

Wasco Union High School District
Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
Boardroom NKVTC Room 4
August 9, 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. Joel Ackerknecht, Clerk
Mr. Juan Bernal

Mr. Wayne Wallace
Mrs. Sharon Nicol

Administrators Present

Mrs. Lori Albrecht
Mr. Kevin Tallon
Mr. Robert Cobb

Mrs. Sunni Dobbs
Mr. Martin Lonza
Mr. Russ Prado

Classified Management Present

Mrs. Griselda Aceves
Mr. Joe Salazar

Secretary Present

Mrs. Gracie Saldana

Visitors

Addison Covert and Joe Hively

Flag Salute

The flag was saluted.

II. Adopt Agenda

It was moved by Wallace and it was seconded by Nicol to adopt the amended 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 6:07 p.m.

Announcement of Executive Session Actions

None

VI. Reading and Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Wallace and seconded by Ackerknecht to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on June 14, 2018 and the special meeting on June 29, 2018. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0 Ackerknecht; Aye, Bernal; Aye, Nicol; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye

IX. Public Hearing on the Initial Proposal from Public School Employer's Initial Proposal to the California School Employees Association Bargaining Unit for collective bargaining of the 2018-2019 school year

A public hearing was convened by Mrs. Sanchez to address questions or comments from the public regarding the Initial Proposal from the Public School Employer's Initial Proposal to the California School Employees Association Bargaining Unit for collective bargaining of the 2018-2019 school year. There were no comments from the public. The hearing was closed.

X. Public Comments

None

XI. Items From Board Members

Ackerknecht: A couple of things; I just want to commend the administration, there have been quite a few things behind the scene going on that they have handled really well. We are looking forward to a new school year. Welcome Mrs. Dobbs as our new vice principal. Something else, Friday is the deadline to file for candidacy. I wonder sometimes if we are doing our community a disservice by offering benefits to board members and I sometimes question the amount of money we are spending for these positions. Mrs. Aceves, do you happen to know the amount of money we are spending on Board Member benefits?

Mrs. Aceves: Off the top of my head, it is approximately \$62,000.

Ackerknecht: Ok, and that's total?

Mrs. Aceves: That's total for 12 months.

Ackerknecht: I am on a different board and they pay \$100 a board meeting. There are no benefits other than that. I feel like, granted our time is valuable and we have definitely some time committed to this, we are all busy, I just wonder if \$60,000 is really worth that much of our time. Just a thought, if maybe there could be a waiting period to get benefits. For the record, I don't accept the benefits. I am not saying that is right or wrong, but that's not why I am up here. I am just thinking out loud.

Reports

1. Haylee Nunez, Student Board Representative reported on the summer events. She shared the ASB retreat was great. We created the theme for this school year, #tigertakeover, if you see that on social media, we promote it. Our first rally, is "Tigers take over Television". It will be on August 31st. FFA has been raising (their animals) all summer. They are showing 29 swine, 20 lambs, 6 goats and poultry this year. Our cheerleaders came back from Cheer camp with 4 awards; The Spirit Stick Award, The Unity Award for the third year in a row, and The Superior Award for the fourth year in a row. We also had eight all American cheerleaders; Catalina Rios, Victoria Bernal, Isabel Dias, Jose Urbina, Mia Hernandez, Briseda Barron, Briana Martinez, and Alyssa Flores. ASB will be doing a weekly "Tiger News" video that will be aired in the classrooms. Thank you.

2. Mr. Joel Ackerknecht of North Kern Vocational Training Center shared they are ready to start receiving students again. We have filled our staff vacancies and are ready for the new school year.

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

Welcome back to a new school year I'd like to thank all of our staff who worked diligently all summer to make sure that we are ready to go next week. That includes Mr. Yanez and his crew as well as Mr. Salazar and the tech squad. That being said, I'd like to invite all of you to the Welcome Back Breakfast scheduled for this Monday August 13th at 7:45 am where we will kick off the new school year with staff. An invitation is at your place. First day of school is August 15th. Registration for upperclassmen took place yesterday and freshmen already registered at the Freshmen Launch in April.

Wasco Way-18 teachers participated in the Wasco Way professional development over the last three days. The professional development is designed to "onboard" new teachers into our culture of teaching and student learning. Our academic coaches focused on the implementation of research based strategies that provide rigor and equity to the curriculum.

