

Wasco Union High School District
Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
Boardroom NKVTC Room 4
October 13, 2016
5:30 p.m.
Adopted Minutes

I. Call to Order – 5:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Wasco Union High School District Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Wayne Wallace.

Board Members Present

Mr. Wayne Wallace, President
Mr. Juan Bernal, Clerk

Mr. Craig Fulwyler
Mrs. Patricia Sanchez

Board Members Absent

Mr. Cruz Rodriguez

Administrators Present

Mrs. Lori Albrecht
Mr. Kevin Tallon
Mr. Ben Keller

Mr. Russ Prado
Mr. Martin Lonza

Classified Management Present

Mr. Joe Salazar

Secretary Present

Mrs. Gracie Saldaña

Visitors

Anthony Farao, Sharon Nicol

Flag Salute

The flag was saluted.

II. Adopt Agenda

It was moved by Sanchez and it was seconded by Bernal to adopt the regular agenda. Motion carried.
Ayes: 4; Noes: 0; Absent: 1 (Rodriguez); Bernal; Aye, Fulwyler; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye

III. Public Comments

None

IV. Executive Session

The meeting convened in executive session at 5:34 p.m.

Regular Session

The meeting convened in regular session at 5:59 p.m.

Announcement of Executive Session Actions

None

V. Reading and Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Albrecht: At September board meeting Mr. Rodriguez wished to have a name(s) removed that he used at the last board meeting on page four of the minutes. Although they were nice remarks, I still want to honor his request. I cannot strike something from the minutes but if the board would like, we can amend the minutes by removing those names and the final minutes will reflect those changes.

It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Fulwyler to approve the amended minutes and strike the names from the regular meeting on September 15, 2016. Motion carried. Ayes: 4; Noes: 0; Absent: 1 (Rodriguez); Bernal; Aye, Fulwyler; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye

VI. Public Comments

Mr. Farao reported on the Kern County Fair. He shared that we had over 78 different exhibits. We had an amazing year. The Wasco FFA Goat show team was honored with outstanding group volunteerism award. The director of the Kern County Fair stated that Wasco is one of the few schools where we can pull your students to volunteer who will get their stuff done and get other things done for the Fair with trust. In the swine barn, Manuel Flores was Reserved Light Weight Grand Champion. Andrew Morales placed 15th overall, that is a coveted position, out of 360 competitors this is amazing. In the sheep barn, we had a lot of success. Abigail Abshire took home Grand Champion Marketed FFA Lamb. She beat both her division and the overall. She was number one over every FFA lamb in the County, excellent exhibitor. Out of 150 students, 3 of the top 10 were Wasco FFA show members. Our highest placing in a very long time was 5th place, Ofelio Ruiz. It was amazing. Lexi Hazelton took 9th and Mia Dickson took 10th in showmanship. One of the coolest honors our sheep show team won the theme contest for the fair, it was one of the most exciting things. Almost every item we entered into Harvest Hall placed less than second and majority placed 1st in their division areas. As a teacher in Horticulture I was impressed. We have an FFA Meeting on the 24th, all are welcome.

VII. Items From Board Members

Mr. Bernal: I did get a chance to watch Mia (Dickson) show her lamb and see her win. It was pretty exciting. She is my daughter's friend and my daughter wanted to be there for support. It is great to hear we did so well at the fair and representing our school. Not only our school but in the County.

Mrs. Sanchez: It was great going to the DHS football game it was amazing. Also, my husband and I attended the RFK game in Delano because I did grow up in Delano and we were noticed and other people were noticing that there were a lot more Wasco fans in attendance, possibly due to the Cesar Chavez Homecoming. We also heard some administration say how much they appreciate Wasco because Wasco brings the gate.

Mr. Wallace: I also attended those two football games, the comeback was really something else. The Hail Mary was amazing. Today everyone was here from our (girls tennis) league playing for individuals, singles and doubles. One of our girls took 3rd.

Mrs. Sanchez: Greg Kerr, reported that he sure does enjoy Wasco High School Boosters, they sure do know how to take care of their people.

VIII. Reports

1. Kimberly Cazares, student board representative was not in attendance.
2. Mrs. Patty Sanchez of North Kern Vocational Training Center reported on the enrollment being up by 50 students from last year. This is including the fact that McFarland is no longer participating. This is a really good sign.
3. Mrs. Lori Albrecht, Superintendent introduced Mr. Tallon who reported on Wasco Union High School Summer School.. He reviewed the structure, summer school calendar, schedule, freshmen academy for 9th grade students, high school summer school for 10-12 grades (A-G Credit), edgenuity for students who are 5-30 credits deficient, ag academy for ag academy students, attendance and pass rates.

Mr. Fulwyler: What do they need to pass, 60% or better?

