

Wasco Union High School District
Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
Boardroom NKVTC Room 4
March 8, 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 Patricia Sanchez.

Board Members Present

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

Administrators Present

Mrs. Lori Albrecht	Mr. Russ Prado
Mr. Kevin Tallon	Mr. Ben Keller
Mr. Robert Cobb	

Classified Management Present

Mrs. Griselda Aceves	Mr. John Yanez
Mr. Joe Salazar	

Secretary Present

Mrs. Gracie Saldana

Visitors

Daniela Ramos, Anthony Farao, Barry Braun, Lori Rainieri, Dave Abernathy, Don Clark, Addison Tatum, Cristopher Hernandez, Mackinley Wankum, Julian Servin, Nicholas Gutierrez, Sofia Magana, Tyler Ruddell, Jocelyne Juarez, Jon Ballou, Andrew Morales, Nick Lopez, Manuel Flores

Flag Salute

The flag was saluted.

II. Adopt Agenda

It was moved by Wallace 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

IV. Public Comments

None

V. Executive Session

The meeting convened in executive session at 5:31 p.m.

Regular Session

The meeting convened in regular session at 6:18 p.m.

Announcement of Executive Session Actions

None

VI. Reading and Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Bernal and seconded by Nicol to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on February 8, 2018. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0 Ackerknecht; Aye, Bernal; Aye, Nicol; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye

VII. Initial Proposal from California Teacher Association

Acknowledge receipt of Initial Proposal from California Teacher Association collective bargaining unit for the 2018-2019 school year. A public hearing regarding the proposal will be scheduled for the next Board of Trustees meeting.

VI. Public Comments

Mr. Barry Braun, resident of Wasco. You guys are doing a great job, just take a look around the school Thank you for keeping up a great tradition. I am addressing an issue that's coming up and there are conversations going on about bringing a bond forward for further construction. I am not really terribly concerned about it but I just need to let you know that those of us in the Ag Community over the last four years have seen about a 50% increase in our property taxes. So as you being to enter into these conversation about going to a bond just remember that there are some of us out there. With the bonds that the elementary district put out and the bond we put out years ago and then with changes in the water districts, these are all effecting the Ag Community. There have been a lot of changes. That's all I wanted to say thanks.

Christopher Hernandez from the Wasco FFA addressed the board regarding their upcoming events. This Saturday is our Ag Boosters Community Dodgeball Tournament. Next Friday we have our Regionals Speaking Contest. He introduced a few participants. Yesterday we had our Crops Contest at Highland, we placed 4th in the overall teams.

Jocelyn Juarez, I am currently a junior at Wasco High School and I am also enrolled in the Wonderful Ag Academy. I am currently serving as the San Joaquin Sectional President. With this honor I have been able to serve chapters across the county. I was also just elected at the San Joaquin

Regionals Vice President. With that I have the opportunity to serve chapters as far as Firebaugh to Frazier Mountain. I would like to say it has been a great honor to be able to serve as an officer of FFA, thank you.

Anthony Farao, Ag Teacher - I am excited to address the board today. He reviewed the Star Awards Candidates. We have a star administrator among us, Mr. Tallon was elected as a star administrator. Also, our secret star support staff is Leo Medina.

Denise Morales, Ag Dept. Chair- The state FFA Convention is totally changing. It is moving from Fresno down to Anaheim. With that it is really unnerving with the change and what not. We have kids recognized in many different areas. We have several students that will be attending. She then invited the board to the FFA Banquet Meeting on April 12 at the Kern County Fairgrounds.

Sanchez: Thank you so much. They are a bunch of handsome, beautiful young people and I think we can all agree they represent Wasco High very well.

VII. Items From Board Members

Wallace: I went to the City Council and got to watch Mr. Lonza get presented with a certificate, I guess it was, getting honored as a school in their recognition of doing so well.