I am sure you noticed the new technology in our Boardroom. These interactive Display boards are replacing our current smart board technology. The tech department has installed 33 of these in classrooms and phase II of this project will include the rest of WHS as well as IHS classrooms. We expect Phase II to take place prior to the second semester. Since Kevin has had his the longest I've asked him to do a brief demonstration showing what it can do.

Mr. Tallon: Good evening members of the board and thank you Mrs. Albrecht. I do not qualify as an

“expert demonstrator” but I can show the basics. I will ask Mr. Salazar, in a moment to come up and help with that. In the spring of 2016 the Technology Committee lead the District in an evaluation of various boards that are interactive and replace the outdated “smartboards” that are now 10 plus years old. The next steps included teachers evaluating various boards and providing feed back to the Technology Committee. Finally the culmination was the deployment of 33 of these boards this summer which teachers will get to use this fall. The board is a representative of many tools that comprise the 21st century classroom. As you can see they are mobile, you can operate them as flat boards or multiple students can work on this boards at the same time. They really represent at 21st century classroom that allows for small groups and cooperative learning. Mr. Salazar will now come up one and demonstrate a flip classroom concepts that will allow teachers to deliver content and concepts from the board to the students through google apps and to their chrome books.

This demonstration is only one small piece of what this can do, so how many of us have come home from a math lesson, go back to our notes and try to remember what certain steps the teacher taught. Tools like this will allow teachers to capture exactly what to do in certain parts of the lesson and students can go back to re-access this content at their convenience. This is just scratching the surface what they can do.

Mr. Salazar: This was a collective effort, the committee was very involved in the evaluation process. This was the board that we did end up choosing. I am hearing from staff and they are very excited. As Mr. Tallon mentioned we are going to continue on with training.

Ackerknecht: You said 33, so what percentage of classrooms have them now?

Mr. Tallon: We have 71 teachers right now, some of those being PE. We plan to have more in the fall.

Mr. Salazar: The plan is to populate the remaining classroom at Wasco High School and then move right over to Independence High School.

Ackerknecht: So before the end of the school year?

Mr. Salazar: Yes

Mr. Tallon: We have had one small training to get familiar with some of the basic functions. Mrs. Moreno will be training two members from each department two days a week starting the first week of school. We are excited, we have a staff who embraces technology. They understand the pedagogy and the teachings still have to be sound. This can’t replace the teaching but can certainly enhance it. Our students will very quickly adapt to this as well as our staff.

Sanchez: When you say, “Students can access this” where do they access this? I am sure we are not posting this all on YouTube.

Mr. Tallon: So, they will access this through google classroom. This is where only the teacher the students have access.

Ackerknecht: So this is for the 1-1 Chromebook initiative where every student will have access.

Mr. Tallon: Every student would have access. Presumably, at lunch, after school, during embedded support, before school. I know Mr. Yanez just stepped out, because two busses are arriving as we speak. Those busses have WiFi, just in time. For our students who commute to and from Lost Hills this can be another avenue to allow the learning to continue, we are excited. Mr. Salazar and our technology department work tirelessly leading up to this and over the summer. The not only were working on these boards but our 1-1 initiative and all the other things we do in the classroom. They really should be commended, they work throughout the summer to ensure on August 15th our staff and students are ready to go.

Mr. Salazar: Team effort.

Mrs. Albrecht: You referred to this as a flipped lesson. If you want to share what might happen to make this a flipped lesson?

Mr. Tallon: Right, the flipped lesson concept would be the teacher assigning the students to watch a short video clip prior to coming to class. The idea is they would come to class with some prior knowledge in that subject/topic and they can build on that prior knowledge right at the beginning of class. They don't have to go and start with some of the foundational concepts so the flipped classroom idea is they are actually learning outside of the classroom through the technology and the teacher is facilitating a higher level of learning. This is not something you would do every day but it is definitely a tool the students can learn from and come more prepared. I like that concept, I also like the idea of the students accessing something again and this provides a way to do that as well.

Ackerknecht: Are the Smartboards really 10 years old?

Mr. Salazar: Yes, smartboard is kind of converting from a hardware to software Company.

