WASCO UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ADOPTED MINUTES

May 12, 2015

6:00 p.m.  Closed Session
6:30 p.m.  Open Session

A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Roll Call

Board Members Present:  Danny Rueda, President; Richard Reding, Clerk;
Anna Poggi, Member; Luis Fernandez, Member; Ernie Sanchez, Member;

Others present: Kelly Richers, District Superintendent; David Bowling, Assistant Superintendent of
Curriculum & Instruction; Brad Maberry, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services; and Karen
Evans, Chief Business Officer

2. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

B. CLOSED SESSION

1. Personnel - Public employee discipline, dismissal, release, resignation, appointment, and other
employment matters.
   a. Certificated Employment
   b. Classified Employment

2. Pupil Personnel
   a. Suspensions
   b. Expulsion #1415-03

3. Ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreement between Wasco Elementary School District and
   Wasco Elementary Teachers’ Association – WETA for 2015/2016 School Year


Enter closed session:  Time:  6:06 P.M.
Motion: Reding  Second: Sanchez  Ayes: 5  Noes: 0

Return to open session:  Time:  6:35 P.M.
Motion: Sanchez  Second: Poggi  Ayes: 5  Noes: 0

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C. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Resolution #1415-16 to Adopt Required Findings and Approve Energy Service Contract with Opterra
   Energy Services

No comments from the public.

D. PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation: Ronald McDonald House presentation on support efforts with the “Running for
   Ronald” program – Scarlett Sabin

Scarlet Sabin, Director for the Ronald McDonald House in Bakersfield thanked the Wasco Union School District
for their support to Ronald McDonald House. She reported Ronald McDonald has served over 500 families, several
of them from here in Wasco. She presented the principals from Teresa Burke Elementary and Karl Clemens
Elementary with an award for their school participation.
2. Presentation: Karl Clemens Reach for Greatness Program presentation, funded by Paramount Farms – Patricia Torres, School Counselor

Mrs. Patricia Torres, School Counselor shared a video on the program Reach for Greatness that is being funded through a grant from Paramount Farms. She said she was impressed how the program focused its message on such a positive and fun way. They reported they planned on writing another grant for next year that hopefully would include all the Wasco Union Elementary Schools.

E. NON-AGENDA ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC – Ms. Steffanie Pemberton, Principal for Palm Avenue School passed out an invitation to their celebration of their ASES garden on Thursday, May 21, 2015.

F. NEW BUSINESS

Action Items:
1. Approval of the REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION -- Personnel: Public employee employment, appointment, evaluation, resignation, discipline, dismissal, release, and other employment matters.

   a. Personnel

   CERTIFICATED EMPLOYMENT

   i. **Counselor (K-6)**
      - Magdalena Resendez
      - Elementary Sites
      - Change in Assignment – 4th grade Teacher

   ii. **Dean of Student Academics**
      - Benito Juarez
      - Thomas Jefferson
      - Change in assignment – 5th grade Teacher

   iii. **School Nurse**
      - Monica L. Juarez
      - District
      - New Hire

   iv. **Site Technology Coordinators (2015-2016)**
      - Patrick Acosta
      - John L. Prueitt
      - Additional Assignment

      - Anthony Botts
      - Teresa Burke
      - Additional Assignment

      - Melissa Bradex
      - Palm Avenue
      - Additional Assignment

      - Sharon Lockard
      - Karl F. Clemens
      - Additional Assignment

      - Leonardo Sanchez
      - Thomas Jefferson
      - Additional Assignment

   v. **Special Education Acting Administrative Designee**
      - Shelly Welch
      - John L. Prueitt
      - Additional Assignment

   vi. **Speech and Language Specialist**
      - Josephine Peralta
      - E.S.S.
      - New Hire

   vii. **Teachers – 2015/2016**
      - Victoria Barboza
      - Thomas Jefferson
      - New Hire – SDC

      - Mary Blair
      - Thomas Jefferson
      - New Hire – STEM

      - Chad Granger
      - Thomas Jefferson
      - New Hire – Math

      - Toby Henry
      - Elementary Sites
      - New Hire – Physical Education

      - Andrew Petitt
      - John L. Prueitt
      - New Hire – SDC (Mod/Sev)

