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. Richard Reding, Clerk
Dr. Jim Forrest

Mr. Cruz Rodriguez
Mr. Ernie Sanchez

Administrators Present
Mrs. Elizabeth McCray
Mrs. Susan Andreas-Bervel
Mr. Danny Arellano
Mr. David Bowling
Mrs. Debbie Escobar
Mrs. Andrea Gebhardt

Mrs. Regina Green
Mrs. Jennifer Long
Mrs. Lisa Ornelas
Mr. Brad Maberry
Mr. Kelly Richers
Mr. Sam Torres

Classified Management Present
Mrs. Gale Huffaker
Mrs. Karen Evans

Mr. John Yanez

Secretary Present
Mrs. Gracie Saldaña
Mrs. Esmeralda Quintana

Visitors
Lori Albrecht, Tim Arnold, Rosalinda Chairez, Brenda Cozad, Helen Medrano, Anna Poggi, Cheryl Stephens, Ted Wilson

Flag Salute
The flag was saluted.

II. Adopt Agenda
It was moved by Forrest 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 5:29 p.m.
Regular Session
The meeting convened in regular session at 6:30 p.m.

Announcement of Executive Session Actions
None

V. Reading and Approval of Minutes
It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Rodriguez to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 11, 2012. Motioned carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

VI. Public Comments
None

VII. Items From Board Members
Mr. Jones shared that Mr. Al Wagner was a friend of the District and personal friend of his. His funeral services were held today and he will be missed. He also commended the Wasco High School as he was able to tour the facilities of Wasco High School during a class reunion over the weekend.

VIII. Reports
a. Mrs. McCray shared that public hearing of the Kern County Committee on School District Organization is tomorrow at Wasco High School at 6:30PM. She also reported that she attended the other two meetings yesterday evening at Lost Hills and Semitropic. She stressed that this is not a Board Meeting of the District. Mrs. McCray reported that last month an overview was presented on the CST Data. Tonight each site will review the data as it pertains to their schools with an estimated API. The estimation is due to the information being embargoed at this time. She introduced Mrs. Andreas-Bervel who reported on the District’s Data estimates of Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) and Academic Performance Index I (API). Principals also reported on the Data. Mr. David Bowling reviewed the Teresa Burke Data. Mr. Danny Arellano reviewed the Karl F. Clemens Data. Mr. Brad Mayberry reviewed the Palm Avenue Data. Mr. Rodriguez stated that this is his last year but this information is weak, with all the money that has been thrown at this school. Mr. Maberry responded that a lot of time and money has been thrown at one concept. Dr. Forrest shared that big bucks are given to these State folks, but all he is saying is he knows how difficult it is to get the learning there but he really expected to see different scores here. He then asked Mrs. Andreas-Bervel if she was disappointed with these scores. Mrs. Andreas-Bervel shared that she is extremely disappointed. Mr. Rodriguez shared that after the number of years that he has served on this board, this data does not impress him. Dr. Forrest shared that we have good staff and administrators but right now we are not getting good results. Mr. Maberry shared that there are systems in place but if everything doesn’t align just like an engine, it will not work. Dr. Forrest reported we have invested money in the “experts” with no results. Mrs. McCray shared that the PLC’s have not operated in an effective manner. She then asked the Board to remember that this didn’t just happen yesterday. Are we where we should be, absolutely not. You will see some positive growth in the next few school presentations. This is no longer the Pollyanna Syndrome; we are telling you exactly how it is now. Dr. Forrest asked when do we bring these experts in and hold their feet to the fire. Mr. McCray shared that we are putting the data up there we are owning it, to move forward. What we to want to ensure that everyone is aware that we did not meet the goal. We are now, as a team at every level, figuring out what needs to be done. Are we monitoring what needs to be done? We can sit here and we can blame Pivot, Data Works but over the years they were told not to give you the numbers. Dr. Forrest stated that since we are being honest, are we going to change this, I am ready to see them. Mr. Reding shared that if the coach can’t get the job done, we can’t hire another coach to help the coach. We all have to know where we are to know where we are going and know when we
We want to celebrate with the best of them but we need to get there first. Mr. Torres reviewed the John L. Prueitt Data. Mr. Torres shared that he understands the urgency but we have to put the pieces of the puzzle together to see the results. Mr. Torres shared that last year they met their target and in the event we make it this year, we may make it to exit the Program Improvement. Mrs. McCray shared that based upon the approximate data John L. Prueitt looks like they will be exiting Program Improvement. Mr. Rodriguez asked why the results are so late. Mrs. McCray shared that there were testing irregularities in the State so this has withheld the results. This is why the API results are embargoed until Thursday. Mrs. Rafaela Lopez reviewed the Thomas Jefferson Data. Mrs. Lopez shared that their departments and grade levels are meeting on a regular basis and our teachers are working really hard as a team. Mrs. Andreas-Bervel then reported on the District API School – Level Growth Estimate, API Progress Estimate and AYP Estimate and the AYP (Annual Yearly Progress) Estimate. Mr. Jones asked that next time when we get the hard figures, can we see the targets on the presentation. Dr. Forrest shared that he is very gratified to see the team effort and greatly appreciated Mrs. McCray’s information, no more smoke and mirrors, we are going to lay it all out and let the facts speak for themselves. He reported that he greatly appreciates this approach. All of our staff does a marvelous job in under rather difficult circumstances. I am very grateful that we are going away from the gilded lily, so to say. Mrs. McCray commended and thanked administration of the presentations.

