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. Richard Reding.

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

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

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

Secretary Present
Mrs. Gracie Saldaña

Visitors
Lori Albrecht, Tim Arnold, Rosalina Chairez, Orquidia Elizondo, Jan Hummel, Helen Medrano, Orquidia Ocampo, Brenda Phillips, Anna Poggi, Anna Sanchez, Elizabeth Sutton, Brett Redd, Lucy Padilla, Sara Reding, Mrs. Shambaugh, Cheryl Stephens, Xina Vasquez

Flag Salute
The flag was saluted.

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

III. Public Comments
Esperanza Garza, a student from Palm Avenue School, reported on behalf of a Ricky, a student who was bullied. She shared that he has been at Palm Avenue School, and they don’t have peace control. Parents are not being notified of bullying. She will be going to TJ but her little sister and kids like Ricky will still be at Palm Avenue. She shared that the blue shirts they are all wearing this evening are for anti-bullying.
Diana Villegas addressed the board and shared that on April 3rd her daughter was a victim of bullying. She shared that she reported the incident to Mrs. Polk at Prueitt. She asked Mrs. Polk to notify Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Polk assured her that she would inform him but he was not notified.

Serenity Padilla also a student, reported on Bullying. She shared her experience of being bullied. She shared that she was taken to Mrs. Green office along with the bully. She no longer feels safe & will not tell the Principal/Vice Principal again. She reported that this may be her last year at Palm Avenue due to the bullying.

Orquidia Ocampo reported to the board that they have now heard several incidents of bullying. She shared that her son was assaulted by a 6th grader. She asked the Board who was there to protect her child. She then stated what you permit you promote. Kids should not feel fear and anxiety to go to school as her son has felt. She reported that our kids feel alone and afraid. She asked the Board if it will take the loss of a District child to make them wake up. She then stated if you want this district to be known as a District of bullying then do nothing, take a stand and create a policy.

Mr. Reding shared that he appreciated the comments. Mr. Reding asked if the proper meetings have been met. Mrs. Ocampo reported that yes, she had. He also shared that the district has a bullying policy in place.

IV. Executive Session
The meeting convened in executive session at 5:45 p.m.

Regular Session
The meeting convened in regular session at 6:40 p.m.

Announcement of Executive Session Actions
None

V. Reading and Approval of Minutes
It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Rueda to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of, 2013. Motioned carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

VI. District Response to WETA
WETA contract was provided in the packet.

VII. Public Comments
Mr. Brett Redd shared that they are disappointed in not having the annual banquet. He reported that after speaking with Mr. Torres it was due to problems at other schools. He shared that he understands there was a banquet held at the High School for the Football Players. He stated that it is sad that we are in a community where academics is not celebrated but football is.

Mrs. McCray shared that the academic banquet was not held due to the cost parents were expected to pay to attend the event. The Football Banquet, was funded by the Boosters and Football Club and all football players, families and community members were invited to attend.

Ms. Irma Gonzalez addressed the board requesting an improvement in the education of the children. She reported that with fewer children in the classroom, we will have better education in the classroom. She shared that it is really important and we (the District) has money. We should invest more money our children and listen more to their teachers.
Dr. Forrest stated how much longer we will be going through this. Are we going to have hear this at every board meeting. He then stated would anyone in the audience care to tell me how much it will take to reduce the class size by one. If you don’t know how can you make such a request. The teacher union here just put in a proposal for a pay increase and my question to the teachers is how many of you in here are willing to give up their salary increase for class reduction? There were no volunteers. I have been involved in education for over 40 years, it is nonsense for people to come to a Board Meeting and expect changes that should be addressed at the State level. I know you (parents) are constantly egged on by our teachers and I am sick of it.

VIII. Items From Board Members
Mr. Reding reported on the Candidates Forum at the High School yesterday. There are 11 candidates are on the ballot and if it passes we will end up with 5 Board Members. He reported that of the 11 only 5 candidates were in attendance at the Forum. He shared that there were high school administrators present but as he began to look around he did not see one administrator from the Elementary. It kind of put a big question mark in the back of the mind, are you doing this just for a job.

Mr. Brad Maberry shared that he did not know about it.

Mr. Reding shared that he could not believe it. This Forum was out in the community and in the Wasco Tribune. If you are in tune with the community, you should have known about it. I am just wondering where were our people.

IX. Reports
Mr. Reding shared a thank you card that was received by the Board from Mrs. Goodwill regarding the Boards participation in the Entrepreneur Event.

Mrs. McCray shared that she wanted to clarify what was said at the meeting last night. She reviewed the process of unification upon the successful election. The top 3 vote getters will serve the longest term and the last 2 will receive the lesser term. The new 5 member board, will get sworn in by the KCSOS and on that day they will start the process in working toward July 1, 2014. The first thing that will be determined is the name of the Unified School District. Then they will begin the search process of the Superintendent. Board Policy and Contract Negotiations will get underway. It was said last night that the 2 with the less vote will have only have a 6 month term, that is untrue.

Mrs. McCray then shared the invitation to the Board regarding the End of the Year Staff Celebration on Thursday, May 23 at 1:30 in the Wasco High School Cafeteria.

X. Discussion and Action
1. It was moved by Forrest and seconded by Sanchez on the approval of the Personnel Consent Agenda. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0
   a. Accept Letter of Resignation form Certificated Employee(s)
   b. Accept Letters of Resignation from Classified Employee(s)
   c. Accept Letters of Retirement from Certificated Employee(s)
   d. Accept Letters of Retirement from Classified Employee(s)
   e. Consider Approval of Rehire of Certificated Staff for 2013-2014 School Year
   f. Consider Approval of Certificated Employee(s)
   g. Consider Approval of Classified Employee(s)

2. It was moved by Forrest and seconded by Jones on the approval of the Resolution #1213-12 Proposed Use of 2013-14 Tier III State Categorical Funds. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0
3. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Jones on the approval of the District License Agreement Renewal with Intel-Assess. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0

4. It was moved by Rueda and seconded by Forrest on the approval of the Ready to Start Agreement with The Resnick Family Foundation. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0

   Dr. Forrest expressed his appreciation to the Resnick Family, and was very happy that we are involved in this program. Mrs. McCray shared that there is a big emphasis in starting education early along with college, career readiness for all of our students.

5. It was moved by Jones and seconded by Sanchez on the approval of the Revision of Administrative Regulation 5111. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0

6. It was moved by Rueda and seconded by Forrest on the approval of the Unit Approval Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0

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

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

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

XI. Discussion and Information
   1. Correspondence from Kern County Superintendent of Schools, regarding Return of 2nd Interim Report was shared with the Board
   2. Correspondence from the Kern County Superintendent of Schools Regarding District Assistance Intervention Team Program Improvement was reviewed with the Board.
   3. Correspondence from Kern County Superintendent of Schools Regarding Palm Avenue School Improvement Grant was reviewed with the Board.
   4. Introduction of Title I Schoolwide Plan for Teresa Burke was presented to the Board.

   Dr. Forrest shared that he reviewed the plan and understands that it took a lot of work.

5. Suspensions List was shared with the Board.

   Dr. Forrest asked if these students are under the SARB. Mr. Kelly Richers shared that behavior is one of the SARB targets, unfortunately there are multitudes of personal challenges for some of these students beyond behavior issues.

6. May Menu was shared with the Board.

XII. Claims Transfers and Accounts
   It was moved by Forrest and seconded by Sanchez to approve the claims, transfers and accounts for Batches and Payrolls in the amount of $2,449,956.46. Motioned carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.
XIII. **Adjournment**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.