Wasco Union Elementary School District  
Board of Trustees  
Regular Board Meeting  
Board Room District Office  
March 13, 2012  
5:30 p.m.  
Adopted Minutes

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 5:34 p.m. by Clerk Mr. Richard Reding.  

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

Mr. Marty Jones, President arrive at 5:36 p.m.  

Administrators Present  
Mrs. Elizabeth McCray  
Mrs. Susan Andreas-Bervel  
Mr. Danny Arellano  
Mrs. Regina Green  
Mrs. Jan Hummel  
Mr. Brad Maberry  
Mrs. Jennifer Long  
Mrs. Monique Polk  
Mrs. Lisa Ornelas  
Mr. Sam Torres  

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

Secretary Present  
Mrs. Gracie Saldaña  
Mrs. Esmeralda Quintana  

Visitors  

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 6:55 p.m.

**Regular Session**
The meeting convened in regular session at 6:58 p.m.

**Announcement of Executive Session Actions**
Mr. Jones reported that there was no action to report from closed session and good evening

V. **Reading and Approval of Minutes**
It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Rodriguez to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 14, 2012. Motioned carried Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

VI. **District’s Response to WUESD Teachers’ Association Initial Re-Opener Contract Proposal**
Mr. Jones reported that the District’s Response to CTA proposal is in the Board Packet and was provided to the President of CTA.

VII. **District’s Response to WUESD CSEA Chapter #23 Initial Re-Opener Contract Proposal**
Mr. Jones reported that the District’s Response to CSEA proposal is in the Board Packet and was provided to the President of CSEA.

VIII. **Public Comments**
Mrs. Sandra Ybarra addressed the board regarding the bullying of her son. She shared with the Board copies of the police report and pictures from last school year. She reported to the board that her son has had a couple of incidents at Palm Avenue School. One incident was on the 9/28/10 where a student put a jump rope around her son’s neck. The most recent incident occurred on 2/24/12, when her son went to the bathroom and five 5th graders took turns hitting her son while the others held the door closed. Since the last incident she has removed him from his school (Palm Avenue School) because neither the Principal nor the Vice Principal could ensure her son’s safety. The first incident she was told by the Sherriff’s that kids were being kids playing horsey. She then asked the Board why the kids who are being bullied need to be moved. She shared that she would like to see a better form of disciplinary action on the bullying. This is happening to not only kids, but to teachers as well. Mrs. Ybarra shared several surveys that were done by her daughter amongst other students at Palm Avenue regarding bullying. Mr. Jones thanked Mrs. Ybarra for sharing the information. Kaitlin Ybarra, the daughter of Mrs. Ybarra and current Student Body President for Palm Avenue School then addressed the Board. She shared with the Board a speech that she had presented to the Palm Avenue Student Body that morning regarding bullying and encouraging students to speak up. Mr. Rodriguez shared that he was at a professional office and over heard someone on the phone regarding this issue. As a result he reported that he got on the phone right away and contacted Mrs. McCray. He explained that this is not the first time this has happened. He also shared that he has a credential in teaching and that he has to report these types of incidents. He then stated that if his administrators are not doing their jobs, it is not right. He again reiterated that this is not the first time. He is unsure if the other board members were aware of this but now they are. Mr. Reding shared that when he
was teaching bullying did not go on. It wasn’t put up with then and will not be put up with now. He expressed the need for bullying to be taken serious by the administrators and teachers. He then reiterated that the teachers need to step up and take charge. He asked that the teachers get to the point where it will not happen again. Mr. Rodriguez asked Mrs. Ybarra to explain the pictures. She explained that the pictures were from the 2010 incident when her son was choked with a jump rope. She also shared that she wanted to move him out of the district but her son wanted to stay, so she moved him to another school. She reported that she had not brought it up before because she figured that it had been taken care of and that the Board was aware of the situation. Mr. Rodriguez shared that he liked that comment that she made regarding the students should not be transferred but the bully should be. Mr. Forrest apologized and shared that she should have been given a response after the first incident. He reported that three of the Board Members were not on the Board during the 2010 incident. He then shared that there is no excuse at any point for bullying. Mr. Jones reported that it was discussed that administration will provide the school sites with help to prevent things like this from happening. We know we need help and you have not spoken on deaf ears. He shared that we as a Board are concerned with the safety of the children; we care about your children. We don’t want to see parents feel the need to come here and be subjected to this kind of a reaction such as talking to the board. That being said our administration is concerned and we are taking steps now so that you don’t have to do this again. He thanked Mrs. Ybarra and applauded Mrs. Ybarra’s daughter Kaitlin for her report. She is a hero.

