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. Marty Jones.

Wasco Union Elementary School Board Members Present
Mr. Marty Jones, President               Mr. Cruz Rodriguez
Mr. Richard Reding, Clerk               Mr. Ernie Sanchez
Dr. Jim Forrest

Administrators Present
Mrs. Elizabeth McCray                 Mrs. Lisa Ornelas
Mr. Danny Arellano                     Mr. Kelly Richers
Mrs. Regina Green                     Mr. Sam Torres
Mrs. Jan Hummel                       Mrs. Monique Polk
Mr. Brad Maberry

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

Secretary Present
Mrs. Gracie Saldaña
Mrs. Esmeralda Quintana

Visitors
Mrs. Lori Albrecht, Mrs. Monique Goodwill, Mr. Grant Herndon, Mrs. Brenda Phillips, Mrs. Anna Poggi, Mrs. Cheryl Stephens

Flag Salute
The flag was saluted.

II. Adopt Agenda
It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Reding 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 5:32 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 Reding to approve the minutes of the special meeting of December 6, 2011. Motioned carried Ayes: 4; Noes: 0; Absent: 0; Abstain: 1 (Forrest)

It was moved by Reding and seconded by Forrest to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 13, 2011. Motioned carried Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0; Abstain: 0

VI. Public Comments
None

VII. Items From Board Members
Mr. Reding expressed a concern at Teresa Burke. We have those NO PARKING signs and the 18 wheelers are still parking in between the signs. They are parking on Griffith Avenue. Mr. Reding asked if the district can pass on his concern. Mr. Maberry agreed with Mr. Reding regarding his concern. He also reported that the 18 wheeler is always there in same the place. Dr. Forrest asked if some one has addressed the driver. Mr. Maberry shared that it seems that it is just parked there. Mrs. McCray shared that she had a meeting scheduled with the City Manager next week and will share the concern.

Mr. Sanchez reported on the Resource Center. He shared that they got a big copy machine and was wondering why the machine is so big. Mrs. McCray shared that this copy machine can handle all the copies including the benchmarks. The resource center is moving in the direction of its intended use. Mr. Sanchez asked if the machine will require special training. Mrs. McCray deferred to Mr. Kelly Richers. Mr. Richers explained they have received special training. The resource center generates 120,000 copies a month right now and the older copy machines could not handle that. Mr. Rodriguez shared that the pounds of the paper can be adjusted as needed. Mr. Richers agreed that it is exactly what it does and it is very economical. Mr. Richers also invited Board Members to come visit the Center with the changes of the removal of some walls as well.

Mr. Jones then asked if we are moving in the direction to remove that portable behind the Resource Center. Mrs. McCray shared that is the plan. He congratulated Mr. McCray and administration on such a move, good work.

Dr. Forrest shared that for a number of years we have had a Veteran’s Program. We have a dinner scheduled for this year. When we started to plan the dinner, his understanding is that there are new regulations or regulations that we were not observing due to preparation of food at school site. As a result of the regulations, the dinner is being moved to the Methodist Church. Also for a number of years the VFW has also cooked the breakfast at the High School for the Relay for Life. If it is illegal to do this at Thomas Jefferson then it is equally illegal at the High School, correct. He then asked if they (VFW) can still cook for the Relay for Life when we don’t have the proper equipment to monitor and abide by the law. Mrs. McCray shared that we ask for agencies who are
requesting the use of District Facilities to provide Liability Insurance. Mrs. McCray shared that even the Booster Clubs provide these Liability Insurances. If food services do any of these events we are completely covered. The one on the Veterans, the students cooking the food would have been in facilities that were not adequate. The Scholarship Association also provides their Liability Insurance. SISK does stress that we maintain these Liability Insurance verifications. All Catering did end at the High School as result of this but now we have added the culinary classroom in the New Cafeteria. We always suggest that the events go to the Cafeteria for food services. So when VFW comes to do their event at the Relay for Life, it is covered under the American Cancer Society Liability Insurance. Mrs. Gracie Saldaña maintains the Facilities Requests and Liability Insurance for the High School. Mrs. Karen Evans and/or Mrs. Esmeralda Quintana maintain this information for the Elementary. Mrs. McCray deferred to Mrs. Gale Huffaker. Mrs. Huffaker shared that the Health Department has their inspections and that they can stop by and inspect and shut things down if they the environment is unsafe. Dr. Forrest thanked everyone for their information. Mrs. McCray shared that we don’t push people to Food Services to make money; we just want to ensure all is in order. Mr. Reding then asked if the new Culinary Class can now cater as a result of the new cafeteria. Mrs. McCray shared that he is absolutely correct. Mr. Reding shared that his wife will be very happy to hear that. Mrs. McCray then shared that we will be holding an open house for the new Wasco High School Cafeteria shortly and the High Class Catering will do the food services for that event.

