I. Call to Order – 5:30 p.m.
A regular meeting of the Wasco Union Elementary School Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Boardroom by President Jim Forrest.

Board Members Present
Mr. Jim Forrest, President   Mr. Richard Redding
Mr. Marty Jones, Clerk   Mr. Cruz Rodriguez
Mr. Ernie Sanchez

Administrators Present
Mrs. Elizabeth McCray   Mrs. Rafaela Lopez
Mrs. Susan Andreas-Bervel   Mrs. Jennifer Long
Mr. Danny Arellano   Mr. Brad Maberry
Mrs. Debbie Escobar   Mrs. Lisa Ornelas
Mrs. Jan Hummel   Mr. Kelly Richers
Mrs. Regina Green   Mr. Sam Torres

Classified Management Present
Mrs. Karen Evans   Mr. Rick Sanchez
Mrs. Gale Huffaker

Secretary Present
Mrs. Gracie Saldaña

Visitors
Mrs. Lori Albrecht, Mr. Steve Davis, Mrs. Lorna Jones, Mr. Ben Juarez, Ms. Lorena Cozad, Mrs. Brenda Phillips, Ms. Anna Poggi, Mrs. Cheryl Stephens, Mr. Dennis Stowe, Mr. Ted Wilson, Mr. David Vaughn, Mr. John Yanez

Flag Salute
The flag was saluted.

II. Adopt Agenda
It was moved by Jones and seconded by Sanchez to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

III. Public Comments
No Public Comments

IV. Executive Session
The meeting convened in executive session at 5:40 p.m.
Regular Session
The meeting reconvened in regular session at 6:45 p.m.

Announcement of Executive Session Actions
None

V. Reading and Approval of Minutes
It was moved by Jones and seconded by Sanchez to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 9, 2011. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

VI. Public Comments
Dr. Forrest shared that the time allotted to any individual speaker is three (3) minutes. When numerous individuals wish to address the same issue, time will be limited to ten (10) minutes for the subject area. In case of numerous requests to address the same item, the Board President may select representatives to speak on each side of the item. He also reminded members of the audience to please refrain from making comments or asking questions beyond the public comment opportunity.

Mr. Kelly Richers, president of the Festival of Roses Board of Directors reported to the Board regarding the 43rd Annual Festival of Roses. He shared that the attendance was great this year and thanked everyone for their support.

VII. Public Hearing on Sufficiency of Textbooks and Instructional Materials for 2011-12 School Year
A public hearing was convened to certify the district’s compliance with Education Code §60119 concerning the sufficiency of textbooks and instructional materials for the 2011-12 school year. Hearing no comments, the hearing was closed.

VIII. Public Hearing on Quality Education Investment Act (QEIA)
A public hearing was convened concerning the Quality Education Investment Act (QEIA). Mrs. Cheryl Stephens, WETA president requested support of the Board for the QEIA Waiver to allow the reduced class sizes. Upon hearing of comments, the hearing was closed.

IX. Items From Board Members
Mr. Cruz Rodriguez shared concern regarding the API Scores.

Mrs. McCray responded to Mr. Rodriguez that Mrs. Andreas-Bervel will be providing the API and AYP results during her presentation tonight.

Dr. Jim Forrest welcomed everyone in attendance.

X. Reports
1. Mrs. McCray introduced Mrs. Susan Andreas-Bervel who shared with the Board the Annual Academic Progress Report. Mrs. Andreas-Bervel reported on the test scores and state requirements of the AYP/API.

Dr. Forrest then asked Mrs. Andreas-Bervel if she was satisfied with the scores and what was going to be changed as a result.

Mrs. Andreas-Bervel responded that she is not satisfied and that there are now measures in place to refine pacing guides and benchmarks. She also shared that
they are now properly assessing and have prompt intervention with close and constant monitoring.

Dr. Forrest then shared that he understands that there are a lot of factors in these scores but he sees an underperforming 7th and 8th grade.

Mrs. Andreas-Bervel agreed with Dr. Forrest and then reported that at the 6th grade level they are now ensuring understanding with pacing guides, standards and intervention which should assist students as they move to middle school.

Mrs. McCray shared that Pivot Learning Partners, math content specialist Mrs. Mary Noga has provided a compilation of what she has observed during her visit. Mrs. McCray also shared that Mrs. Noga is a content specialist for Wasco High School and has firsthand experience on the issues at Wasco High School. With this collaboration, she can ensure we are on the same path.

Dr. Forrest reported that Thomas Jefferson has never been a Middle School and he would like to see the name corrected to reflect Thomas Jefferson Jr. High School.

Mrs. McCray asked Dr. Forrest if he would like to see the Thomas Jefferson Jr. High School name change as an action item for an upcoming Board Meeting.

Dr. Forrest responded, absolutely.

Mr. Jones asked if there are any local schools with 7th and 8th grades that are successful and that we can do a comparison.

Mrs. McCray reported that there are and we can contact them. We also need to review the District as a whole. She expressed that we need to remember that all schools are part of a team. We should not be competing against one another. Teamwork is sharing and having courageous conversations.

Mr. Jones agreed with Mrs. McCray and reiterated that we are on the same team. Mr. Jones thanked Mrs. McCray and shared that the teachers need to talk, collaborate and open up those lines of communication.

Mrs. McCray commended and thanked Mrs. Andreas-Bervel for her report.

Mrs. McCray introduced Mr. Brad Maberry who reported to the Board regarding the Teresa Burke Traffic Issues. Mr. Maberry reviewed the map of Teresa Burke, the traffic issues and the danger it poses to the students and pedestrians. Mr. Maberry has discussed this issue with the parents at Back to School Night and has taken a survey of the issue with the Staff. Mr. Maberry has also collaborated with Mrs. McCray, Mr. John Yanez, Mr. Bill Ross, Mr. Robert Perez, Mr. Rob Sanchez, the Public Works Director from the City of Wasco and Local Sheriffs to ensure student and pedestrian safety. The city has approved making illegal parking sections along the streets of Griffith and Filburn in the near future.