Mr. Tallon: It is a 67% or better for Wasco High Courses. For BC Courses is 60% or better.

Mr. Bernal: You mentioned that there was a change in courses because they couldn't find a BC Teacher, is there any recourse with BC when this happens?

Mr. Tallon: We continue to look at that. We didn't have an immediate recourse. They just could not find anyone qualified to teach the course as an adjunct professor. The main thing we want to do is let them (BC) know the problems this causes on our end when we have this kind of change at the last minute on the course offering. It is on the back of that sequence for a reason, it is a rigorous course that give us time to develop the academic ability to be successful in that course. We will start the communication process even sooner in the semester. I hope we can resolve it this way but we are at their mercy to some degree.

Mrs. Albrecht: We are working on being able to allow for our own teachers to be certified to be able to do it (teach college courses). That is why we increased our stipend to make it a little more attractive to get a master's in their subject field rather than in teaching, curriculum or administration. If we can get our math teachers to get their degree in math it would qualify them to be able to be adjunct professors. Then we could use our own teachers to teach these courses.

Mr. Tallon then shared pictures from the first day of summer school and discussed electives, the Fresno State University Tour for the Freshmen Academy students.

Mrs. Albrecht thanked Mr. Tallon for his report and presentation. She also commended the FFA students and teachers. The hard work paid off. Mr. Wallace agreed.

Mrs. Lori Albrecht, Superintendent reported on the following:

- Last month Mrs. Sanchez requested more information from Mr. Tallon regarding the receipting process for the Ag Department. Mr. Tallon provided additional information on the receipting process.

Mr. Tallon reviewed the procedures for Ag Department and project payments.

Mrs. Sanchez: That sounds good for those who have a project for the fair but what about those who don't?

Mr. Tallon: Those students receive a receipt when they make a payment. We are definitely looking across the board on how to improve communication to parents when it comes to their payments.

Mrs. Sanchez: One of the concerns was that the student was told they had to take that receipt somewhere else in the district, maybe to the teacher and that is where it stays. So the parent never sees that receipt. Also the parent was not aware that the students were welcome to attend the state conference but had to pay when others did not and that was some of the confusion.

Mr. Farao: Two students who are in good standing are selected by the chapter and go for free. The rest of the students, between 12-20, do have to pay a portion of the total fee to attend state conference. I hope that answers your question.

Mrs. Sanchez; No, it's just that the parent was not aware of that.

Mr. Tallon: So to clarify, the parent is under the impression that the student has been selected and it's really required that the student attend instead of attending voluntarily?

Mrs. Sanchez: Right, during the conversation the parent is asking (the student) did you turn in all the money I gave you for that trip and she (student) states yes mother I did. And the other mom is like what, my daughter didn't have to pay. That was how it came up because they were both not made aware of the criteria of the selection process.

Mr. Bernal: My only comment to add to what Mrs. Sanchez is saying is I think that whenever we are involving funds coming from students for whatever project, it is crucial that the District is able to communicate with parents as to money received and money owed. Because when there isn't that communication then transparency kind of goes by the wayside and then that is when questions, concerns and disagreements occur. So I think, it is crucial, that whatever we do when funds are being exchanged for credit or for what is owed that there is a good record keeping of it. So the parents can see exactly what I have paid for or why do I owe this money, nobody ever told me, type of thing.

Mr. Tallon: Understood and I agree; we can do better there. I know we had another issue with the same situation with funds owed in the Cafeteria and the parent wasn't aware. So we will look at both of those and talk about how to better communicate that to the parents.

Mrs. Sanchez: As long as we are doing our part.

Mr. Bernal: Even if it's an electronic solution. We can't force parents to go to a site to see, but at least we are providing that information. Some parents may not care but at least we have done our part.

Mr. Fulwyler: As far as the Ag projects go, I was under the impression that part of the requirement was to do record keeping, is that still the case?

Mr. Tallon: Yes that is the case.

Mr. Fulwyler: So each student would keep a records of all their expenses and income for that project. They do that calculation themselves, that shouldn't be something the District would have to do other than provide the document or supplies.

Mr. Tallon: We do that but even that record keeping process, I don't think, has any type of parent involvement. So the parent could still be under informed.

Mr. Fulwyler: I think it is part of the learning process for the student to have the responsibility to do that. Then we communicate to the student that they need to inform their parent of what is going on. Who gives out the receipts?

Mrs. Tallon: ASB Accountant. The ASB Office is who receipts the students, parents or staff when they bring any type of payment to that office.

Mr. Fulwyler: Sounds good. Years ago, Ag actually had their own secretary that did all of the accounting for anything Ag related. But obviously there is not enough for somebody to do that now so that puts it back on the ASB. As long as there is good solid procedure and nobody is turning in money and is told, oh I'll get you the receipt later.