Mr. Jones reported on the voting for a resolution such as the resolution that is on the agenda. A roll call vote has become redundant in the past. He explained that we have consulted with Schools Legal Services and will move along with our vote and no longer use the roll call. The votes will then be reflected in minutes.

Mr. Jones then thanked the staff for their efforts and looks forward to very prosperous year. We are going to proceed with making this a great year.

Mrs. McCray shared that Mr. John Yanez is not in the meeting tonight due to his father being ill and his family has some difficult decisions to make. Mrs. Andreas-Bervel and Mrs. Lopez are on the way to Sacramento to State Board of Education Meeting scheduled for tomorrow regarding the QEIA Waiver.

Mrs. McCray invited the Board to the School Boards Association, Annual Trustee School Trustees Spring Dinner Meeting and asked the members to contact the District Office if they are interested in attending.

Mrs. McCray then introduced Mrs. Monique Goodwill. Mrs. Goodwill was nominated for NFTE Global Enterprising Educator of the Year. She was congratulated by Mrs. McCray and the Board. Mrs. McCray also shared that Mrs. Goodwill and a few students were presenters at the last Rotary Meeting and that presentation was great.

Mrs. McCray reiterates that she has been unable to get in contact with Mr. Flores regarding the community garden but she will continue to make that contact.

VIII. Reports  
1. Mrs. McCray introduced Mr. Grant Herndon of Schools Legal Services regarding the Resolution that was passed in 2010 regarding a by trustee area vote. This data is updated to exclude the Prison Population. He shared that based on
data from the California Statewide Database as Registered Voters with a Spanish Surnames 63.4% with a voter turnout of 52.6%. These Spanish Surnames totals may also include non-Hispanics. In an At large District the down side to going to the election zone, the board members will be elected by 20% of the community. The upside is that the voters are voting for people who are close to them. Mr. Jones shared that the plus side is that as a community we can vote for the board as a whole and not limited to a certain area. Dr. Forrest stated the question is what the voters would like. He shared that he can give you his opinion, although he really is not capable of saying but his personal self-serving view is that when we go At Large and vote on all trustee instead of 1 trustee in a given area due to the size of the District. Mr. Jones shared that anytime is put on the people it is a concern. In a small District, funds are scarce and it could get very territorial. Mr. Herndon shared that if we divide the District into 5 areas, we can have a different voting population. Mr. Rodriguez shared that he would like to see area (voting) numbers. Mr. Herndon shared that we don’t have those numbers at this point. Mr. Sanchez shared that it could be a very big disadvantage. Mr. Reding explained that is will be a huge disadvantage since we know everyone in the community. In the case of minority we looked to 1994 with a pretty strong record of Hispanics holding office, it is a pretty strong case. Mr. Herndon asked if the board feels that the size of Wasco is an issue. Mr. Sanchez reported that no. Mr. Reding shared that one can spit across town, absolutely not. Mr. Forrest shared that the District Boundaries are very large and exceed the City of Wasco. Mr. Rodriguez shared that if we had the three seats, it would change. Hispanics don’t vote on the primary but they vote on the General. Mr. Herndon asked how the board felt the Hispanics would benefit. Mr. Forrest shared that it will not make a difference; we don’t have a concentration in one area. Wasco is rather unique with a mix of population that is well balanced. He does not see how it can be changed to be advantageous to any one group. Mr. Herndon shared that it appeared that the board is content with the At Large status. The Board agreed with Mr. Herndon. Mr. Herndon shared that he will work on the Public Hearing and will return at the next board meeting. Mrs. McCray commended and thanked Mr. Herndon for his presentation.

2. Mrs. McCray introduced Mrs. Karen Evans regarding the Budget Update. No new budget update but the Governor’s proposal did come out and it is as good as can be expected in this economy. Although we lost half this year for transportation but the Governor is looking into removing that fund totally in the new year. Mrs. McCray shared that the good thing is that we can begin the talks on unifying our bus routes. Mrs. McCray reported on the Tier III, one of the things that was a great surprise was the suggested return of local control to the Boards. That is an interesting piece, so we will see how this plays out. The more flexibility we can get the better we can serve our students. It appears that the Governor is concerned at this point that there are three other initiatives on the ballot along with his. Mrs. McCray reported that it is extremely difficult to plan a budget with all these issues. Mr. Rodriguez shared that the California Department of Corrections is handing out pink slips and the Postal offices as well.