X. Discussion and Action

1. It was moved by Rodriguez and seconded by Reding on the approval of the Personnel Consent Agenda. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
   a. Consider Approval of Certificated Employee(s)
      1. Additional Assignment
         a. Teri Acosta, Teacher 1st Site Technology Coordinator Karl F. Clemens
         b. Vickey Chapman, Teacher 6th Extended Day Palm Avenue
         c. Rene DeLeon, Teacher Social Science Detention Teacher Thomas Jefferson
         d. Carolina Espitia, Teacher Kinder Extended Day Palm Avenue
         e. Maribel Esquivel, Teacher 5th Extended Day Palm Avenue
         f. Melody Gebhardt, Teacher 3rd Extended Day Palm Avenue
         g. Edd Hammon, Teacher RSP Extended Day Palm Avenue
         h. Mark Holmes, Teacher RSP Detention Teacher Thomas Jefferson
         i. Lisa Izumi, Teacher 6th Extended Day Palm Avenue
         j. Benjamin Juarez, Teacher Math Inter. Detention Teacher Thomas Jefferson
         k. Helen Medrano, Teacher 3rd Extended Day Palm Avenue
         l. Cindy Meek, Teacher 6th Extended Day Palm Avenue
         m. Steffanie Pemberton, Teacher 6th Extended Day Palm Avenue
         n. Lisa Rogers, Teacher 6th Extended Day Palm Avenue
         o. Justin White, Teacher Social Science Detention Teacher Thomas Jefferson
   b. Accept Letters of Resignation from Classified Employee(s)
      1. Kimberly Aguilera, Afterschool Activity Leader Teresa Burke
      2. Sandra Lane, Afterschool Activity Leader Thomas Jefferson
   c. Consider Approval of Classified Employee(s)
      1. New Hires
         a. Leticia Lamas, Afterschool Activity Leader 3.75hrs John L. Prueitt
      2. New Hires Substitutes
         a. Brenda Enciso, Classified Substitute All Sites
         b. Maribel Garcia, Classified Substitute All Sites
         c. Yadira Moncada, Classified Substitute All Sites
         d. Arianna Ramirez, Classified Substitute All Sites
   3. Change in Position for the 2012-2013 school year
2. It was moved by Forrest and seconded by Rodriguez on the approval of the Submission of the Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0

3. It was moved Sanchez and seconded by Rodriguez on the approval of the Specific Waiver Request to Increase Grades 1-3 Classroom Average and Maximum Enrollment. Motion carried. Ayes: 3; Noes: 2; Absent: 0

4. It was moved by Reding and seconded by Forrest on the approval of the Agreement Regarding Costs of CEQA Compliance in Connection with Proposed Wasco Unification. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0

5. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Reding on the approval of the Audit Contract with Linger, Peterson, Shrum & Co. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0

6. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Rodriguez on the approval of the Facilities Request submitted by Wasco Recreation and Parks for Karl F. Clemens fields to hold Soccer Practices, Wasco Elementary Teachers Association for Karl F. Clemens Cafeteria to hold a meeting and The Delta Kappa Gamma Society for Teresa Burke Cafeteria to hold a meeting. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0

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

8. It was moved by Reding and seconded by Sanchez on the approval of the Donation of $500 to Palm Avenue Elementary by Paramount Community Giving. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0

XI. Discussion and Information
1. Correspondence from Kern County Superintendent of Schools regarding Approval of Budget was shared with the Board.
2. Correspondence from Kern County Superintendent of Schools regarding Title II was shared with the Board.
3. The Attendance Update was reviewed with the Board.
4. The Suspension List was reviewed with the Board.
5. The October Menu was shared with Board.

XII. Claims Transfers and Accounts
It was moved by Reding and seconded by Sanchez to approve the claims, transfers and accounts for Batches 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and Payrolls in the amount of $2,007,262.64. Motioned carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.