the community so he needs an answer to respond to these individuals who have been asking him. Mr. Yanez responded that anything over 15 thousand bids, that's a formal bid. As for the folks we use, He cannot think of a new contractor that we have used maybe in the last 18 months. The contractors that we do use we have built a relationship with them. We try to use the local folks as much as we can. The contractors that we do use are no strangers to school districts throughout the County. Mr. Rodriguez then shared that he was asked this question. Mr. Yanez then reported that we receive several quotes and obviously I discuss this with Mrs. McCray. Usually, if it is a project threshold of over several thousand dollars, we will definitely review several quotes. Otherwise we will use the contractors that we have used in the past. A lot of the folks that we use now have been with the school district for many years. Mr. Rodriguez said, if he had any concerns he would come to John and ask him personally. Mr. Yanez shared that it is not a problem, and he can report to Mrs. McCray. Mr. Rodriguez responded to Mr. Yanez, No, sometimes if I see you, I will ask you, it might not be in protocol but I will ask you.

Mr. Acebedo reported on the upcoming Leadership Meeting with the speaker from the Prayer Breakfast, Dr. Bill Bolthouse. The students will then return to Wasco and have our regular meeting.

Mrs. Sanchez shared that she just wanted to maybe ask, or maybe even suggest, she expressed that she don't know how to approach this, about some of the events that happened today in Taft, which she thinks is fresh in everybody's mind. Being that she works in a school district and all of or majority of you are in school districts probably have a lot of ideas and saw a lot of what happened at Taft. She shared that she knows something that she noticed at the Elementary and maybe it is something that we can all work at because what she notice is when she was at the kitchen at her work site, she saw a person in a hooded sweatshirt with sneakers walking into the parking lot and if you know where she work it is an enclosed parking lot that is open. So at 8 in the morning when someone is walking in there it raises concern because people should be parking and leaving. They should not be walking in there. She shared that he had sneakers, he had a hooded sweatshirt and it raised her concern. So she spoke with some other co-workers there and it was only herself and one other person there at the time, another woman and she told her the concern. She said that she was going to go out and look and the co-worker said let me watch you from this window, don't go beyond the other building. So

she went out and when she got to the parking lot, she noticed the gentlemen was getting into a district vehicle and at the same time her brother-in-law who is the technology person was getting into his vehicle and they looked as though they knew each other. She still hasn't identified the other person because he did have a hood and his back was towards her but she assumed that it was ok because her brother-in-law was speaking to him. So she figured that he knew who he was being that he was getting into the vehicle. But it concerned her in that if he was a district employee and he's wearing sneakers and a hooded sweatshirt, it is something that she thinks would concern people. So maybe that is something we as a district and at the High School should review because she believe the man was getting into a Food Service Vehicle so that means they are part of the food services which is sometimes shared or the employees are part of both districts. Mrs. McCray explained the only shared employee in Food Services is Mr. Dennis Stowe and Mrs. Gale Huffaker. Mrs. Sanchez shared that she did not believe that it was him but it is something that we need to be aware of. Mrs. McCray then asked Mr. John Yanez if the food services, technology and custodial vehicles are parked in that parking lot. Mr. Yanez responded yes, those are district vehicles parked there at times, that parking lot gets used often and also by the Community Action Partnership folks with the preschool right there. Mrs. Sanchez then stated just the way that he was dressed is something we have to be aware of. We as employees have to be aware of these and pay attention to this because Community Action Partnership would not be walking in that direction to the vehicles because their building is on that side. The only one would have been is Brett Redd, Rick Sanchez, my brother-in-law and some of the food services, I guess I am not familiar with them. It is something that, I as a woman, I know that I'm taught and we read all the time, be aware of your surroundings, be aware of what's going on, maybe it is something we have to instill in everyone. Not just me as woman but every employee and staff. Pay attention to these details because it's not just to protect myself but it may someday protect our students. Mrs. McCray shared that Mrs. Sanchez had a good point. Mrs. Sanchez then shared the way he was dressed, I don't know, maybe he did have a uniform under but I was unable to see it because of the sweatshirt, and hood and everything. I wasn't even able to identify, I assume that it was a man. Mrs. McCray reported that we do have uniforms but we cannot control a hooded sweatshirt on top of it especially of how cold it has been lately. Mrs. Sanchez stated that she thinks it is important to put into people's minds to pay extra attention to these little details that sometimes seem miniscule maybe important. Mrs. McCray agreed and shared that another thing to always remember is to be careful in taking things on yourself, if you feel in danger at all, call 911. Let someone then investigate it, don't you investigate it. We say that to employees all the time, don't hesitate.