IX. 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. Approval of Certificated Employee(s)
1. Jack Weatherford – Teacher, Mathematics, Thomas Jefferson Middle School

2. Additional Assignments for 2011-12 School Year
   a. Virginia Aguirre – Extended Day, Thomas Jefferson Middle School
   b. Harim Garcia - Extended Day, Thomas Jefferson Middle School
   c. Eddie Hammon - Extended Day, Thomas Jefferson Middle School
   d. Rachel Martin - Extended Day, Thomas Jefferson Middle School
   e. Laurie Rodriguez - Extended Day, Thomas Jefferson Middle School
   f. Gerald Waldrip - Extended Day, Thomas Jefferson Middle School

b. Approval of Classified Employee(s) Letter of Resignation
   1. Denise Leal, Technology Intervention Specialist – 6 hours, Palm Avenue

c. Approval of Classified Employee(s)
   1. Additional Substitute Assignments for 2011-12 School Year
      a. Melissa Melgoza – Student Monitor – All Sites
      b. Lucia Malone – Student Monitor – All Sites
      c. Ekaterina Korosteleva – Instructional Aide Special Education – All Sites

2. Substitutes for 2011-12 School Year
   a. Jennifer Divina – Technology Intervention Specialist – Palm Avenue
   b. Ashley Clark – Food Services Assistant – Food Services

3. Change in Position for 2011-12 School Year
   a. Nancy Fernandez- from Technology Intervention Specialist, 4 hours to Technology Intervention Specialist, 6 hours - Palm Avenue
   b. Ivan Mendieta – from Food Service Assistant, 4 hours to Food Service Technician, 6 hours - Food Service Dept.

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

3. It was moved by Rodriguez and seconded by Forrest on the approval of the Resolution #1112-5, Authorization to Superintendent to Determine Amount and Request Release of Impounded Monies in Settlement of Pending Litigation. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0

4. It was moved by Sanchez and seconded by Reding on the approval of the Interdistrict Transfer Requests. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0

Dr. Forrest asked regarding the three students from one family requesting to go to Richland School. But it seems that they are requesting to complete a school year but it is not a guarantee that they are returning. Mrs. McCray shared that she had the same questions and she explained that these students moved into our district and they want to remain in the Richland District. Richland can request a renewal for the 2012-13. Dr. Forrest then reiterated we can lose these three indefinitely. Mrs. McCray shared that he is correct. She then explained that we really have to thank this parent for coming forward and doing the proper paperwork. Dr. Forrest then asked if that is the same case for Wasco High with the same issue with the Maple students going to Shafter High. Mrs. McCray shared that he is correct. Mr. Rodriguez then asked how many students have done an IDT to Semitropic. Mrs. McCray shared that Semitropic is a school of choice as is Lost Hills and Maple. Therefore they do not have to complete an IDT. Mr. Forrest thanked Mrs. McCray for the information.
Mr. Jones shared that he has questions regarding the Safe School Plans but I will be addressing those questions individually to the Principals. Mrs. McCray shared that the District Plan is due for update as well. Mr. Rodriguez then shared that his sister works at the bank and a parent who has a 3rd grade child was threatened. Mr. Rodriguez told his sister to have the parent call the Principal (Mr. Torres). Mrs. McCray shared that it has been addressed. Mr. Rodriguez then expressed that we cannot hesitate. Mrs. McCray then explained that there was no hesitation at all. Mr. Jones shared that if our administrators are not aware of the issues they cannot fix it.

X. **Discussion and Information**
1. The Census Information was shared with the Board.
2. The Introduction of the Comprehensive Safe School Plans was presented to the Board.
3. The Correspondence from Fresno State regarding NFTE Global Enterprising Educator of the Year nomination of Thomas Jefferson Teacher, Monique Goodwill was shared with the Board.
4. The Suspension List was shared with the Board.
5. The January Menu was shared with the Board.

XI. **Claims Transfers and Accounts**
It was moved by Reding and seconded by Forrest to approve the claims, transfers and accounts for Batches 24, 25, 26, 27 and Payrolls in the amount of $1,835,562.44. Motioned carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0.

XII. **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 8:02 p.m.