

Wasco Union High School District
Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
Boardroom NKVTC Room 4
January 18, 2018
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

Mrs. Patricia Sanchez, President

Mr. Joel Ackerknecht, Clerk

Mr. Juan Bernal

Mr. Wayne Wallace

Mrs. Sharon Nicol

Administrators Present

Mrs. Lori Albrecht

Mr. Kevin Tallon

Mr. Ben Keller

Mr. Russ Prado

Mr. Martin Lonza

Classified Management Present

Mrs. Griselda Aceves

Mr. Joe Salazar

Mr. John Yanez

Secretary Present

Mrs. Gracie Saldana

Visitors

Daniela Ramos, Christopher Hernandez, Jonathan Ballou

Flag Salute

The flag was saluted.

II. Adopt Agenda

It was moved by Nicol and it was seconded by Ackerknecht 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 5:31 p.m.

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 Nicol and seconded by Bernal to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on December 14, 2017. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0 Ackerknecht; Aye, Bernal; Aye, Nicol; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye

VI. Public Comments

Christopher Hernandez reported on behalf of the FFA. We raised 135 toys between students, staff and administrators for Toys for Tigers. We then delivered those toys and food baskets. Also, we will be having our South Valley Speaking Competition soon.

VII. Items From Board Members

Wallace: I attended several of the basketball games, they are interesting to watch.

VIII. Reports

1. Daniela Ramos, Student Board Representative reported they had the Wasco Shafter basketball game last week, it was really intense and close but sadly we didn't win. The Snowball was a great turn out with 375 students in attendance. Our traditional Black Light Rally for January wasn't approved so were doing a Valentine Rally which is going to take place February 9th. We are going to decorate everything pink, red and white. I would like to bring up some keynote speakers. I know Bakersfield Liberty and Frontier do get keynote speakers to come and speak to the students for grades, to keep them motivated through the semester. I would like to bring this up, Clayton Boen who just passed away recently from Centennial and a Rosedale Middle Schooler who took her life yesterday because of bullying. I would like to incorporate some keynote speakers maybe like once in the fall and once in the spring, two times a year. Maybe to motivate our students so they don't fall and feel like they are wanted.

Sanchez: Daniela, what was the snowball theme?

Daniela: Beauty and the Beast.

Ackerknecht: Do you know why the Black Light Rally wasn't approved.

Daniela Ramos: We couldn't get the windows to be covered completely so we had to do an

alternative. And our alternative was a Valentine Rally.

2. Mr. Joel Ackerknecht of North Kern Vocational Training Center reported last month we talked about our medical receptionist teacher was unexpectedly pulled away for a family emergency so there were some students in her medical receptionist class that were redistributed into other classes. Another nursing assistant class teacher has been pulled away for part of the working day. She's been replaced with a long term substitute that seems to be working out well. The secretary in the Wasco office is off this week for bereavement, not sure exactly what happened there. And apparently our bus and van were vandalized. We are also in the process of purchasing new busses.

3 Mrs. Lori Albrecht, Superintendent then reported on the following:

At your place tonight is the auditor's letter regarding the 2016-17 audit. Although there were no findings, it is typical for the auditor to provide recommendations that he feels should be considered by the District. Mrs. Aceves had already recognized the need for some changes and talked about them during her 1st interim presentation last month so I want to give her a minute explain further.

Mrs. Aceves reviewed the letter regarding the 2016-2017 audit.

Approximately 700 elementary students attended the drama classes' production today of *Miss Nelson is Missing*. In the event you were unable to attend today the class decided that they would also present the play for the community as well this Saturday. There will be two performances at 2pm and 7pm. Admission is \$3.00.

Since learning that the Tribune was closing its doors we've been brainstorming on ways to share our news with the community. One of the ways we've planned on is expanding our use of social media to include Twitter and more postings on Facebook. The Official Wasco High School Twitter handle is @WascoHigh and is "tweeted" by Mr. Tallon.