      - Casey Tavares
      - Thomas Jefferson
      - New Hire – Physical Education

   viii. **Teachers – Summer School**
      - Rhonda Pickett
      - 3rd grade – Palm Avenue
      - Additional Assignment

   CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT

   i. **Food Service Assistant**
      - Ana Escobedo
      - 4.5 hrs-Teresa Burke
      - Change in Assignment – Former 2.5 F.S.

   ii. **Instructional Aides SDC – (Moderate/Severe)**
      - Marisol Bautista
      - New Hire

      - Jennifer Garcia
      - John L. Prueitt
      - Change in Assignment – Former Outreach Liaison
iii. Licensed Vocational Nurse
   Jenica Willis
   District Office

iv. Student Mobility Assistant
   Margarita Ruiz
   John L. Prueitt
   Change in Assignment – Former Student Monitor

v. Substitutes – Classified
   Angelica Arreola
   John L. Prueitt
   New Hire
   Adriana Regalado
   John L. Prueitt
   New Hire

vi. Summer School – Migrant Student Monitors
   Olga Benavidez
   Teresa Burke
   Additional Assignment
   Nancy Garcia
   Teresa Burke
   Additional Assignment
   Norma Nunez
   Teresa Burke
   Additional Assignment

vii. Summer School – Student Monitors
   Karina Angelino
   Palm Avenue
   Additional Assignment
   Olga Benavidez
   Palm Avenue
   Additional Assignment
   Nancy Garcia
   Teresa Burke
   Additional Assignment
   Patricia Garza
   Palm Avenue
   Additional Assignment
   Sarai Lowe
   Teresa Burke
   Additional Assignment
   Alejandra Magallanes
   Teresa Burke
   Additional Assignment
   Petra Melgoza
   Palm Avenue
   Additional Assignment
   Erica Nunez
   Palm Avenue
   Additional Assignment
   Norma Nunez
   Teresa Burke
   Additional Assignment
   Aurora Ramirez
   Palm Avenue
   Additional Assignment
   Yvette Saavedra
   Teresa Burke
   Additional Assignment
   Mayra Velasquez
   Teresa Burke
   Additional Assignment

   Motion: Poggi
   Second: Fernandez
   Ayes: 5
   Noes: 0

b. Expulsion #1415-03
   Motion: Sanchez
   Second: Fernandez
   Ayes: 5
   Noes: 0

Mr. Richers reported that parents of the expelled student agreed to the stipulation presented to them.

2. Approval of Consent Agenda items:
   a. Minutes from the April, 2015 Regular Board Meeting
   b. Minutes from the April 23, 2015 Special Board Workshop
   c. April mid- and end-of-month payroll for $1,965,048.20
   d. Commercial warrants, batches #50 through #55 for $440,221.62
   e. College Credit Units

   Motion: Sanchez
   Second: Poggi
   Ayes: 5
   Noes: 0

3. Approval of Resolution #1415-16 to Adopt Required Findings and Approve Energy Service Contract with OpTerra Energy Services (Presentation by: Ashu Jain)

   Motion: Sanchez
   Second: Fernande
   Ayes: 5
   Noes: 0

Mr. Richers reported that this Resolution gives us the ability to negotiate a contract with OpTerra for the energy improvement project upon approval and review of school legal which would include the two solar parking lots, and replacing some old air conditioning units. He then introduced Mr. Ashu Jain, Senior Manager of OpTerra who did a presentation on the development project. Mr. Jain hopes to finish the project, if approved by March 2016. He answered Mr. Sanchez’s concern as to who keeps up with the maintenance of the project, in that it would be OpTerra who would be responsible for the upkeep. Mr. Jain reported on the yearly estimated cost and the total savings of the solar project.


   Motion: Poggi
   Second: Sanchez
   Ayes: 5
   Noes: 0
Mr. Richers thanked everyone on the negotiation team and reported that the 4% raise agreed upon was in line with the rest of the county.

5. **Approval of Reemployment of Certificated Employee(s) for 2015-2016 School Year**
   - Motion: Sanchez  Second: Poggi  Ayes: 5  Noes: 0

6. **Approval of SB 191 Home-to-School Transportation Equity Resolution #1415-15**
   - Motion: Sanchez  Second: Fernandez  Ayes: 5  Noes: 0

Mr. Richers reported that since that time the population of Wasco Union Elementary School District has doubled. He also added that since that time the population of Wasco Union Elementary School District has doubled. The resolution supports the SB 191 Bill which will reduce the amount of general fund money spent on transportation.

