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 arrived at 5:32 p.m.

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, Brian Bell, Rosalinda Chairez, Eddie Crane, Justin Derrick, April Hernandez, Monica McCarthy, Helen Medrano, Yolanda Pewitt, Brenda Phillips, Pilar Samaniego, Cheryl Stephens, David Vaughn,

Flag Salute
The flag was saluted.

II. Adopt Agenda
It was moved by Forrest and seconded by Jones to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried. Ayes: 4; Noes: 0; Absent: 1

III. Public Comments
None

IV. Executive Session
The meeting convened in executive session at 5:31 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 Rueda to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 12, 2013. Motioned carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

VI. District’s Response to WUESD CSEA Chapter #23 Initial Re-Opener Contract Proposal
Mrs. McCray reported that the proposal was presented to Mr. Brett Redd in his board packet.

VII. Public Comments
Mrs. April Hernandez, field representative for Assemblyman Rudy Salas. She reported on AB371 AB295, and AB547. She requested the support of these bills via letters to the Mr. Salas. She reported that March 27th as the tentative date for an Open House for Assemblyman Salas’ Office in Bakersfield.

Mr. Eddie Crane addressed the Board regarding class sizes. He shared a print out of raw data. It was State reported data from 2008 and 2009 regarding reading results and the decline that has been seen in the last few years. He shared that this information will show how the classroom size has affected the test scores. He reported that from 2006 to 2009 we had a huge growth in 2nd grade but then in 2012 a decline in the scores and a bigger gap with a 30/1 ratio since Kindergarten, it is a district wide problem. He shared that the primary problem is reading. He then reported that in 2012, 3 of the 4 schools dropped from the previous years. So, this is not about teacher or administrators, it is about our children. He shared that something has to be done. The direction we are heading is not a positive one. The lower the grade level, the more the class sizes are affected. Whether you want to refute the data or not it is data released by the State. We are headed in the wrong direction.

VIII. Items From Board Members
None

IX. Reports
Mrs. McCray directed the Boards attention to the Safe School Plans & the flip chart. She shared that the flip chart is something that each school site will utilize from the classroom to the offices. She also reported that all the schools have held several types of safety drills. She then shared that the Wasco High School & Wasco Independence High School also revised their Safe School Plans.

Mrs. McCray reported that it is that time of the year for the Second Interim. The first budget was conditionally approved back in July. We have adjusted our expenses and she commended the board members who chosen to waive their benefits. She reported that the District is on the mend, as we did not have to utilize furlough days. Mrs. McCray then introduced Mrs. Karen Evans who reviewed the Second Interim. She reviewed the July 1 Budget, the First Interim, the elimination of the trigger and showed an increase in the ADA. Mrs. Evans then reviewed the Revenue, Expenditures, Multi-Year Projections, Multi-Year Projections Fund Balance and Other Fund Balances. She then explained that we are experiencing cash deferrals 8 out of the 12 months. She then explained how the deferral process works as the State holds on to the funds and how the District Reserve is similar to how we personally maintain a home savings for our personal finances. She then reported on the Governor’s new Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF)- proposing a new Revenue Limit Formula that would combine all State funding into one unrestricted source. ASES, Special Education, and Child Nutrition would remain restricted. She then reminded the Board that Prop 30 taxes will eventually come to an end in 5 years and shared with the Board the importance of
continuing to being prudent. Mrs. McCray then asked with the additional ADA, has that helped in meeting our obligations both staffing wise and being able to pay our bills. Mrs. Evans replied, yes for this year. It has helped by half a million dollars but the students must be in the seats to access those funds. Mrs. McCray commended and thanked Mrs. Evans for the presentation and information.