The installation of the new marquis at the corner of 7th and Palm has started. The marquis should be operational in a couple of weeks and should be an excellent way to share school info with parents and community.

Please mark March 2nd on your calendar as the tentative Grand Opening for Student Services Building. The flooring is down and the furniture is being installed. The artwork is the last component that needs to be placed. I toured the building this week and it is beautiful. Thanks to Mr. Lonza for his careful oversight.

WUHSD Parents are invited to join us for our annual LCFF / LCAP Parent Stakeholder Meeting this Monday, January 22nd in the Wasco High Cafeteria from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. A complimentary dinner will be served from 5:30 – 6:00 pm.

Professional Development - 28 teachers, instructional assistants and administrators attended a

professional development to learn about writing standards-based IEP goals that aligned to our core curriculum for special education students. We are implementing the use of aligned IEP goals right away.

Enrollment

Last Year

WHS	1637
WIHS	150
District	1787

Last Month

WHS	1673
WIHS	178
District	1851

This Week

WHS	1669
WIHS	147
District	1816

Increase of 29 from last year at this time.
Summary of Movement since last month:
13 Transferred from WHS to IHS
8 Transferred from IHS to WHS
11 Moved to Other California Schools
3 Moved Out of California
8 Transferred to Community School
3 Transferred to Adult Ed
10 Drop Outs
8 Graduated

Average End of Month Attendance for December was: 95.5%. This represents a slight decrease of 0.50% in the attendance rate from last month of 96.0%.

Average End of Month Tardy Rate for December was 3.83% and there were 11 tardy sweeps. This represents a slight decrease of 0.24% in the tardy rate from last month of 4.07%.

Once again, this is the first time we are collecting this data in this format and recognize that 2017-18 is as baseline year. Until we have a year or two of this type of data we won't really know what the normal trend is.

Nicol: I have a question, in regards to the Tribune and communication, does the school still used the phone messaging system.

Mrs. Albrecht: Yes, that is another way we communicate and we still use that pretty regularly.

Mr. Tallon: So for example, for Monday night's LCAP Meeting, we will be sending out a call on Friday evening and Sunday evening. We do that fairly often. The one feature that it does not have, that we are still working on and I think we are very close, is the ability to send text messages. We have heard from a lot of parents they would appreciate the communication via text message. We are very close to this via Aeries Loop that is actually embedded in our database.

Nicol: Is this a blanket message to the whole student body?

Mr. Salazar: Yes, that is possible with this communication system. We would be able to get much granular with established groups.

Bernal: My only suggestion is to look into how that impacts the Telephone Consumer Protection Act. It is a hot topics for banks right now. Laws are in place to protect consumers.

Mr. Salazar: There are regulations in place that will allow school districts to communicate with parents through auto dial and text messages so long as it is school business related.

Ackerknecht: Mr. Prado I have one question on the tardies, is it consistently a certain period, student or areas of campus that are tardy?

Prado: What we have found is our first period is our highest numbers. Once they are on campus, periods 2-6 we really do not have many issues with tardiness. If you look at the data, that is why we are having a lot more first period tardy sweeps. Once we get them here, campus security does a real good job directing them to class.

Ackerknecht: That makes sense.

IX. Discussion and Action

1. It was moved by Ackerknecht and seconded by Bernal to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0 Ackerknecht; Aye, Bernal; Aye, Nicol; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye
 - a. Consider Approval of Certificated Employee(s)
 1. Aufforth, Jennifer - ELD/ELA Tutor
 2. Inman, Handan - ELD/ELA Tutor
 - b. Consider Approval of Classified Employee(s)
 1. Saldana, Irais - School Secretary
 2. Lugo, Michael - Custodian
 3. WACP Tutors
 - a. Dobs, Alex
 - b. Medina, Miguel
 - c. Reyes, Cecilia
 - d. Rodriguez, Alvaro

c. Consider Approval of Athletic Coach(es)

