

Wasco Union High School District
Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
Boardroom NKVTC Room 4
April 20, 2017
5:30 p.m.
Adopted Minutes

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

Board Members Present

Mr. Juan Bernal, President	Mrs. Sharon Nicol
Mr. Patricia Sanchez, Clerk	Mr. Wayne Wallace
Mr. Joel Ackerknecht	

Administrators Present

Mrs. Lori Albrecht	Mr. Russ Prado
Mr. Kevin Tallon	Mr. Martin Lonza
Mr. Ben Keller	

Classified Management Present

Mr. Marcos Gamino	Mr. Joe Salazar
	Mr. John Yanez

Secretary Present

Mrs. Gracie Saldaña

Visitors

Anthony Farrao, Denise Morales

Flag Salute

The flag was saluted.

II. Adopt Agenda

It was moved by Wallace and it was seconded by Sanchez to adopt the regular agenda. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent 0; Ackerknecht; Aye, Bernal; Aye, Nicol; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye

III. Public Comments

None

IV. Executive Session

The meeting convened in executive session at 5:32 p.m.

President Bernal reported the Superintendent evaluation was rated overall satisfactory.

Regular Session

The meeting convened in regular session at 6:36 p.m.

Announcement of Executive Session Actions

None

V. Reading and Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Ackerknecht and seconded by Nicol to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on March 9, 2017 and special meeting April 4, 2017. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent 0; Ackerknecht; Aye, Bernal; Aye, Nicol; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye

VI. Public Comments

Mrs. Denise Morales reported on behalf of the Ag Department. She reported the plant sale before Spring Break went very well. There are still plenty of plants to be purchased. She thanked those who have supported the program. The plant sale continues and is open most days after school. We have some competitions coming up this weekend. We are taking 15 student to the State FFA Convention. This is the last year the FFA Convention will be held in Fresno, next year it will be in Anaheim. We have a website now. It has been a big help for us. Please visit our website at WascoFFA.com. She then invited the board and administrators to the Family and Friends Banquet on May 12th.

VII. Items From Board Members

Sanchez: I was happy to attend the plant sale and BBQ. I always tell people I have not met a rib I did not like and those were amazing. It was really great. You guys did a great job.

Wallace: I have been going to softball and baseball games. Softball right now are 14/1, they are in the lead. Baseball as far as I know are the same way. I have talked to both coaches and in the preseason felt they had the team to go all the way this year. The only team that softball lost to was Kennedy, oh yeah, Independence that's right. The infield made three errors, they scored, I went home. They lost that game 6/0. Then they changed the infield and have not lost a game since.

Nicol: I went on a tour of the North Kern Vocational Training Center. The very next day I went to the (NKVTC) Olympics. I was so impressed with the construction class. They built a shed right before my very eyes. This is an amazing. They are doing an amazing job. This is a great opportunity for our students.

Bernal: I had the honor to celebrate with the community the life of Jesse Acebedo. I want to thank the District for their ability to make the decision and move quickly to offer our facilities to the family. It was an awesome thing to do. It was great to see the community come together and hear those stories about Jesse. So I wanted to thank the District.

VIII. Reports

Kimberly Cazares, Student Board Representative was not present.

Mrs. Sanchez reported on behalf of the North Kern Vocational Training Center. She reported the Nursing Assistant Students were working with preschool students teaching those students the body system. Our Construction Class now has a Nationally Certified Certification (NCCER) aligned with the Construction Class. We had almost 200 students competing in the Skills Olympics. Just to touch a little bit on the NKVTC Olympics, I know Sharon attended, I went there for a little bit. It

was a very busy day. It was really neat to see. It was exciting and it was fun to watch.

Mrs. Albrecht then introduced Mr. Rob Cobb who reported on the California School Dashboards. He reviewed the new system and the data it offers to the Districts.

Ackerknecht: When did you have your stakeholder meetings? Prior to getting this information? So how do you use it to make LCAP decisions when you don't even have the results until after the fact? This is ridiculous that the State took this long to give you information that really doesn't help people. Sorry that was not a question.

Cobb: I understand that was not a questions, we share the same frustration.

Ackerknecht: Is the object to have, even with chronic absenteeism, isn't necessarily a reflection of the performance of the school, in my opinion. It is all in Career and College readiness that is the only rubric in my mind that makes a difference in this school necessarily verses a school down the road.

Cobb: That is the only one that concretely connects to academics.

Ackerknecht: Right.

Mr. Cobb reported that the intent of this program is a new accountability system.