7. **Approval of the Middle Grades Academic Coach Job Description**
   - Motion: Sanchez  Second: Fernandez  Ayes: 5  Noes: 0

Mr. Richers explained how having an academic coach would help improve academic performance at Thomas Jefferson Middle School as planned in the original approved LCAP plan.

8. **Approval of the District Instructional Technology Specialist Job Description**
   - Motion: Poggi  Second: Reding  Ayes: 5  Noes: 0

Mr. Richers reported that the State of California has not updated the rate at which transportation services have been paid since 1982. He also added that since that time the population of Wasco Union Elementary School District has doubled. The resolution supports the SB 191 Bill which will reduce the amount of general fund money spent on transportation.

9. **Approval of the Bus Monitor – Special Education Job Description**
   - Motion: Sanchez  Second: Fernandez  Ayes: 5  Noes: 0

Mr. Richers reported the importance of having a bus monitor for the take-back transport of the special education students. The position is a 5 ½ hour position and because it has qualifications and requirements above those of a regular student monitor the position starts at Range 8.

10. **Approval of Kern County Superintendent of Schools Contract for Beginning Teacher Support & Assessment (BTSA)**
    - Motion: Sanchez  Second: Fernandez  Ayes: 5  Noes: 0

Mr. Richers reported that funding from the State to the Kern County Superintendent of School for the support of the BTSA program has been discontinued, therefore the board is agreeing to the fee structure of this contract.

11. **Approval of the School City Contract and Software License Agreement**
    - Motion: Sanchez  Second: Fernandez  Ayes: 5  Noes: 0

Mr. Bowling reported that SchoolCity Inc. would accomplish the work of the two separate systems currently being utilized by the district to create and maintain data. This company will, not only create assessments and report data, but it also has the capability of feeding student assessment, test, and quiz data directly to AERIES Parent Portal to allow families access to student achievement results.

12. **Approval of the IVS Computer Technology SMART Brand Technology Bid BD 1006-1 Extension**
    - Motion: Sanchez  Second: Fernandez  Ayes: 5  Noes: 0

Mr. Richers explained that by piggybacking through Bakersfield City School District we are able to purchase technology components, smart boards, sound systems and such for a much better price.

13. **Approval of Running for Ronald Events for the 2015-2016 School Year**
    - Motion: Reding  Second: Sanchez  Ayes: 5  Noes: 0

Mr. Richers reported that the approval of the Running for Ronald Event allows each of the Wasco Union Elementary Schools to participate if they chose.

14. **Approval of the Sale, Recycling and Disposal of Obsolete Equipment**
    - Motion: Reding  Second: Poggi  Ayes: 5  Noes: 0

15. **Approval of a Special Board Meeting for June 16, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.**
    - Motion: Sanchez  Second: Reding  Ayes: 5  Noes: 0

Mr. Richers reported this Special Board meeting was to approve LCAP and the budget.

16. **Approval of Revisions to Board Policies and Administrative Regulations:**
    a. Amended Policies and Administrative Regulations
       i. BP/AR 0440 – District Technology Plan
ii. AR 1220 – Citizen Advisory Committees
iii. BP/AR 1240 – Volunteer Assistance
iv. BP/AR 1312.3 – Uniform Complaint Procedures
v. BP/AR 3100 – Budget
vi. AR 4112.4/4212.4/4312.4 – Health Examinations
vii. AR/E 4112.5/4212.5/4312.5 – Criminal Record Check
viii. BP/AR 4118 – Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action
ix. AR 4161.1/4361.1 – Personal Illness/Injury Leave
x. AR 4161.2/4261.2/4361.2 – Personal Leaves
xi. AR 4261.1 – Personal Illness/Injury Leave
xii. BP 5125 – Student Records
xiii. AR 5125 – Student Records
xiv. BP 5131.2 – Bullying
xv. AR 5141 – Health Care and Emergencies
xvi. AR 5141.21 Administering Medication & Monitoring Health Conditions
xvii. AR 5141.3 – Health Examinations
xviii. BP 5141.4 – Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting
xix. AR 5141.4 – Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting
xx. BP/AR 5144.1 – Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process
xxi. BP/AR 6158 – Independent Study
xxii. AR 6162.51 – State Academic Achievement Tests
xxiii. AR 6173 – Education for Homeless Children