Mr. Reding expressed a concern with the 18 wheelers parking by Teresa Burke and the unknown people in those trucks.
Mrs. McCray agreed with Mr. Reding and shared that we are aware of that issue and the city will be addressing that issue as well.

Mrs. McCray commended and thanked Mr. Maberry for his report.

Mrs. McCray introduced Mrs. Karen Evans who reviewed Financial Report and Verbal Fund Balance Reports with the Board. Mrs. McCray commended and thanked Mrs. Evans for her report.

Mrs. McCray then reviewed the Superintendents Goals with the Board. She also shared that some of these goals are progress goals. None of these goals are simplistic in nature. These goals are continual and should never stop.

XI. Discussion and Action
1. It was moved by Reding and seconded by Rodriguez to approve the personnel items. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
   a. Accepted Letter of Resignation from Yolanda Waner, Certificated Employee(s)
   b. Accepted Letter of Resignation from Bill Ross, Classified Management Employee(s)
   c. Accepted Letter of Resignation from Christina Malone, Classified Employee(s)
   d. Approval of Esmeralda Quintana, Administrative Secretary
   e. Approval of Certificated Employee(s)
      1. Steven Davis, Administrative Intern, Thomas Jefferson
      2. Katie Romanini Patnode, Academic Specialist – Part Time, Palm Avenue
      3. Patricia Torres, BTSA Support Provider, Teresa Burke
      4. Classroom Teachers to Reduce Large Class Sizes (5)
         a. Kelly Cota, Kindergarten - Palm Avenue
         b. Cesilie Loomis, Third Grade - Teresa Burke
         c. Arianne Newman, Fifth Grade - John L. Prueitt
         d. Gina Tallon, Fourth Grade - Teresa Burke
         e. Sophia Washington, Fourth Grade - Karl F. Clemens
   f. Approval of Classified Employee(s)
      1. Nancy Fernandez, Technology Intervention Specialist – 4 Hours, Karl F. Clemens
      2. Vanessa Gutierrez, Student Monitor, Thomas Jefferson
      3. Gloria Martinez, ASES Afterschool Activity Leader – 3.75 Hours, Karl F. Clemens
   g. Approval of Substitute Teacher List for the 2011-12 School Year
      (List of Substitutes was available for perusal the evening of the Board Meeting)

2. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Jones to approve the Resolution No. 1112-2 Sufficiency of Textbooks and Instructional Materials. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

3. It was moved by Jones and seconded by Sanchez to accept Unaudited Actuals Financial Report for 2010-2011. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

4. It was moved by Rodriguez and seconded by Reding to approve the Gann Limits Board Resolution No. 1112-3. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
5. It was moved by Jones and seconded by Reding to approve the Agreement with the Wasco Union High School District to share MOT Director Services. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

Mr. Rodriguez asked who is Mr. John Yanez and how will he split his time between Wasco Union High School District and Wasco Union Elementary District.

Mrs. McCray introduced Mr. Yanez to the Board and shared that his contract will be similar to the other joint contracts between the Wasco High School District and Wasco Union Elementary District. His time will be determined upon him acquiring both the Districts. She then reported on the 50/50 cost to each district.

6. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Jones to approve the Quality Education Investment Act (QEIA) Waiver Request. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

Mrs. McCray introduced Mr. Kelly Richers who provided the Board with the information and answered questions regarding the QEIA Waiver. This waiver is necessary because the 2009 and 2010 API data cannot be used to determine growth due to testing irregularities. Mr. Rodriguez shared that the Board’s concern is the children and teaching staff. He then thanked Mrs. McCray for the information.

7. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Reding to approve the Agreement/Consultant Services with School Law Consultants. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

8. It was moved by Reding and seconded by Sanchez to approve the Supplemental Educational Services Provider Agreement. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

Mrs. McCray shared that the Supplemental Educational Services will be a collaborative effort this year between Wasco Union High School District and Wasco Union Elementary School District and will be overseen by Mr. Kelly Richers.

9. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Reding to approve the Tentative Agreement with Wasco Union Elementary Teachers’ Association. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

10. It was moved by Jones and seconded by Sanchez to approve the Tentative Agreement with Wasco Union Elementary CSEA. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

11. It was moved by Rodriguez and seconded by Sanchez to approve the Unit Approval Committee for College Units. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

12. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Rodriguez to approve the Technology Intervention Specialist Job Descriptions. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
13. It was moved by Jones and seconded by Reding to approve the Food Service Agreement for the 2011-12 School Year with Maple School District. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

14. It was moved by Rodriguez and seconded by Reding to approve the Interdistrict Transfer Requests. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

15. It was moved by Rodriguez and seconded by Sanchez to approve the Facilities Requests. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

16. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Jones to approve the Donations. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

XII. Discussion and Information
1. Correspondence from Paramount Farms regarding Joint Administration was shared with the Board Members.
2. Correspondence from Ms. Cecelia A. Rollins regarding Administrative Assistant Posting was shared with the Board Members.
3. Reports from Dolinka Group, LLC regarding the Annual Community Facilities District (CFD) Administration and Senate Bill 165 Disclosure Reports was shared with the Board Members.
4. Suspensions List was shared with the Board Members.
   September Lunch Menu was shared with the Board Members.

XIII. Claims, Transfers andAccounts
It was moved by Jones and seconded by Sanchez to approve the claims, transfers and accounts for Batches 8, 9, 10 and Payrolls in the amount $1,737,361.40. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

XIV. Adjournment
It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Reding to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0. Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

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