Reminder we are also excited that we are going 1-1 with Chromebooks this semester which means that students will be able to take their Chromebooks home and also have the availability to use them at lunchtime, break time, and after school.

Mrs. Albrecht continued on her report:

As you know the state has significantly increased the amount of funding for adult education. Additionally, we have learned that the Bakersfield College AEBG program is in a position to help support the AE programs in the North Kern area and have at least \$150,000 or more to contribute. Over the last several months we have explored the idea of an off-site building that could be converted to a one-stop shop for adult education services but we have found that concept to be cost prohibitive. This additional funding from the AEBG program would allow us to provide two

additional classrooms, one office building, and one restroom unit on the east side of the IHS campus. The buildings could house our AE coordinator and clerk, a BC office, and possibly an America's Job center office and/or one or two other additional entities. The expansion would be separated from the IHS campus and only accessible from the parking lot during IHS school hours. After IHS hours, a gate between the IHS and AE areas will be available to provide access to IHS classrooms. BC AEBG is also interested in equipping a computer lab in one of the classrooms where GED testing and online course work for adult could take place during daytime hours. BC would also be interested in offering daytime classes in these building. Because this expansion is for adults, there is no requirement to obtain DSA approval and will expedite the placement of the portables. Our intent is to offer classes in these units by the second semester this year. Mr. Lonza is exploring the idea of either leasing or purchasing the buildings and you may see a contract soon.

Science Building - As we speak Building 300 is being converted from office space to classrooms. We have received everything we need to begin this project, currently the building has a projected cost 11.5 million dollars.

There has been a great deal of dialogue with Kern Tax this summer regarding our bond resolution and so we have made some modifications that you will see in a the amended resolution before you this evening that alleviated some of their concerns. The changes can be found on page 4, Sections 14 and 15 which adds wording about deauthorizing any remaining funds after 2033 and that we will consult with Kern at each issuance. Also, we have verbally agreed to further explore the concept of joint use and the financing of the swimming pool complex with the City of Wasco; that the swimming pool complex is the final project that will be completed; and that we will continue to include Kern Tax in all aspects of the development of the bond structure to ensure taxpayer value. Kern Tax meets next week and I am expecting after this continuing dialogue that took place over the last couple of months that we have their support.

If you haven't already met Mr. Addison Covert, I'd like to introduce him to you. Addison is our Bond Counsel. He is here tonight to collect the resolution once it has been signed and deliver it to the county for submission by the deadline tomorrow.

Speaking of that deadline, it is tomorrow for Board members as well. At this time we have five candidates for three open seats. Wayne Wallace, Juan Bernal, Joe Hively, and Ernie Sanchez and Juan Gallardo are currently signed up to run for those seats.

CIF Cards are available and everyone should have received theirs this evening.

Discussion and Action

1. It was moved by Nicol and seconded by Ackerknecht to approve the Personnel 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 Classified Employee(s)

1. Arredondo, Inocencio

b. Consider Approval of Certificated Employee(s)

1. Peñaloza, Lora – Culinary Arts Teacher
2. Rodriguez, Amanda – English Teacher
3. Soto, Elizabeth – WIHS Teacher

c. Consider Approval of Classified Employee(s)

1. Dobbs, Alex - BC Tutor
2. Cazares, Guadalupe – ASB Concessions Supervisor
3. Substitute Pool
 - a. Leticia Juarez Cruz
 - b. Vanessa Martinez
 - c. Sylvia Quezada
 - d. Yvette Torres
 - e. Diego Sandoval
 - f. Mario Juarez
 - g. Jeff Hart

d. Consider Approval of Athletic Coach(es)

1. Gallardo, Alex	Football	Assistant Coach	Varsity	Walk-on	Volunteer
2. Gonzalez, Lorena	G. Basketball	Head Coach		Teacher	Paid
3. Hunter, Ian	Tennis	Assistant Coach	Varsity /JV	Teacher	Volunteer
4. Martinez, Michael	Football	Assistant Coach	Frosh/JV	Walk-on	Volunteer
5. Sandoval, Guadalupe	Tennis	Assistant Coach		Walk-on	Volunteer
6. Saldaña, Nicholas	Football	Assistant Coach	Varsity	Walk-on	Paid
7. Wedel, Kyle	Football	Assistant Coach	Frosh/JV	Walk-on	Volunteer