1.	Hively, Joe	Boys	Tennis Assistant	JV	Walk-On	Paid	
2.	Beach, Cody	Boys	Tennis Assistant	JV	Walk-On	Vol	
3.	Mendoza, Jocelyn	Swim	Assistant		All	Walk-On	Vol
4.	Rodriguez, Ruben	Swim	Assistant		All	Walk-On	Paid

2. It was moved by Nicol and seconded by Ackerknecht to Accept 2016-2017 Audit. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0 Ackerknecht; Aye, Bernal; Aye, Nicol; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye
3. It was moved by Ackerknecht and seconded by Wallace to approve the SARC for Wasco Union High School and Wasco Independence High School. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0 Ackerknecht; Aye, Bernal; Aye, Nicol; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye
4. It was moved by Wallace and seconded by Nicol to approve the Textbook Adoption - Rewards Intermediate/Secondary Reading for Special Education Department. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0 Ackerknecht; Aye, Bernal; Aye, Nicol; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye.
5. It was moved by Bernal and seconded by Ackerknecht to approve the Novel Adoption - Spare Parts: Four Undocumented Teenagers, One Ugly Robot, and the Battle for the American Dream English for the English Department. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0 Ackerknecht; Aye, Bernal; Aye, Nicol; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye
6. It was moved by Wallace and seconded by Nicol to approve the Textbook Adoption - PEERS Curriculum for School Based Professionals for Special Education Department. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0 Ackerknecht; Aye, Bernal; Aye, Nicol; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye
7. It was moved by Nicol and seconded by Bernal to approve the Facilities Joint Use and Operational Agreement with North Kern Vocational Training Center. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0 Ackerknecht; Aye, Bernal; Aye, Nicol; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye.
8. It was moved by Wallace and seconded by Bernal to approve the ReGreen Change Order No.1. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0 Ackerknecht; Aye, Bernal; Aye, Nicol; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye
9. It was moved by Bernal 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
10. It was moved by Wallace and seconded by Nicol to approve the 2018-2019 Academic Calendar. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0 Ackerknecht; Aye, Bernal; Aye, Nicol; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye

Ackerknecht: I have two comments on this; one and I know this is always a problem but I still think we need to finish school before Memorial Day because coming back for three days after Memorial Day is a waste of class time in my opinion. The other thing, is a suggestion on President's weekend. Instead of having back to back Monday holidays, looking at doing a Friday, Monday holidays in February to a four day weekend. Just suggestions, I know starting earlier in August creates problems.

Sanchez: I would agree with that. And starting earlier, I would prefer that as well.

Mr. Cobb: I don't think there is any problem with starting earlier, going into the first week of August. Other than being inconsistent with majority of the rest of the schools in Kern County.

Ackerknecht: I recognize there is issues with that, I am just giving my opinion. Obviously you're not going to change it this year, we are already too far past but just being done before Memorial Day would be nice.

11. It was moved by Ackerknecht and seconded by Wallace to approve the Facilities Request. Motion carried. Ayes: 4; Noes: 0; Abstain: 1 Ackerknecht; Aye, Bernal; Abstain, Nicol; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye.
12. It was moved by Wallace and seconded by Bernal to approve the Chaperones. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0 Ackerknecht; Aye, Bernal; Aye, Nicol; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye.
13. It was moved by Bernal 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 Instructional Materials – Listenwise for the District
2. Introduction of SPSA for Wasco High School and Wasco Independence High School

XI. Claims Transfers and Accounts

It was moved by Ackerknecht and seconded by Bernal to approve the claims, transfers and accounts for Batches through and Payrolls in the amount of \$1,508,089.89. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0 Ackerknecht; Aye, Bernal; Aye, Nicol; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye

XII. Executive Session (cont'd)

None

XIII. Adjournment

It was moved by Ackerknecht and seconded by Bernal 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 6:32 p.m.