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. Ernie Sanchez
Dr. Jim Forrest, Clerk    Mr. Danny Rueda
Mr. Marty Jones

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

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

Secretary Present
Mrs. Gracie Saldaña

 Visitors
Lori Albrecht, Tim Arnold, Korina Campbell, Rosalinda Chairez, Eddie Crane, Brenda Phillips, Anna Poggi, Sarah Reding, Jeanette Reyes, Cheryl Stephens

Flag Salute
The flag was saluted.

II. Adopt Agenda
It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Rueda 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 5:34 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 Forrest with correction to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 11, 2012. Motioned carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

VI. Public Hearing on Annual Accounting of School Facilities Fees
A public hearing was convened to certify the district’s compliance with Education Code 60119 concerning the Annual Accounting of School Facilities Fees. Hearing no comments, the hearing was closed.

VII. Public Comments
Mrs. Janette Reyes introduced herself to the Board as a teacher of the district but that she was addressing the board as a concerned parent. She shared that her daughter will benefit less in small group due to the loss in instructional time used for benchmark testing. She explained that instructional time has been limited not only for her child but to all the kindergarteners and subs have been brought in. She asked the Board if her child and the other children will be at grade level and be successful in the future due to the lack of instruction.

Dr. Forrest asked her where she taught and she stated that she teaches at John L. Prueitt. Dr. Forrest then asked Mrs. Reyes is she was aware of the procedures in resolving an issue as a concerned parent, employee or member of the community. He shared with her that process begins with the school site principal, if there is no resolution then she should contact the District Office and at that time is she is not satisfied then she is welcome to address the Board. She shared that she did not know the procedure but she thought the board should know since she is a concerned parent.

Mr. Crane shared that he is also a parent and colleague of Mrs. Reyes. He reported the teachers are losing up to 32 days of instruction. He shared that there is a lot of concern right now, with the additional testing, there is a lot of concern. He explained that he agrees with Mrs. Reyes and he wants to be proactive. Dr. Forrest then reiterated that it is important that the chain of command is followed via Principal, Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent. Then at that time, if there is no resolution then they are more than welcome to address the board.

VIII. Items From Board Members
Mr. Reding shared that one of our teachers was selected for One Teacher at a Time from Channel 29 News. He commended her for Shannon Affleck award of $1000. He then congratulated John L. Prueitt for their Blue Ribbon Nomination.

IX. Reports
a. Mrs. McCray reported that the 1st reading on the safe school plans are being introduced and therefore the Principals will review their Safe School Plans this evening. She shared that as Districts we have met and the principals are here to review their plans this evening and allow for open dialogue.

Mr. Bowling reviewed the eight steps of the plan for the Teresa Burke Safe School Plan. Dr. Forrest stated that he reviewed the plans in some detail, he shared that he found that it possibly has too much in one document. He suggested that this plan be separated into two plans, with the more serious things being addressed in a separate document. He shared that the children need to be placed under protection when under possible gun fire not lay on the ground in the middle of
campus. He requested that authorities need to be consulted for direction on a gun incident. He shared that we may want to revisit these plans and return with more streamlined plans. Mr. Bowling and Mrs. McCray agreed with Dr. Forrest. Dr. Forrest shared that he would like to see prioritizing in the plan. Dr. Forrest shared the he understands that the principals and teachers have a real big job. Mrs. McCray shared that we have come up with many different scenarios in our District Meetings. Mrs. McCray reported that everyone is aware of the school shootings from the media, she feels that it is important to anticipate the difficulty. She shared that schools were built to be open and welcoming, we have had to make adjustments. When we last met we debriefed over the shooting at Sandy Hook and discussed the importance of knowing what you would do. We are addressing how to avoid the chaos and reviewing scenarios. This isn’t just a school issue, it is a community issue. Mrs. McCray said that all principals will continue to refine their plans meet with staff, law enforcement and parents and return the plans at a subsequent meeting.

Mrs. McCray commended the Blue Ribbon Nomination at John L. Prueitt. She shared that we have received a lot of emails regarding this great nomination. Mr. Torres shared that the nomination was great, our rally point is now AYP.

IX. Discussion and Action

1. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Forrest on the approval of the Personnel Consent Agenda. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0
   a. Accept Letters of Resignation from Classified Employee(s)
      1. Angela Garza, Food Service Assistant 4hrs Food Service
   b. Consider Approval of Classified Employee(s)
      1. New Hires
         a. Niza Ballasteros, Psychologist Intern E.S.S.
   c. Consider Approval of Confidential Employee
      1. Biridiana Rios, Administrative Secretary

2. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Jones on the approval of the Submission of Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaint. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0

3. It was moved by Rueda and seconded by Jones on the approval of the 2011-2012 Financial Audit Report. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0

4. It was moved by Forrest and seconded by Jones on the approval of the Resolution #1213-04, Regarding Annual Accounting of Development Fees for 2011-Fiscal Year. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0

5. It was moved by Jones and seconded by Forrest on the approval of the Resolution #1213-05, Authorization to Superintendent to Impound Local Tax Revenues. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0

6. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Forrest on the approval of the DataWorks Summer Step-Up Academy. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0

7. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Rueda on the approval of the School Accountability Report Cards. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0

8. It was moved by Jones and seconded by Forrest on the approval of the revision to the Job Description for the Food Services Manager Position. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0
9. It was moved by Jones and seconded by Rueda on the revision to the Job Description for the Central Kitchen Manager Position. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0

10. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Jones to table the Unit Approval. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0

Dr. Forrest shared that he noticed that these groups of units are from the National Hispanic University in San Jose. Mrs. Andreas-Bervel shared that she contacted WASC and they are accredited. He then stated that this approval is for an entire Masters Program, what happen if we unify. Mrs. McCray reported that unit approval will be a bargaining item. Dr. Forrest then asked that since these are on-line courses, it is his understanding that when the unit approval was established there were no “On-Line” courses at this time. Therefore, is it appropriate for us to approve since it is currently silent. Mrs. McCray shared that these unit approvals are approved by the teacher committee. Dr. Forrest then asked if we are obligated to approve all on line classes. Mrs. McCray explained that we can amend this item, table it and return. Mr. Sanchez is amending his motioned and Mr. Jones seconded to further discuss and bring it back.

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

Dr. Forrest asked for the process of donations from Paramount Farms of over $44,000 that were approved in December. Mrs. McCray explained that Paramount has a couple of programs such as Roll Giving and Teacher Grants. Dr. Forrest then asked if it would be appropriate for this Board to thank Paramount for their marvelous and generous donations to the District. Mrs. McCray agreed with Dr. Forrest and shared that she will gladly take care of that. Mrs. McCray reported that Mr. & Mrs. Resnick have a great interest in our community.

X. Discussion and Information

1. Correspondence from the California Department of Education Superintendent regarding the John L. Prueitt Elementary nomination for 2013 California’s National Blue Ribbon School was reviewed with the Board.

2. Introduction of the Comprehensive School Safety Plans was shared with the Board.

3. The Board Policies and Administrative Regulations was reviewed with the Board. Mrs. McCray shared that this is the best as we know it from CSBA at this point. Final policy may come back in February.

4. The Suspension List was reviewed with the Board.

5. The January Menu was reviewed with the Board.

XI. Claims Transfers and Accounts

It was moved by Forrest and seconded by Jones to approve the claims, transfers and accounts for Batches 25, 26, 28 and Payrolls in the amount of $2,165,386.84. Motioned carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

XII. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.