Mrs. Sanchez then shared that another thing is communication; she hopes this takes place at Wasco High School. I know that sometimes, one incident that happened at her office was there was a very angry mother who wanted an interdistrict agreement between Shafter and Wasco and I was alone registering in the summer. This mom was very angry, she was very very irate, and she came into my office to see me. I tried to explain to her because she had a hearing problem so the communication was not as great as it could have been with a normal, well not necessarily a normal person but under normal circumstances. So finally, you know I said if you want your child to go to Shafter you have to do an interdistrict agreement and you will go to the district office. And very angry and irate she said they were angry, they told me I can't do it, I have to come see you. So finally I communicated with the district office and asked them, you know that there was a mother who wanted an interdistrict agreement, she said that she went there and was not given that and they said, No, she has to register because the interdistrict agreement was denied and you are to register her. It would have been nice to have had a

heads up, knowing that it was a very irate parent and vice versa, if I had an irate parent and I sent them there to take care of something that needs to be taken care of, I don't think anyone at a school site or any other site would not appreciate me just sending them and not giving them a heads up and just preparing them that this is what she actually needs. Especially the special circumstance. Mrs. McCray shared that because both of these are Elementary issues they needed to be shared with her supervisor not held at a High School Board Meeting. Mrs. Sanchez stated that what she is saying is that she hopes that we have that communication, she doesn't know how things are here but hopes Mr. Elwood can prepare from that situation and that circumstance. Maybe because there are so many offices but that they communicate from the District Office so that some situations may be diffused or are prepared. Mr. Elwood shared that we all appreciate the "Heads Up" from the District Office and we also give the "Heads Up" to the District Office and from the High Schools.

Mr. Jose Rios, WHS Campus Supervisor shared that in light of what happened today, we were given the heads up right away. Mr. Elwood and Mrs. Rissi approached him and he communicated with the other campus supervisors. Mr. Lonza always shares with us when we should be expecting visitors due to the construction projects. We have been given a directive that when we see people on campus without a pass we are to not wait, we are to address the situation. He then shared that he did approach two people who were on campus that he did not see a pass and asked them if they had passes to be on campus. The gentleman presented both of their passes Mr. Rios then shared with the visitors that he did not know if they were aware but due to the situation in Taft, security has been tightened here at Wasco High School Campus. The visitors shared that they were aware and understood that Mr. Rios was just doing his job and thanked Mr. Rios for following up. Mr. Rios also reported that we always check for passes but after today we are especially enforcing the rule. He then shared that communication with Administration to us is really good, we don't have a problem with communication here. Mrs. Sanchez then shared that is good here, because we don't want to make the parents even angrier. Mr. Rodriguez then stated, "That's a good point Patty that John knows and John will relate this to his employees, right John?"

Mrs. McCray reported on the incident from Taft High School. The first notification to 911 was a neighbor who saw the student walking down the street towards the High School with a shot gun. The response time was within 60 seconds. The students' access on to the campus was a side entrance not normally used by the students. Within the time law enforcement was on the scene the student had already been disarmed. The heroic efforts cannot be expressed enough for the teacher and the Campus Supervisor. Mrs. McCray then read a letter released from the Kern County Superintendent of Schools Office regarding the Taft Incident. She shared that as you are aware we do Safe School Plans, we are in that process once again updating these plans. We are also in contact with the Wasco Substation. She reported that years ago we used to have a grant that included the services of the Wasco Sheriffs although that grant has gone away, we have been able to sustain a great relationship with the Local Sheriffs. We are reviewing all aspects of security. Mrs. McCray reported that in her Council Meeting they did debrief on Sandy Hook School Shooting and will do the same regarding Taft at the next meeting, and shared that we continue to keep them in our prayers.