Ackerknecht: I learned a lot about this at the Masters in Governance Classes and it has been annoying me ever since. You should be getting the information in October or November. If the state tests are done next week, you should have the information, the Dashboard should be available in October or November so you can make decisions based on this. Not, "Ok, we have a couple of things ready so we are going to throw it out there in April," that really doesn't do you any good.

Cobb: And that's the idea and that's the same time frame that has been described to me.

Ackerknecht: It's supposed to be in November and it turned into March, April.

Cobb: Right

Ackerknecht: How do you self-evaluate when you don't know where you stand? That's the problem with the Dashboard. If you don't have your Dashboard how do you evaluate where you can make changes?

Cobb: This was not used for this year's stakeholder meeting.

Ackerknecht: No, I know but what I am saying is they want you to. This is going to be the "moving forward" on how you will do your evaluations and make your LCAP.

Cobb: This is why we are bringing it to you now so we have an understanding of what we are going towards, moving towards for the next school year.

Ackerknecht: Sorry, this is just touchy, you brought up a touchy subject. It has just been annoying since that meeting in February.

Cobb: Are there any other questions?

Sanchez: Do we have to create a password to log in?

Cobb: No, there is a URL address that will take you to the presented website. No log in or accounts. Just type in the school or School District and hit search.

Mrs. Lori Albrecht reported on the following:

I'd like to express our condolences to Rocky Acebedo and family on Jesse's passing. Close to 600 people attended his memorial service in the auditorium which is a testament to his involvement with his family as well as the community. We also received a thank you card from Raquel and family.

We are very excited to announce that Wasco High School was a 2017 Gold Ribbon Award Recipient. We also learned that they have been designated as a Title I Achieving School which is awarded to Gold Ribbon Award Winners who receive Title I Funding and who are closing the achievement gap for all students. We are planning a celebration and press release and the Gold Ribbon logo is already on the school website. This is great for our school and our community and could potentially even help in the teacher recruitment process. I'd like to thank all of our staff for their commitment to the school improvement process because it does take everyone working together to experience the growth that we've made over the last several years. I'd particularly like to acknowledge our teachers and administrators for their hard work. I know over the years there has been frustration as we have worked to change the culture of the school, but I believe we chose the right course, which was not always an easy course, and that the continuous improvement process we've developed will help Wasco High students to achieve at even greater levels. I'd also like to acknowledge our Ed Systems coaches for their guidance and coaching along the way as well. And last but not least, thanks to all of you, as well as our previous Trustees, who share our Vision of Believing in Educational Excellence for All.

Our 2nd Annual College and Career Fair was held Tuesday. The event was open to the community and we estimated between 250-300 people attended and 35 vendors. I'd like to acknowledge Maricela Pimentel our career guidance technician as well as the Wasco Union High School Parent Club who put together the successful event in spite of the rainy day.

Pan Rocks II Concert featuring Tracy Thornton with the Wasco High Groove Steelers will be held on Wednesday, May 3 at 7pm in the Auditorium.

Freshmen Launch is Monday, April 24th and begins at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Enrollment

Last Year

WHS 1557

WIHS 196

District 1753

Last Month

WHS 1606

WIHS 172

District 1778

This Week

WHS 1686

WIHS 170

District 1756

Increase of 3 from last Year
Summary of Movement

2 Transferred to Continuation

13 Graduated

3 Moved to Other California Schools

9 Transferred to Community School

1 Dropped Out

Attendance:

Last month I began reporting attendance but I am going to hold off until next school year to begin reporting it again to you. We need to collect the data using a different procedure. The way we are reporting it now includes Saturday School credit. We want to report kids in the seat, not what they make up.

IX. Discussion and Action

1. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Ackerknecht to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent 0; Ackerknecht; Aye, Bernal; Aye, Nicol; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye
2. It was moved by Wallace and seconded by Nicol to approve the Out of State Conference. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent 0; Ackerknecht; Aye, Bernal; Aye, Nicol; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye
3. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Wallace to approve the Submission of Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent 0; Ackerknecht; Aye, Bernal; Aye, Nicol; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye; Aye
4. It was moved by Nicol and seconded by Sanchez to approve the 2017-2018 District's Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent 0; Ackerknecht; Aye, Bernal; Aye, Nicol; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye
5. It was moved by Wallace and seconded by Nicol to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Kern Community College District (KCCD). Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent 0; Ackerknecht; Aye, Bernal; Aye, Nicol; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye
6. It was moved by Nicol and seconded by Sanchez to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Kern County Sheriff's Office (KCSO). Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent 0; Ackerknecht; Aye, Bernal; Aye, Nicol; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye

Ackerknecht: I have some questions on this item. Mr. Cobb or Mr. Prado, on this contract we are talking 40 hours per week, what is the time frame that the officer is actually on campus?