I also attended the LCAP Meeting and it was quite interesting. I didn't realize so many people were taking their GED and how many Hispanic people are trying to get their GED. I talked to one young lady, her daughters, one of her daughters is a teacher and has been teaching for four years. The other one is currently in college. And she is hoping to get her GED, she spoke very good English, a whole lot better than my Spanish would have been. And she, I was very pleased with their attitude. And I visited some classes. I also visited the LCAP meeting and they furnished some hot dogs for everyone to eat. They were very good.

Ackerknecht: Sharon and I were fortunate enough to attend the last Masters in Governance in Bakersfield, last Saturday, Public Relations and Advocacy. Then I went to see the swim team up at Graces.

Nicol: As Joel mentioned, I am also happy to be a graduate of the Masters in Governance. I've enjoyed some spring sports; baseball and the swim. I am excited about what they are doing.

VIII. Reports

1. Daniela Ramos, Student Board Representative reported on April 7th they are having a plant sale and the Ag Boosters will also be selling their BBQ lunch fundraiser. ASB has been working on the blessing bags since last month. These blessing bags are going to be given to the homeless. We will be putting those together tomorrow through next week so if any of you guys would like to donate, go ahead and drop it off at the office or the ASB Office. We are working on Spring Week, it will be the week before we let out for Spring Break. We are also putting together a Kindness Week, April 9th-13th. Our next Rally will be April 6th, it will be the senior's last rally. We are also having a

Leaders in Life Conference next Thursday at Bakersfield High School. We have been working on putting together our Last Blast Prom and it will take place the last weekend of April. Also our Junior and Senior boys will be having their Powder Buff Game, it will held in the gym on April 10th. Half of the funds will go towards Junior Class and the other half towards the Senior Class.

2. Mr. Joel Ackerknecht of North Kern Vocational Training Center reported we just completed a termination of one employee. We have good enrollment. Delano has agreed to join for another year, next year. North Kern is doing good right now.

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

Mrs. Albrecht introduced Mr. Martin Lonza who presented a Facilities Update. He reviewed the Student Services Building Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, planned projects, Phase VII Science Building #200 Project, Gym Bleacher Project. He then reviewed potential projects; new gymnasium project, swim complex, the estimated project costs; science building modernization, old gym bleacher project, auditorium & campus upgrades.

Mrs. Albrecht commended and thanked Mr. Lonza for the information and presentation.

Mrs. Albrecht then introduced Ms. Lori Raineri. Ms. Raineri is from Governmental Financial Strategies, I know she has other people who works with her but she is our trusted advisor, who reviewed our financial picture. What she is going to share with you tonight are ideas, concepts and proposals. There is nothing that has been decided, nothing is set in stone and there are no decisions that have been made but only ideas on how we might finance some of these projects through a bond measure, possibly in November. She is a wealth of information and can answer any of the questions you might have.

Ms. Ranieri reviewed Measure C - Bond Debt Portfolio, ballot measure, reviewed what is a bond, general obligation bond tax rates, understanding who pays what, assessed value, difference among taxpayers, tax base demographics, and top 20 taxpayers.

Ackerknecht: So, in this top twenty, I am in Ag as is Barry. There's a lot of these (companies on the list of top 20 taxpayers) that are the same company, I mean number 1, number 4, number 14 and number 19 are all Paramount Farms. There asset value of \$900 million dollars roughly. So 3 cents to them, if my math is correct, is 27 million dollars. Is that correct, 3 cents on \$900 million?

Ms. Rainieri: No, that is not correct.

Ackerknecht: So what I am saying is Sandridge and Sunnygem are together, Amin and Primex Farms are together. There is consolidation that needs to go on in the top 20. Wonderful is going to take a huge hit from 3 cents and Sandridge is going to take a huge hit from 3 cents. The voter base is the residents inside the High School District, correct?

Ms. Raineri: Correct, first of all, let me tell you how to do the math. One percent is the general property tax, right.