Mr. Wallace shared that other students were also injured during the incident in Taft. He also asked why certain gates are not locked on Campus. Mr. Elwood said they are looking at all entry and exit points. Mr. Lonza shared that due to the projects we are

involved in and the safety of our students/staff. He reported that the plans with DSA do state where we are to have the pad lock on but in the open position.

Mr. Wallace then shared that Mr. Prado was selected as Coach of the Year. He also reported that the wrestling team is doing well, the soccer teams and basketball teams are looking good too.

IX. Reports

1. Micah Morin, Student Board Representative was not in attendance.
2. Mr. Fulwyler, North Kern Vocational Training Center reported that Mrs. Sanchez was sworn in to the North Kern Vocational Training Center Board. The construction class has been offered an opportunity with Paramount Farms to build a house in Wasco for Lost Hills.
3. Superintendent Mrs. Elizabeth McCray reported that John L. Prueitt School has been nominated as a Blue Ribbon School and that this great news for our community.

Mrs. McCray then reported to the Board the District's enrollment. Last year at this time, we were at 1540 at Wasco High and 171 at Independence High with a total for the District 1711. Last month at this time we were at 1717 for the District, 1511 at Wasco High and 206 at Independence High. As of today, we are at 1520 at Wasco High and 172 at Independence High with a total of 1692 for the District.

X. Discussion and Action

1. It was moved by Acebedo and seconded by Fulwyler on the approval of the Personnel Consent Agenda. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
  1. Accept Letter of Resignation from Mickie Wedel, Classified Employee
  2. Consider Approval of Classified Employee(s)
    - a. Consider Approval of Athletic Coaches
      1. Approval of the following Boys Basketball Chaperone/Driver:
        - a. Jeff Mehlberg
      2. Approval of changes to Girls Basketball Coach Stipends:
        - a. Lorena Gonzalez- Walk On, Freshman ½ pay
        - b. Jordan DelaRosa- Walk On, Freshman ½ pay
    - b. Consider Approval of Board Resolutions for Retiring Employee
      1. Mickie Wedel
2. It was moved by Rodriguez and seconded by Sanchez to the Submission of Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
3. It was moved to table by Acebedo and seconded by Fulwyler on the approval of The Prop 39 General Obligation Bond Performance and Financial Audit. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
4. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Fulwyler on the approval of the Resolution No. 1213-5 of Annual Accounting of Development Fees for 2011-2012. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

5. It was moved by Fulwyler and seconded by Rodriguez on the approval of Resolution No. 1213-6 Resolution of Impoundment of Local Tax Revenues to Anticipate Pending Claims and/or Litigation. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
6. It was moved by Acebedo and seconded by Rodriguez on the approval of the Instructional Materials for Health Class. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
7. It was moved by Rodriguez and seconded by Fulwyler on the approval of the Textbooks for ELD1, ELD2, ELD3, ELD Language and ELD Support Classes. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
8. It was moved by Fulwyler and seconded by Sanchez on the approval of the Wasco Union High School and Wasco Independence High School's SARC. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
9. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Rodriguez on the approval of the Field Trip Requests. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
10. It was moved by Acebedo and seconded by Fulwyler on the approval of the Facilities Request. Motion carried. . Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

XI. Discussion and Information

1. Introduction of the Update for Board Policy 1312.3, Uniform Complaint Procedures was shared with Board.

XII. Claims Transfers and Accounts

It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Fulwyler to approve the claims, transfers and accounts for Batches 44, 47 through 52 and Payrolls in the amount of \$ 986,608.31. Motioned carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

XIII. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.