Mr. Prado verified the officer's schedule to the board.

Ackerknecht: Ok, so it is a full 40. It is my understanding that it may be changed to four days a week.

Cobb: We, Mr. Tallon and myself, have an appointment with Lieutenant Ellison next week to discuss that next Tuesday to discuss that. The MOU agreement does not specify the specific hours, just that it is 40 hours. What we have been told so far is that the Sheriff's Office is going to honor whatever requests in terms of hours that we would like to have.

Ackerknecht: Will that include the 5 days a week or? My concern would be not having an officer on campus for a day a week because as my wife put it, as a delinquent you know what day the cop is not there. So just a concern there. Also from a fee structure, if we are prorating the contract? If school is from 7:30-3:30, but he working a 10 hour day, are we paying for that officer to do something else that is not Wasco High related? I appreciate the officer's need for the overtime opportunity and I know relationships are very good with the officer and with the students as well. I would not want to lose that.

Cobb: I think that is exactly our concern as well, is that we have someone on campus every day of the school year.

Tallon: If I comment on that, I share that concern and I have expressed that. Mr. Cobb believes that we would have someone here 5 days a week. If you followed the development of the school shooting in Kern County several years ago, you know the officer lived in Pine Mtn. Club and was snowed in that day. Although that student was targeting one or two other students, we know there are other incident across the country when students were targeted randomly the response time was key in saving lives in a worst case scenario. So they understand our situation, and we have made it clear, our desire is to have someone here. We don't want either randomly picking a day in which we don't have an officer or doing it rather intentionally.

Cobb: I have had firsthand discussion with Deputy Barajas asking about his interest, desires are. It is simply if there is a possibility of moving to for a shift structure which is more consistent with the rest of the substation. That gives him a greater opportunity to accrue over time and if that was available that would be his desire. He did also say though that he is very happy with his connection, relationship and assignment at Wasco High School. He really doesn't see changing that. I believe asking him to honor the same 5 day, 40 hour structure would cause him to change his mind.

Ackerknecht: Right, my feeling would be is who is it is almost as important as the job itself.

Cobb: Absolutely

Ackerknecht: You can't just put anybody in that position, with his ability to work with kids on a daily basis. So I wouldn't want to jeopardize the specific officer but I just have concern about changing the shift structure.

Cobb: Nor would we, so that is really the nature of the discussion that we want to have with the Lieutenant on Tuesday.

7. It was moved by Ackerknecht and seconded by Wallace to approve the 2017-2018 CTE Perkins / VEA Application. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent 0; Ackerknecht; Aye, Bernal; Aye, Nicol; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye
8. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Nicol to approve the Interdistrict Transfer Requests. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent 0; Ackerknecht; Aye, Bernal; Aye, Nicol; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye
9. It was moved by Wallace and seconded by Bernal to approve the Facilities Requests. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent 0; Ackerknecht; Aye, Bernal; Aye, Nicol; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye
10. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Ackerknecht to approve the Chaperone/Drivers. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent 0; Ackerknecht; Aye, Bernal; Aye, Nicol; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye
11. It was moved by Wallace and seconded by Nicol to approve the Field Trips. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent 0; Ackerknecht; Aye, Bernal; Aye, Nicol; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye

X. Discussion and Information

1. Introduction of BP and AR 5141.52, Suicide Prevention
2. Correspondence from California School Employee Association (CSEA) regarding CSEA Policy 610
3. Correspondence from the City of Wasco regarding the 5th Annual Student Government Day
4. Correspondence from the Kern County Superintendent of Schools regarding the Kern County Teacher Recruitment Fair
5. Disclosure of District Initial Proposal Regarding Contract Negotiations with Wasco Union High Teachers Association (WUHTA)
6. Disclosure of District Initial Proposal Regarding Contract Negotiations with California School Employees Association (CSEA)

XI. Claims Transfers and Accounts

It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Bernal to approve the claims, transfers and accounts for Batches 35 through 42 and Payrolls in the amount of \$2,059,957.98. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent 0; Ackerknecht; Aye, Bernal; Aye, Nicol; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye

XII. Executive Session (cont'd)

No

XIII. Adjournment

It was moved by Wallace and seconded by Sanchez to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent 0; Ackerknecht; Aye, Bernal; Aye, Nicol; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.