Mr. Tallon: They are receipted on the spot. Either an electronic receipt that is printed from the Destiny system or from a hard copy receipt. It is just dependent on the time of day if the books have not been closed for the day.

Mr. Fulwyler: Thank you

- The Downtown Rally will be held at 7th and D St. beginning at approximately 2:25. Students will be released for the Rally at 2:09pm.
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- Reminder the annual Fall Trustees Dinner is Monday October 24th Registration is at 5:15 and dinner is 1t 5:45. Mrs. Saldaña needs to RSVP tomorrow so if you have not already

done so please let her know if you will be attending. Note the location change - it is being held at the Bakersfield Marriott at the Convention Center on Truxtun Ave.

- NKVTC Update: Since we did not receive a letter from North Kern Vocational Training Center prior to October 1 indicating they were pulling out of the JPA, the assumption is that they plan to continue for the 17-18 school year. The letter in your packet to Mrs. Bean from Delano Supt Terri Nuckols indicates that they are not automatically renewing their Facility Joint Use Agreement nor their Operational agreement - not that they are pulling out from the JPA. Mrs. Albrecht has a meeting scheduled with Delano Superintendent Terri Nuckols on October 26th to clarify

- The California Collaborative for Educational Excellence (CCEE) is a new state agency created under the LCFF law to support implementation of LCFF. The Legislature recently provided funding to the CCEE to offer trainings on the newly-adopted LCFF Evaluation Rubrics and the LCAP Template. The CCEE is launching this work with a set of free workshops across the state in November to introduce the LCFF Evaluation Rubrics to the education community. There is a workshop in Bakersfield on November 15th. These workshops are open to ALL audiences - superintendents, board members, principals, teachers, and classified staff as well as parents/guardians, students, community members, and other local stakeholders.

- A few months ago the Board passed a resolution supporting Prop 51. If you remember. Prop 51 is the state bond measure for school facilities. This measure had been polling favorably, but more recently it has been dropping in the polls. The Bakersfield Californian supports the major local bond measures for KCCD, Kern High, and BCSD as well as others, but opposes Prop 51. Unfortunately, if Prop 51 doesn't pass, many school districts, including Wasco will not have the possibility of receiving matching funds for some of our projects such as the science building and our bond money won't go as far. Ironically, Kern County has some of the highest facility needs in the state and one of the lowest tax bases and so it would be to Kern county's benefit to pass this measure as Kern's debt would be spread across the state.

- Athletics shared with me that eligibility for the 1st quarter athletes was declared yesterday. 95.7% (29 of 303) of athletes were eligible. The following teams did NOT lose any players:
 - Varsity Football
 - Varsity Tennis (JV season is over)
 - Frosh Volleyball
 - JV Volleyball
 - Varsity Volleyball
 - Frosh Cheer
 - JV Cheer
 - Varsity Cheer(Boys and Girls Cross Country and Frosh and JV Football lost athletes.)

- At your place is a CSBA Governance Brief on Research-Supported Strategies to Improve the Accuracy and Fairness of Grades. If our District is going to continue on the path to

having an equitable, guaranteed viable curriculum we need to begin the conversation of our grading practices and what it means for the Board, students, and staff. This brief will provide you with valuable background information and why it's important to begin this discussion because it is a long journey but well worth investigating. You'll hear more about this topic in the months to come. I am going to open this dialogue with the District Site Leadership Team next week. I am also meeting with struggling students to get a better understanding of how we might serve them better and one thing that has come to light in my conversations with them is that student performance in different teacher's classrooms can be graded very differently.

- At last month's meeting I discussed the need for an additional District Account Secretary at the District Office. I shared that my plan was to wait until 1st interim budget which is built in October. I have since realized that you do not see that budget until December and it's important that we fill this position sooner than February.
- We continue to prepare the 300 building to house the main office in preparation of the demolition of the school office which should happen in November. The office is going to begin moving on October 24th so the front of the school will be on Palm Avenue for approximately the next 18 months.
- Wasco Tiger Parent Club Meeting is October 18th if you would like to attend. That meeting starts at 6:00.

- Enrollment
Last Year
WHS 1634
WIHS 192
District 1826

Last Month
WHS 1668
WIHS 166
District 1834

This Week
WHS 1668
WIHS 180
District 1848

This is an increase of 22 students from last year and an increase of 14 students from last month.