Ackerknecht: Right

Ms. Raineri: So you said \$900 million, so one percent is \$900 million. Then it's less than a fifth of that to get to the amount of additional taxes their paying.

Ackerknecht: So it's three cents of the one percent.

Ms. Raineri: Yes

Ackerknecht: Ok

Ms. Raineri: So, however that doesn't mean we didn't consolidate, let me tell you why we don't consolidate. Because I am capable of reading those names too. The standard we used for the consolidation was that the bill went to the same billing address. So we didn't make a judgement.

Ackerknecht: I know, I know.

Ms. Raineri: But what we will do is some specific outreach, we will find out, we want input from these people. That is why I am showing you the list. So we do want to meet with them and find out what they think and find out what their issues are. For sure we will meet, I shouldn't say we'll meet because they may not want to meet with us. For sure we will contact them and enquire as to whether they would like to meet with us and talk about this. And we will certainly take into account and share back with you what we hear. We will be more than happy to show every one of them exactly what any future bond we would even consider. I don't even mean passed, but even consider and what it would mean for them and their tax bill.

She then reviewed the measure c tax rates, historical assessed value, recent drop in mineral AV, reasons assessed value can change, district's significant needs, and other detailed information about the District's bounding capacity.

Mrs. Albrecht commended and thanked Ms. Ranieri for the information and presentation. At the admin level we spend a lot of time on this, we have talked to community members. As you can see there are several options. We didn't want to wait until April or May to bring you this information and ask you to make decision. So please be thinking about it. It has been a learning curve for all of us.

Ackerknecht: Is there a way to we could set up a study session or study group, workshop. That we could do, some time to maybe conference call and throw ideas out before next month.

Mrs. Albrecht: Yes, yes there is.

Ackerknecht: Because if we are going to do something we need to move. We can't wait until May to get more information. We need to try to schedule something before May to get the ball rolling to decide. The further we are out in front of it in the community with what direction we are going to go the more opportunity we have to engage with people like Barry who have concerns. The voters are the ones who approve it but the burden is on the backs of a lot of industries in our community. We ultimately want their support.

Mrs. Albrecht then introduced Mrs. Aceves who presented on the 2017-2018 2nd interim budget report. Mrs. Aceves reviewed the 2nd interim budget revenue summary, expenditures summary, estimated ending fund balances, planning considerations, multi-year projections; restricted/unrestricted summary, reserve for economic uncertainties, and future planning considerations.

Mrs. Albrecht commended and thanked Mrs. Aceves for the information and presentation.

Mrs. Albrecht then reported on the following:

I just want to acknowledge our FFA. They are so sharp and polished. Their advisors work a great deal with them to get them to that level. I am always very proud of what they do. I am sorry their banquet is the night of the board meeting which is something I usually try to attend. They are an awesome group of young people.

Our students performed very well at the Skills USA competition that was held on February 3rd. The event is held annually for Career Technical Education students where they compete using the skills they have learned in their program of study. I was not aware of the results to share at the last meeting and although I emailed you this info I also wanted to express my congratulations publicly. I am proud to say that all of the teams I am about to mentioned have advanced to the state competition which will be held at the Ontario Convention Center.

Yesica Hernandez, received a Bronze in Restaurant Service qualifying for State Competition in April.

Digital Cinema, we took 1st through 4th place. The following teams are advancing to state:

- 1st Samuel Ramirez & Cesar Contreras
- 2nd Billy Chicas & Joel Lopez
- 3rd Ignacio Bernal & Pedro Solis
- 4th Vanessa Madrigal & Roman Arreola

Television Video Production Competition. The following teams are advancing to state:

- 1st Andrew Gonzalez & Ellissa Hernandez
- 2nd Ashlyn Keller & Vilma Hernandez

I just want to remind you that we are still considering an out of state teacher recruitment trip. We know at this time we will definitely need two teachers for next year.