2. It was moved by Bernal and seconded by Ackerknecht to approve the Variable Term Waiver Permit: Elizabeth Soto. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0 Ackerknecht; Aye, Bernal; Aye, Nicol; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye
3. It was moved by Nicol and seconded by Ackerknecht to approve the Provisional Internship Permit: English - Amanda Rodriguez. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0 Ackerknecht; Aye, Bernal; Aye, Nicol; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye
4. It was moved by Ackerknecht and seconded by Bernal to approve the Provisional Internship Permit: Special Education - Lorena Gonzalez. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0 Ackerknecht; Aye, Bernal; Aye, Nicol; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye
5. It was moved by Ackerknecht and seconded by Nicol to approve the Resolution #1819-01 Regarding Amending Resolution # 1718-08, ordering a School Bond Election. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0 Ackerknecht; Aye, Bernal; Aye, Nicol; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye

Ackerknecht: Do you find in your discussion with Kern Tax that these changes will alleviate all of their issues? Or are they going to remain neutral, positive, it seems like it's been quite a debacle.

Mrs. Albrecht: It has been on going

Ackerknecht: What has their big beefs been?

Mrs. Albrecht: There are two things that we changed and also the things we agreed to. Their biggest concern is the tax payer is going to get the best value for their dollar. They site things like Panama is floating a bond and their debt ratio is 1.24 to 1 but their repayment is 10 years. We have pointed out that every district has different needs and demographics in their community.

Ackerknecht: But ours is 1.96 which is not even the state law.

Mrs. Albrecht: 1.96 is still acceptable. The law says it needs to be least 4:1. People keep doing a better job getting them lower. So if one person does, they think everybody can. We will certainly do the very best job we can, the assessed value should be better than anticipated. We will continue to work with them.

- 6 It was moved by Nicol and seconded by Ackerknecht to approve Resolution #1819-02 Regarding Matter of the District's Change in Regular Board Meeting Date. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0 Ackerknecht; Aye, Bernal; Aye, Nicol; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye
- 7 It was moved by Bernal and seconded by Nicol to approve the Purchase and Sale Agreement of the Raya Property. Motion carried. Ayes: 4; Noes: 0; Absent: 0, Abstain 0 Bernal Ackerknecht; Aye, Nicol; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye
- 8 It was moved by Bernal and seconded by Ackerknecht to approve the School Psychologist Services Agreement. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0 Ackerknecht; Aye, Bernal; Aye, Nicol; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye
- 9 It was moved by Nicol and seconded by Bernal to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with KCSOS/ Special Education Local Plan Agency (SELPA). 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 Ackerknecht to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with KCSOS/Nursing Services Agreement. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0 Ackerknecht; Aye, Bernal; Aye, Nicol; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye
- 11 It was moved by Bernal and seconded by Ackerknecht to approve the Textbook Adoption – Career Choices and Changes. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0 Ackerknecht; Aye, Bernal; Aye, Nicol; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye
- 12 It was moved by Nicol and seconded by Bernal to approve the Facilities Request from WHS Hall of Fame Committee. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0 Ackerknecht; Aye, Bernal; Aye, Nicol; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye

- 13 It was moved by Wallace and seconded by Bernal to approve Inter-district Transfer Requests. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0 Ackerknecht; Aye, Bernal; Aye, Nicol; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye
- 14 It was moved by Ackerknecht and seconded by Nicol to approve the Chaperones/Drivers. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0 Ackerknecht; Aye, Bernal; Aye, Nicol; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye

XIII. Discussion and Information
None

- XIV. Claims Transfers and Accounts
It was moved by Ackerknecht and seconded by Bernal to approve the claims, transfers and accounts for Batches 66 through 73, 1 through 4 and Payrolls in the amount of \$1,868,409.19. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0 Ackerknecht; Aye, Bernal; Aye, Nicol; Aye, Sanchez; Aye, Wallace; Aye

XV. Executive Session (cont'd)
None

- XVI. Adjournment
It was moved by Bernal seconded by Wallace 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 6:50 p.m.