Mr. Harim Garcia addressed the Board. He shared that he is an 8th physical science teacher and has also coached in district. He reported that last week this district shoved a letter in his face to either resign or non-reelect. He explained that this is his career; it is a black mark on him. He expressed that he has done nothing wrong and that today he stands before the board as a teacher who cares for his students and asks for the Board to not pass the Non-reelect agenda item. He explained that the non-reelection is thought to be something bad by other districts. He asked to let his contract expire and he will move on peacefully.

IX. Items From Board Members
Mr. Rodriguez thanked those in attendance.

X. Reports
1. Mrs. McCray introduced Mrs. Karen Evans regarding the Second Interim Budget Report. Mr. Jones reiterated that we as a district have cut at the top by sharing Superintendent and MOT Director with the Wasco Union High School District. Mrs. McCray commended and thanked Mrs. Evans for the presentation and information.

XI. Discussion and Action
1. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Reding on the approval to Ratify the Cessation of Temporary Employment. Motion carried. Ayes: 1; Noes: 1 (Rodriguez); Absent: 0.

Mr. Rodriguez asked Mrs. McCray to elaborate on a temporary contract. Mrs. McCray reported that the district had 10 teachers who were on temporary contracts, paid by Categorical Programs. They have now come to the end of their contracts.
2. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Forrest on the approval of the Discussion and Action on Proposed Resolution 1112-10 Reducing or Eliminating Certain Certificated Services. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0

Mr. Rodriguez asked Mrs. McCray to elaborate on the Resolution. Mrs. McCray explained due to the loss of QEIA funds, we will need to eliminate 7 positions. Dr. Forrest reiterated that this is based on QEIA money and the basic reason is because we did not meet the required standards. Mr. Jones shared that we are not passing the buck, it is just a fact. Dr. Forrest reported that although we requested the waiver and lost it, we still did not meet the standards. Mr. Forrest reported that the money is just not there to continue. Mr. Rodriguez shared that as administrators and teachers we have to do our jobs. He then stated that the people of our community put him here for a reason, the children at TJ have learned nothing.

3. It was moved by Forrest and seconded by Sanchez on the approval of the Notice for Nonreelection for Certificated Employees. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0

Mrs. McCray explained that these are teachers who are being nonreelected. Mr. Rodriguez shared that this is very hard. This is a terrible thing.

4. It was moved by Forrest and seconded by Reding 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. Amy Brakeman, Academic Specialist - 4.25 hours, Palm Avenue
   2. Kelly Cota, Teacher – Kindergarten, Palm Avenue
   3. Kimberly Garcia, Academic Specialist - 4.75 hours, Teresa Burke
   4. Christine Glenn, Academic Specialist - 3.50 hours, John L. Prueitt
   5. Marina Gonzalez, Academic Specialist - 3.50 hours, John L. Prueitt
   6. Eloise Mudge, Teacher – RSP, Palm Avenue
   7. Katie Romanini-Patnode, Academic Specialist - 4.25 hours, Palm Avenue
   8. Jacquelyn Stonecipher, Teacher – Kindergarten, Teresa Burke
   9. Katie Taylor, Academic Specialist - 5 hours, Karl F. Clemens
  10. Anastacia Vertiz, Teacher - First Grade, Karl F. Clemens