b. New Board Policies and Administrative Regulations
   i. BP 4121 – Temporary/Substitute Personnel

c. Minor Revisions of Board Policies and Administrative Regulations
   i. BP 1250 – Visitors/Outsiders
   ii. BP 3550 – Food Service/Child Nutrition Program
   iii. AR 3554 – Other Food Sales
   iv. BP 4030 – Nondiscrimination in Employment
   v. AR 4112.42/4212.42/4312.42 – Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers
   vi. AR 5020 – Parent Rights and Responsibilities
   vii. AR 5141.27 – Food Allergies/Special Dietary Needs
   viii. AR 6159 – Individualized Education Program
   ix. BB 9321 – Closed Session Purposes and Agendas
   x. BB 9230 – Orientation

d. Deleted Board Policies
   i. AR/E 4112.62/4212.62/4312.62 – Criminal Record Check
   ii. AR 4117.4 – Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action

Motion: Sanchez Second: Reding Ayes: 5 Noes: 0

Information Items
1. Revisions to Board Policies and Administrative Regulations: (action item at June board meeting)
   a. Amended Policies and Administrative Regulations
      i. AR 3551 – Business and Noninstructional Operations
      ii. AR 3554 – Other Food Sales
      iii. AR 5126 Awards for Achievement
      iv. BP 5141.21 – Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions
      v. BP 5145.3 – Nondiscrimination/Harassment
      vi. AR 6173.1 – Education for Foster Youth
   b. New Board Policies and Administrative Regulations
      i. BP 6178.1 – Work-Based Learning
   c. Minor Revisions of Board Policies and Administrative Regulations
i. BP 1250 – Visitors/Outsiders  
ii. BP 3550 – Food Service/Child Nutrition Program  
iii. BP 4030 – Nondiscrimination in Employment  
iv. AR 4112.42/4212.42/4312.42 – Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers  
v. AR 5020 Parent Rights and Responsibilities  
vi. AR 5141.27 – Food Allergies/Special Dietary Needs  
vii. AR 6159 – Individualized Education Program  
viii. BB 9321 – Closed Session Purposes and Agendas

d. Deleted Board Policies  
i. BP/AR 0420.1 – School-Based Program Coordination

2. Ronald McDonald House Correspondence Letter (written)  
3. Fund Balance Priorities (Discussion)  

Mrs. Evans reported that the governor requires school districts to reserve for economic uncertainties. If the reserved fund balance is in excess of the minimum reserve (over 6%) for the economic uncertainties, the district must justify why the district has this reserve.

4. Current Fund Balance (written)  
5. Current Enrollment (written)  
6. May’s Menu  

G. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – Mr. Richers reported that grades K-4 numbers are growing faster than the upper grades which shows the trend of growth by grade level. He reported that Fruitvale School District contracted a food service contract with the Wasco Union Elementary School District. He added that the Community Support Options, Inc. canceled their food service contract with us effective May 31, 2015. Mr. Richers reported there are still no land agreements for the construction of the new school. He thanked Mrs. Huffaker’s food department for the excellent job they did in providing the food for the Celebration of Education. He also thanked Mr. Maberry for barbequing the meat for the meal, and Mrs. Green’s staff for setting up the Recreation Center.

H. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD – Mr. Sanchez thanked everyone for a terrific year. Mr. Fernandez and Ms. Poggi seconded that comment. Mr. Richers also thanked everyone for doing a great job. Mr. Rueda reported he enjoyed going with the Thomas Jefferson Middle School students to visit the State Capitol in Sacramento. He added he was impressed how well our students behaved and thanked the teachers and administrators for their part in that.

I. ADJOURNMENT - Time: 7:51 P.M.
Motion: Fernandez Second: Reding Ayes: 5 Noes: 0

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday, June 9, 2015  
6:00 p.m. - Closed Session  
6:30 p.m. - Open Session

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Secretary/Superintendent           Clerk of the Board