I. Call to Order – 5:30 p.m.
A regular meeting of the Wasco Union Elementary School District Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Mr. Marty Jones.

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

Administrators Present
Mrs. Elizabeth McCray  Mrs. Roberta Green
Mrs. Susan Andreas-Bervel  Mrs. Rafaela Lopez
Mr. Danny Arellano  Mrs. Lisa Ornelas
Mr. David Bowling  Mr. Brad Maberry
Mrs. Debbie Escobar  Mr. Kelly Richers
Mrs. Andrea Gebhardt  Mr. Sam Torres

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

Secretary Present
Mrs. Gracie Saldaña
Mrs. Esmeralda Quintana

Visitors
Tim Arnold, Lori Albrecht, Rosalinda Chairez, Lorena Cozad, Brenda Phillips, Anna Poggi, Randy Rowe, Karen Rowe, Cheryl Stephens, Ted Wilson

Flag Salute
The flag was saluted.

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

III. Public Comments
None

IV. Executive Session
The meeting convened in executive session at 5:35 p.m.
Announcement of Executive Session Actions
None

V. Reading and Approval of Minutes
It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Reding to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 10, 2012. Motioned carried Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

VI. Public Comments
None

VII. Items From Board Members
Mr. Marty Jones welcomed everyone back and shared his excitement for the new school year. Although we may have more challenges than in the past, we have full confidence in the staff of this District to succeed and looking forward to a year. He is so pleased in what he has seen in the leadership and expressed his appreciation.

VIII. Reports
I. Mrs. McCray introduced Mrs. Lisa Ornelas, Mrs. Rafaela Lopez and Mrs. Lori Albrecht who participated in the Wasco High School Staff Development this week. Mrs. Albrecht shared that CST results where shared today at the meeting. The Wasco High Staff broke out in spontaneous applause when TJ’s test scores were displayed and the staff were congratulated. Mrs. Lopez reported that she will be sharing this support with her teachers.

II. Mrs. McCray introduced Mrs. Susan Andreas-Bervel and Mr. Kelly Richers who shared with the Board the new LEA Plan for the District. Mrs. Andreas-Bervel reported that this is the document guiding the district for Federal and State Accountability. She reported that the District is in Program Improvement Year 3 for the 5th consecutive year. Mrs. Andreas-Bervel then reviewed the LEA Plan Performance Goals, Plan Requirement and LEA Plan Development for the District. Mr. Kelly Richers reported on the DSLT Plan and Component Goals. He reported that this document is in a form that anyone can access any time they would like. Mr. Jones asked if this LEA Plan can also be utilized as a performance indicator tool. Mr. Richers shared that Mr. Jones was correct. He also reported that the purpose of the LEA Plan is drive instruction and assist each student to attain one grade level higher. Mr. Jones stated that this plan will not be put on a shelf. Mr. Richers reported that this is the excitement; it is a simple document and a great tool. Dr. Forrest reported that he would like to see this four times this year and review the progress. We are all looking for change. Mrs. McCray shared that we will be asking each school site to provide information from their school and how they are encompassing the LEA Plan at their schools. Dr. Forrest shared that it is incumbent upon all of us that none of this happens without the teachers, liking, understanding and happy with what they are doing. We can see measurable process and progress. That feeling of camaraderie, working together, and accomplishment is needed. As you well know, we have gone through the years where we have dragged a lot of unhappy people with us. Our esprit de corp will be much much greater than ever in the past, it is the leadership that got us here and looking forward to this process. This will really benefit the students, the district and everyone. Mrs. McCray commended and thanked Mrs. Susan Andreas-Bervel and Mr. Kelly Richers for the information and presentation.

III. Mrs. McCray introduced Mrs. Karen Evans who reported on the conditionally approved budget, and the plan that will develop a reduction in spending. We were notified Friday from the County regarding the conditional approval. Many school districts have negotiated furlough days and we are possibly looking at this for next year. Mrs. McCray explained that a furlough day is a
complete non-paid day, no business conducted in the District. In the District we have 92% of the 
unrestricted budget going towards salaries and benefits and it is tied up in people. Our enrollment 
right now is at 3400 to 3500 students. That increases the revenue but the students must be in 
attendance. We want to ensure that the Board understands where we are and where we are going. 
When we get to the September meeting we will have much more information on the recovery 
plan. Mrs. Evans then reported on the current budget and two years out. Our letter will indicate 
that our budget will be approved conditionally. We are required to hold a reserve of 3% every 
school year, we fall well below that figure for the 2013-2014 budget. Fiscal Recovery and 
Reserve Restoration Plan for 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school year will be required of the 
District by the September Board Meeting. We do have an active Board Policy to maintain a 17% 
reserve. Any new revenue into the District needs to be used to increase our reserve revenue. At 
this point we are pretty close to where we need to be but it will only fix the 2012-2013 school 
year. Our budget is being built on the initiative in the event that it does not pass. Mrs. McCray 
shared that even if it does pass we are being told that the money will be set aside and cross over to 
the next fiscal year. Mrs. Evans shared that the money will possibly be seen in June, maybe. She 
requested any suggestions from the community on how the District can save money. These 
suggestions are welcomed and will be appreciated.

Are we painting the worse scenario, absolutely. If anyone has suggestions please let us know; 
they are welcomed. Mrs. McCray thanked and commended Mrs. Evans for the presentation and 
information.