X. Discussion and Action
1. It was moved by Forrest and seconded by Jones 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. Jennifer Black, 6th After School Enrichment John L. Prueitt
         b. Korinna Campbell, 3rd After School Enrichment John L. Prueitt
         c. Monique Goodwill, Entrepreneurship Extended Day Alternate Thomas Jefferson
         d. Lisa Izumi, 6th After School Enrichment John L. Prueitt
         e. Cindy Meek, 6th After School Enrichment John L. Prueitt
         f. Katie Vargas, 2nd After School Enrichment John L. Prueitt
   b. Accept Letters of Resignation from Classified Employee(s)
      1. Lisette Navarro, Food Service Assistant 2.5hrs Food Service
   c. Consider Approval of Classified Employee(s)
      1. Additional Assignment
         a. Angelica Hernandez, Student Monitor Bus Aide Short Term Karl F. Clemens
      2. New Hires
         a. Eva Del Real, Migrant Support Services Recruiter 3.5hrs All Sites
      3. New Hires Substitutes
         a. Jenette Cantu, Classified Substitute All Sites
         b. Isela Franco, Classified Substitute All Sites
      4. Change in Position for the 2012-2013 school year
         a. Mindy Gereke, Food Service Asst. 3.5hrs Food Service Asst. 4hrs F.S.
         b. Esmeralda Reyna, Classified Substitute Food Service Asst. 3.5hrs F.S.
         c. Leticia Velasquez, Classified Substitute Food Service Asst. 2.5hrs F.S.

2. It was moved by Rueda and seconded by Sanchez on the approval of the Classified Employee Layoff Resolution #1213-10Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0

3. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Forrest on the approval of the Second Interim Report. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0

4. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Jones on the approval of the Academic Calendar for the 2013-14 School Year. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0

5. It was moved by Jones and seconded by Sanchez on the approval of the Comprehensive School Site Safety Plans. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0

Mr. Jones commended the Staff, Administration and Mrs. McCray in their efforts for the School Site Safety Plan. He recommended seeing this flip chart in every classroom. He shared that this is awesome and something he has been looking for. Dr. Forrest then shared that it is very obvious that there is a whole lot of work put in these plans and that everyone of you contributed to these plans. He then commended the Administration, Staff and Mrs. McCray for the continuity between the plans. Mrs. McCray shared that per Ed Code the School Safety Plans must be revised every school year with a due date of March 1 each school year. She reported that we have been working with local law enforcement and she agreed with Mr. Jones regarding the flip chart and that it is a great start. Mrs. McCray
commended staff and administration for their collaboration and their efforts. Dr. Forrest then expressed a concern that the children should not only drop down during an emergency but covered as well, he recommended the staff and students should drop down, get covered and be locked in a classroom for safety. Mr. Jones then suggested that all plans include school maps and match the index to the material.

6. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Forrest on the approval of the District Library Plan. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0

Mr. Jones commended those who worked on this plan but he asked how the principals plan on scheduling time for the teachers. He also shared the materials do not match the index. Dr. Forrest then asked Mrs. McCray what the law says about the credential of a Librarian. She reported that these efforts of collaboration and advisement are being utilized with Mr. Richard Winters who is the Library Media Specialist at the Wasco High School. Mr. Reding shared that this is another plus for unification.

7. It was moved by Jones and seconded by Rueda 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 Unit Approval. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0

Mrs. McCray shared with the Board that the unapproved units were classes taken but not preapproved.

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

Mrs. McCray reported that the students will be going up to Sacramento and is supported by a Paramount Teacher Grant.

10. It was moved by Forrest and seconded by Rueda on the approval of the Interdistrict Requests. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0

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

Mrs. McCray shared that there are times that we are unable to accommodate all of the requests submitted by the public due to other events, prior commitments, holidays, etc.

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

XI. Discussion and Information

1. Invitation to the Annual Entrepreneur Business Plan Competition from Mrs. Monique Goodwill was shared with the Board.

2. The Suspension List was reviewed with the Board. Mrs. McCray shared that SLS will be holding a workshop on April 4th regarding suspension and expulsions.

3. The March Menu was reviewed 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 36, 37, 38, 39, 40 and Payrolls in the amount of $2,234,861.96. Motioned carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.