IX. Discussion and Action

1. It was moved by Fulwyler and seconded by Bernal to approve the Personnel Consent Agenda. Motion carried. Ayes: 4; Noes: 0; Absent: 1 (Rodriguez) Bernal; Aye, Fulwyler; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye

2. It was moved by Bernal and seconded by Fulwyler to approve the Superintendent's Contract. Motion carried. Ayes: 4; Noes: 0; Absent: 1 (Rodriguez) Bernal; Aye, Fulwyler; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye
3. It was moved by Fulwyler and seconded by Sanchez to approve the CSEA's Request to Donate to Classified Employee's Catastrophic Sick Leave. Motion carried. Ayes: 4; Noes: 0; Absent: 1 (Rodriguez) Bernal; Aye, Fulwyler; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye
4. It was moved by Bernal and seconded by Fulwyler to approve the Submission of Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints. Motion carried. Ayes: 4; Noes: 0; Absent: 1 (Rodriguez) Bernal; Aye, Fulwyler; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye
5. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Bernal the Instructional Material - Be Proud! Be Responsible! for Health Class. Motion carried. Ayes: 4; Noes: 0; Absent: 1 (Rodriguez) Bernal; Aye, Fulwyler; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye
6. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Fulwyler to approve the Instructional Material – We the People for Special Education Department. Motion carried. Ayes: 4; Noes: 0; Absent: 1 (Rodriguez) Bernal; Aye, Fulwyler; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye
7. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Bernal to approve the Instructional Material – Common Sense K-12 Digital Citizenship for Digital Literacy. Motion carried. Ayes: 4; Noes: 0; Absent: 1 (Rodriguez) Bernal; Aye, Fulwyler; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye
8. It was moved by Fulwyler and seconded by Sanchez to approve the Instructional Material – Research Material for Library. Motion carried. Ayes: 4; Noes: 0; Absent: 1 (Rodriguez) Bernal; Aye, Fulwyler; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye
9. It was moved by Fulwyler and seconded by Bernal to approve the BP 0200 - Goals for The School District. Motion carried. Ayes: 4; Noes: 0; Absent: 1 (Rodriguez) Bernal; Aye, Fulwyler; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye
10. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Bernal to approve the BP/AR 5145.3 – Nondiscrimination. Motion carried. Ayes: 4; Noes: 0; Absent: 1 (Rodriguez) Bernal; Aye, Fulwyler; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye
11. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Fulwyler to approve the 2016-2017 Career Technical Education (CTE) Advisory Committees. Motion carried. Ayes: 4; Noes: 0; Absent: 1 (Rodriguez) Bernal; Aye, Fulwyler; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye
12. It was moved by Bernal and seconded by Fulwyler to approve Out of State Conference Request. Motion carried. Ayes: 4; Noes: 0; Absent: 1 (Rodriguez) Bernal; Aye, Fulwyler; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye
13. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Fulwyler to approve the Interdistrict Transfer Requests. Motion carried. Ayes: 4; Noes: 0; Absent: 1 (Rodriguez) Bernal; Aye, Fulwyler; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye

14. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Bernal to approve the 2016-2017 Chaperone/Drivers. Motion carried. Ayes: 4; Noes: 0; Absent: 1 (Rodriguez) Bernal; Aye, Fulwyler; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye
15. It was moved by Fulwyler and seconded by Sanchez to approve the Field Trips. Motion carried. Ayes: 4; Noes: 0; Absent: 1 (Rodriguez) Bernal; Aye, Fulwyler; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye
16. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Bernal to approve the Facilities Requests. Motion carried. Ayes: 4; Noes: 0; Absent: 1 (Rodriguez) Bernal; Aye, Fulwyler; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye

X. Discussion and Information

1. Introduction of Textbook Adoption - Grammar in Context Levels 1, 2, and 3
2. Introduction of Instructional Materials – ESL Reading Smart
3. Introduction of Instructional Materials – Scholastic Magazines (various titles)
4. Introduction of Instructional Materials – Follet Books (various titles)
5. Introduction of Instructional Materials – Diary of Anne Frank (Follett)
6. Correspondence from Delano Joint Union High School District regarding North Kern Vocational Training Center
7. Correspondence from Kern County School Boards Association regarding the Wasco Union High School District’s LCAP
8. Correspondence from Kern County Superintendent of Schools regarding the Return of Adopted Budget
9. Correspondence from Kern County School Boards Association regarding the Annual School Trustees Fall Dinner Meeting
10. Correspondence from California Collaborative for Educational Excellence regarding Local Control & Continuous Improvement Workshops

XI. Claims Transfers and Accounts

It was moved by Bernal and seconded by Fulwyler to approve the claims, transfers and accounts for Batches 9 through 14 and Payrolls in the amount of \$1,718,211.31. Motion carried. Ayes: 4; Noes: 0; Absent: 1 (Rodriguez) Bernal; Aye, Fulwyler; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye

XII. Executive Session (cont’d)

No

XIII. Adjournment

It was moved by Fulwyler and seconded by Sanchez to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Ayes: 4; Noes: 0; Absent: 1 (Rodriguez) Bernal; Aye, Fulwyler; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.