Mrs. McCray shared that we have finished negotiations and are very pleased that we 
accomplished this with a spirit of cooperation. Mr. Reding asked how many students are actually 
walking to school. Mrs. McCray shared that we are looking into that but felt that when the 
“neighborhood” school concept was initiated bus transportation was able to be scaled back. She 
also reported that our class sizes are going to look large on paper for the first day. As soon it is 
determined that we have too many students at one school, we may be moving teachers. We must 
keep in mind that these schools belong to the children, that is their neighborhood and we need to 
do what is best for our students. Mrs. McCray shared all our staff have done a great job in 
preparing for tomorrow. A lot of people in the community are watching. Part of the increase in 
the enrollment in the school district is when parents see test results going up. They want to bring 
their students to schools that attain those results. Our students are our future; they have felt the 
success and success breeds further success. She commended all the staff of the District for their 
diligence.

Mrs. Evans then reported on the results of the GASB 45 actuarial valuation of the District’s 
retiree health insurance program as of July 1, 2012.

Mrs. McCray also shared that the Board of Supervisors is talking about closing down the Health 
Department in Wasco and moving it to Shafter. Mrs. McCray and Mr. Dan Allen of the City of 
Wasco have submitted a letter to the Health Department regarding the effects of the closure to our 
community in the event it was to happen.

IX. Discussion and Action

1. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Rodriguez on the approval of the Personnel Consent 
Agenda. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

   a. Accept Letters of Resignation from Certificated Employee(s)
      1. Additional Assignment
         a. Justin White, Teacher Social Science, Department Chair Thomas Jefferson
         b. Consider Approval of Certificated Employee(s)
            1. Additional Assignment
               a. Rene DeLeon, Teacher Social Science, Department Chair Thomas Jefferson
b. Rachel Martin, Teacher English, ASES Academic Liaison  Thomas Jefferson  
c. Sandra Halbrook, Teacher English, ASES Academic Liaison Substitute  Thomas Jefferson  
c. Accept Letters of Retirement from Classified Employee(s)  
1. Brenda Hathcock, Food Service Manager 7 hours  Food Service Dept.  
d. Accept Letters of Resignation from Classified Employee(s)  
1. Linda Arellano, Student Monitor  Palm Avenue  
2. Esmeralda Gonzalez, Student Monitor  Thomas Jefferson  
3. Tonya Uribe, Student Monitor  Karl Clemens  
e. Consider Approval of Classified Employee(s)  
1. Additional Assignment  
a. Linda Plotner, ASES Leader(current) CELDT Tester(additional)  All Sites  
2. Change in Position for the 2012-2013 school year  
a. Mary Ann Lopez, School Clerk  Building Secretary-Librarian John L. Prueitt  
3. Returning Classified Substitutes for the 2012-2013 school year all sites  
a. Torey Bryant  
b. Virgina Horton  
c. Jennifer Munoz  
d. Esmeralda Saldivar  
e. Kassondra Smith  
f. Maria Viramontes  

2. It was moved by Rodriguez and seconded by Forrest on the approval to Reject Liability claim against Wasco Union Elementary School District by claimant Harim Garcia. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0  

3. It was moved Forrest and seconded by Reding that the Food Service Contract for Pond and Belridge be approved for the full year (2012-2013) and Semitropic be approved conditionally for 30 days. Motion carried. Ayes: 3; Noes: 2; Absent: 0  

Dr. Forrest commended Mrs. Gale Huffaker and the Food Services Department for their great service to the Districts. He then shared that ever since he has been in the Wasco District (since 1973) we have had problems with outlying Districts who have constantly taken students away from our District. While it is highly unethical to do this, most likely it is not illegal. We have a District who is immediately to the west of us, who has started a charter school. Dr. Forrest shared that he finds himself asking, why should we approve the District doing them a favor by providing their district with food services. If they do not want to work with us, why should we. The Board directed Mrs. McCray to meet with the Semitropic Superintendent and report back at the next board meeting. Mr. Rodriguez shared that we need to talk to the parents not their Superintendent. Dr. Forrest explained that he does not have a problem with the other Districts therefore he is making a motion to approve Pond and Belridge for the school year (2012-2013) and approve Semitropic for 30 days. Mr. Rodriguez stated that he is against that motion.  

4. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Reding on the approval of the LEA Plan. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0  

5. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Forrest on the approval of the DataWorks SWIPS Contract Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0  

6. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Forrest on the approval of the 2012-13 Consolidated Application. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0  

7. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Reding on the approval of the Facilities Request submitted by Girl Scout Troop 554 for the use of the Thomas Jefferson Recreational Center on
July 23, 2012, and submitted by Wasco Boy Scout Troop 950 for the use of the Thomas Jefferson Cafeteria every Monday to follow the school calendar year 2012-13. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0

8. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Jones on the approval of the Interdistrict Transfers. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0

9. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Forrest on the approval of the Obsolete Items. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0

10. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Forrest on the approval of the Donation in the amount of $500 donated to Teresa Burke Elementary School by Nora Villalobos, Roll Giving and Paramount Community Giving. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0

Mr. Jones commended and expressed appreciation for the support of Mr. Bill Phillimore from Paramount Farms at our Joint Special Board Meeting last week. Mrs. McCray reported that Mr. Phillimore and Paramount Farms are in support of the unification, our students and families of the Districts.

X. Discussion and Information
1. Review the Fiscal Year 2012/13 Special Tax levies of the CFDs was presented to the Board
2. First Quarter 2011-12 Williams Report was shared with the Board
3. Attendance Report shared with the Board

XI. Claims Transfers and Accounts
It was moved by Reding and seconded by Forrest to approve the claims, transfers and accounts for Batches 1, 2, 3, 4 and Payrolls in the amount of $1,048,846.26. Motioned carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

XII. Adjournment
It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Forrest to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.