I'd like to wish our Academic Decathlon team best of luck at the State competition which takes place March 23 and 24th. I am extremely proud that they advanced to the state and feel assured they will represent us well at that level.

My evaluation forms are at your place tonight. The way we have conducted my evaluation in the past is you are provided the form this month so you are prepared to give feedback in the areas listed on the form as well as a final evaluation rating.

As I reported to you via e-mail earlier this month Wasco Independence High School was recognized as a Model Continuation High School. I am sure many of you also saw the front page article in the tribune which cited the designation. I'd like to commend Mr. Lonza as well as the entire IHS staff for their dedication in creating a physically and emotionally safe learning environment for our students at IHS.

As I shared with you earlier this week the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new student services building was delayed a week and will be on March 16th at 3:30 p.m. The office will open for business on Monday, March 19th. Please let Gracie know if you are unable to attend and whether or not you would like to participate in the Ribbon Cutting. There will be light refreshments out on the patio behind the building and the Steel Drum Orchestra will be providing the entertainment.

Last month, the Bob Elias Hall of Fame ceremony was held at the Bakersfield Marriott. Two of the four inductees were former Wasco High teachers and coaches. Frank Thiessen was inducted as a tennis coach and Andy Darby was inducted as a track coach. Many former players and students of both coaches attended the ceremony, and there was an excellent video montage dedicated to both of their careers at Wasco High. Sportscaster Greg Kerr joked about how well represented Wasco was at the event.

We are in need of Bond Oversight Committee Members for Measure C that was passed back in 2008. Although we are close to exhausting all of those funds on current projects we still need to continue to meet until all funds have been spent. Positions that are available are:

Business Representative - Active in a business organization representing local business
Senior Citizen Group Representative - Active member in a senior citizens' organization.
Taxpayer Organization Member - Active in a bona fide taxpayers' association.
Parent or Guardian of a Student Enrolled in District
Parent /Guardian of Student Enrolled in District & Active in a Parent-Teacher Organization
At-Large Community Member

If you know of any candidates that would meet these qualification please refer them to the District

website or have them contact Gracie for more information. The announcement was in the Tribune this week as well. Successful candidates are obligated to attend one meeting per year.

Enrollment

Last Year

WHS 1606

WIHS 172

District 1778

Last Month

WHS 1644

WIHS 169

District 1813

This Week

WHS 1625

WIHS 181

District 1806

Increase of 26 from last year at this time

Summary of Movement since last month:

3 Transferred from WHS to IHS

0 Transferred from IHS to WHS

0 Moved Out of California

1 Moved out of the Country

3 Moved to Other California Schools

0 moved to a private school

1 Moved to a Charter School

1 Transferred to Community School

1 Transferred to Adult Ed

1 Transferred to Community School

6 Drop Outs

1 Graduated

Average End of Month Attendance for February was: 95.6%.

This represents a slight increase of 0.5% in the attendance rate from last month of 95.1%

Average End of Month Tardy Rate for February was 3.84% and there were 20 tardy sweeps. This represents a slight increase of 0.15% in the tardy rate from last month of 3.69%.

IX. Discussion and Action

7• It was moved by Ackerknecht and seconded by Wallace to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0 Ackerknecht; Aye, Bernal; Aye, Nicol; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye

a. Accept Letter of Resignation from Certificated Employee

1. Castro Jr, Jose
- b. Accept Letter of Resignation from Classified Employee
 1. Perez, Michael
- c. Consider Approval of Certificated Employee(s)
 1. Summer School/Freshman Academy
 - a. Barraza, Carlos - English 9 Teacher
 - b. Bell, Mark - Algebra Push-In Support
 - c. Bellis, Darryl - English 9 Push In-Support
 - d. Bocker, Josh - English 9 Push In-Support
 - e. Castro Sr, Jose - Math Push In-Support
 - f. Castruita, Jessica - English 9 Push In-Support
 - g. Dobbs, Sunni – Principal
 - h. Gonzalez, Greg - Biology Teacher
 - i. Huddleston, Josh - Ag Academy Support
 - j. Lopez, Charmae - Math Push In-Support
 - k. Martinez, Chad - Geometry Teacher
 - l. Martinez, Kristy - English 9 Push In-Support
 - m. Moreno, Katie - Senior Req/Credit Recovery (Edgenuity)
 - n. Ocampo, Rosa - Migrant Credit Recovery
 - o. Ortiz, Sarah - English 9 Push In-Support
 - p. Pineo, Julie - Beginning Art
 - q. Rangel, Epi – ELD Acceleration
 - r. Stoffels, Suzie - Ag Academy Support
 - s. Soto, Blanca - Algebra Push-In Support
 - t. Tyack, Rose - Math Push In-Support
 - u. Wara, Garth - PE 3 Fitness Teacher
- d. Consider Approval of Classified Employee(s)
 1. Summer School/Freshman Academy
 - a. Cortez, Guadalupe - Instructional Aide
 - b. DelaRosa, Lori - Instructional Aide
 - c. Garcia, Yolanda - Front Office Clerk
 - d. Gonzalez, Danny - Campus Supervisor
 - e. Hartnett, Melissa - Library Media Technician
 - f. Medina, Gloria - Supp Service Aides (Migrant)
 - g. SantaCruz, Stephanie - Instructional Aide
 - h. Zarate, Marivel - Supp Service Aides (Migrant)
 2. Vasquez, Karen – Wonderful Education Tutor
 3. Gonzalez, Juan – Custodian
- e. Consider Approval of Athletic Coach(es)

1.	DelaRosa, Joe	Frosh Basketball	Assistant	Frosh Girls	Walk-On	Paid
2.	McCurdy, Chet	Varsity Baseball	Assistant	Varsity	Walk-On	Vol
3.	Orozco, Helen	Frosh Softball	Assistant	Frosh	Employee	Vol

2. It was moved by Nicol and seconded by Wallace to approve the 2017-2018 2nd Interim Budget Report. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0 Ackerknecht; Aye, Bernal; Aye, Nicol; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye
3. It was moved by Wallace and seconded by Ackerknecht to approve the E-Rate Funding Year 21 2018-2019, Category 1 & Category 2 Services for Wasco Union High School District. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0 Ackerknecht; Aye, Bernal; Aye, Nicol; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye
4. It was moved by Bernal and seconded by Nicol to approve the Course of Study - Integrated Mathematics I for the Math Department. 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 Ackerknecht to approve the Instructional Materials - IXL Learning for the Math Department. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0 Ackerknecht; Aye, Bernal; Aye, Nicol; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye
6. It was moved by Bernal and seconded by Nicol to approve the Ballot for 2018 California School Board Association Election. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0 Ackerknecht; Aye, Bernal; Aye, Nicol; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye
7. It was moved by Ackerknecht and seconded by Wallace to approve the Facilities Request(s). Motion carried. Ayes: 4; Noes: 0; Absent: 0, Abstain 1 (Bernal) Ackerknecht; Aye, Nicol; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye
8. It was moved by Nicol 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
9. It was moved by Bernal and seconded by Wallace 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 Textbook- Core Connection Integrated I for the Math Department
2. Correspondence from California School Employees Association regarding CSEA Policy 610 Notice
3. Correspondence from California Department of Education regarding Model Continuation School Selection.

XI. Claims Transfers and Accounts

It was moved by Ackerknecht and seconded by Bernal to approve the claims, transfers and accounts for Batches 41 through 45 and Payrolls in the amount of \$354,094.94. Motion carried. Ayes: 4; 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 seconded by Ackerknecht and seconded Bernal to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Ayes: 4; Noes: 0; Absent: 0 Ackerknecht; Aye, Bernal; Aye, Nicol; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.