b. Consider Approval of Certificated Employee(s)
   1. Regina Green, Summer School Principal

c. Accept Letters of Resignation from Classified Employee(s)
   1. Fabiola Moreno, Student Monitor – Substitute, All Sites
   2. Karen Valdez, Migrant Support Services Recruiter – Migrant Short Term,

d. Consider Approval of Classified Employee(s)
   1. Additional Assignment
      1. Kristina Cabezuela, Food Service Assistant - 4 hours, After School Activity Leader – Substitute, All Sites
      2. Kimberly Aguilera, After School Activity Leader - 3.75 hours, Student Monitor – Substitute, All Sites
5. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Reding on the approval of the Second Interim Report. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0

6. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Reding on the approval of the District Technology Plan 2012-15. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0

   Mr. Rodriguez asked for clarification on the technology plan. Mrs. McCray deferred that question to Mr. Rick Sanchez. He shared that it is a requirement of E-Rate. Dr. Forrest stated last time and reiterated that he is very impressed with the efforts that went into it this plan. He was very impressed with what the district is doing. He commended the committee. Mr. Reding agreed with Dr. Forrest. Mr. Jones asked who is going to be the administrator of the tech plan. Rick shared that some of it will be overseen by the principals and there is also technology support who oversees the web page. Mr. Jones reported that he knows that there are closets with stuff/plans that are never used. He then shared that he noticed this plan is heavily weighted on administrators but these site administrators are already heavily weighted. Rick shared that he and his department are also available for support. Mr. Maberry shared that it is not an overwhelming task and most of it is already done regularly by principals. Mr. Torres agreed with Mr. Maberry. Rick shared that the implementation is being done, he shared that we have expectations that must be met. Mrs. Hummel shared they have a great tech department who are ready to help. Mr. Jones thanked the administrators for the clarification.

7. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Reding on the approval of the Temporary Athletic Coaches in accordance with Title 5, California Code of Regulation. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0

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

9. It was moved by Rodriguez and seconded by Sanchez on the approval of the Playworks Contract for Palm Avenue for SIG. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0

   Dr. Forrest stated that this company needs to change their name. He shared that he is not sure how this affects the test scores.

10. It was moved by Rodriguez and seconded by Reding on the approval of the Unit Approval. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0

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

12. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Reding on the approval of the Interdistrict Request(s). Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0

13. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Rodriguez on the approval of the Facilities Requests from the Wasco Little League for the use of the Athletic Field/Playground at Palm Avenue School and Teresa Burke School for Little League Practice during
the months of February, 2012 through June, 2012. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0

14. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Rodriguez on the approval of the Donations. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0

XII. Discussion and Information
1. Correspondence from District and CSEA to clarify CSEA Chapter #23 Sunshine Proposal was shared with the Board
2. John L. Prueitt School - Met all Academic Yearly Progress goals through Safe Harbor was shared with the Board
3. Palm Avenue School Improvement Grant Quarterly Monitoring Report was shared with the Board
4. Local Education Agency Plan Mid-Year Monitoring Report
5. Revised Board Policy BP3100, Business and Noninstructional Operations was introduced to the Board
6. Academic Calendar for 2012-2013 was introduced to the Board.
7. Correspondence from California Department of Education regarding the loss of Quality Education Investment Act (QEIA) Funding was shared with the Board
8. Correspondence from Our Children, Our Future Committee regarding Our Children, Our Future Initiative was shared with the Board
9. Suspensions List was shared with the Board
10. March Menu was shared with the Board

Dr. Forrest shared that he would like Mrs. McCray to toot the horn of the WUESD on their progress. Mr. Jones agreed with Dr. Forrest’s request. Mrs. McCray shared that she will do so. Mr. Rodriguez commended Mrs. McCray on her speech at the Grand Opening.

XIII. Claims Transfers and Accounts
It was moved by Rodriguez and seconded by Forrest to approve the claims, transfers and accounts for Batches 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40 and Payrolls in the amount of $2,050,828.50. Motioned carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:30p.m.