



*“Raising Expectations”*

Tuesday, November 16, 2010  
Board Room  
5000 West Cypress Avenue  
Visalia, CA

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**  
*5:45 p.m.*

***A G E N D A***

In order to ensure that members of the public are provided a meaningful opportunity to address the Board on non-agenda items or agenda items that are within the Board's jurisdiction, non-agenda items may be addressed at the public comment portion of the agenda and agenda items may be addressed at the time the matter is considered by the Board. During the evening, many of the Board members will be speaking on various subjects. It should be noted that each Board member expresses only his/her opinion and not the opinion of the entire Board. Teleconferencing may be used for all purposes in connection with any meeting. All votes taken during a teleconferenced meeting shall be by roll call.

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**Estimated**

**Timeline:**

***5:45 p.m.***

1. **OPENING BUSINESS**
  - 1.1 DETERMINATION OF QUORUM
  - 1.2 CALL PUBLIC SESSION TO ORDER
  - 1.3 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – JIM QUALLS

***5:50 p.m.***

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC INTEREST ANNOUNCEMENTS / STATUS REPORTS / ACTION** (as applicable)
  - 2.1 General public comment on any school related topic may be heard at this time. The Board asks that any public comment on an item listed on

tonight's agenda be addressed at the time the item comes up for discussion by the Board. Pursuant to Board Policy, the Board may limit individual comments to no more than 3 minutes and individual topics to 20 minutes. Please begin your comments by stating your name.

2.2 VALLEY LIFE CHARTER SCHOOL PETITION (Encl. No. 1)

*6:00 p.m.*

3. **PUBLIC RECOGNITION/PROCLAMATIONS/ACTION**

3.1 STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS (Encl. No. 2)

*7:00 p.m.*

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

5. **NEXT MEETING**

Unless otherwise determined, the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be December 14, 2010, with Open Session – Public Comment starting at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the VUSD Educational Complex located at 5000 West Cypress Avenue, Visalia and then adjourning into Closed Session. The regular meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room (unless otherwise posted).

VISALIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Encl. No. 1

Board Meeting Date of November 16, 2010

TO: Board of Education  
FROM: Dr. Craig Wheaton, Superintendent  
PREPARED BY: Dr. Todd Oto, Area Superintendent *OTO*  
APPROVED BY: Dr. Todd Oto, Area Superintendent  
PRESENTED BY: Dr. Todd Oto, Area Superintendent

**AGENDA TITLE: Valley Life Charter School Petition**

**AGENDA SECTION:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Public Recognition/Proclamations/ Action	<input type="checkbox"/> Focus on Student Learning: Presentation/ Public Comment/Board Discussion/Action
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Comment/Public Interest Announcements/Status Reports/Action	<input type="checkbox"/> Routine Action
<input type="checkbox"/> General Agenda: Review/Public Hearing/Public Comment/Board Discussion/Action	<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Panel Recommendations/Action

**BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:**

A petition to establish Valley Life Charter School has been submitted to Visalia Unified School District. The Board held a public hearing on October 26, 2010, to determine the level of support for the petition by teachers, other employees of the district, and parents/guardians, and held a study session regarding the petition on November 9, 2010. At this time, the Board of Trustees is will take action to approve or deny on this charter petition.

**CONTRACT CHANGES:**

N/A

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Accept staff recommendation.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

N/A

VISALIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Encl. No. # 2

Board Meeting Date of November 16, 2010

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Craig Wheaton, Ed.D., Superintendent

PREPARED BY: Drew S. Sorensen, Area Superintendent  
Todd Oto, Ed.D., Area Superintendent

APPROVED BY: Drew S. Sorensen, Area Superintendent  
Todd Oto, Ed.D., Area Superintendent

PRESENTED BY: Drew S. Sorensen, Area Superintendent  
Todd Oto, Ed.D., Area Superintendent

**AGENDA TITLE: Student Achievement Awards**

**AGENDA SECTION:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Recognition/Proclamations/ Action	<input type="checkbox"/> Focus on Student Learning: Presentation/ Public Comment/Board Discussion/Action
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Comment/Public Interest Announcements/Status Reports/Action	<input type="checkbox"/> Routine Action
<input type="checkbox"/> General Agenda: Review/Public Hearing/Public Comment/Board Discussion/Action	<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Panel Recommendations/ Action

**BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:**

At a special Board meeting during the traditional school year, high school students are recognized by the Board for outstanding achievement in a specific area of curriculum.

This month the Board will be honoring outstanding students in Mathematics and Physical Education. Students from Sequoia High School, Charter Alternatives Academy, Visalia Charter Independent Study and Visalia Adult School will also be recognized for overall achievement.

In addition, the United Students Association of Visalia (USAV) will also be recognizing the fall Student of the Season.

**CONTRACT CHANGES:**

N/A

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

N/A

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

N/A



BOARD MEETING – NOVEMBER 16, 2010, 6:00 P.M. – EDUCATION COMPLEX

Recognition for Outstanding Achievement

NOTE: THE AREA SUPERINTENDENT WILL INTRODUCE RESPECTIVE PRINCIPALS.

1. The Area Superintendent will say a few words about the presentation and will acknowledge teachers and parents. Thereafter, he will call the first principal to the podium.
2. The principal will introduce the students and have them stand.
3. The principal will then read the speech on each student. At the end of each speech, board members will place the medal on the student.
4. Once the principal has concluded the list of their respective students, a group picture along with the board member will be taken.
5. The students will return to their seats and the next principal will come to the podium and continue the process.

Students will be recognized in this order:

	<u>Student</u>	<u>Teacher Present</u>
Sequoia	Jeffrey David Barbour -- (Overall Achievement) Nancy Martinez -- (USAV Fall) Silvester Hinojos -- (USAV Fall)	Wendi Powell/Janis Christopher
Charter Alternatives Academy	Bryan Rosing -- (Overall Achievement)	Scott Braden, Principal
Visalia Charter Independent Study	Amparo Meza -- (Overall Achievement)	Lorrel Kaprielian
Visalia Adult School	Somphiene Phoumy -- (Business)	Brian Brinkman
El Diamante	Jacob Newman -- (Physical Education) Danielle Corona -- (Mathematics) Rachel Castaneda -- (USAV Fall) Samuel Jung -- (USAV Fall)	Amanda Richard Jonathan Fjelstrom
Golden West	Billie Molaison -- (Physical Education) Peter Caballes -- (Mathematics) Paige Ainley -- (USAV Fall) Justin Taylor Dunn -- (USAV Fall)	Dorothy Collins/Terry Geiger Sharan Benson
Mt. Whitney	Breanne Perales -- (Physical Education) Mitchell Jajardo -- (Mathematics) Caitlin Summers -- (USAV Fall) Wyatt Sing -- (USAV Fall)	Kim Moshier
Redwood	Christian Acosta -- (Physical Education) Kelly Hutmacher -- (Mathematics) Alyssa Aguilar -- (USAV Fall) Ismael Hernandez -- (USAV Fall)	John Yavasile/Darryl Hardwick John Buenafe

Cc: Craig Wheaton  
P. Ryan/D. Smart  
Drew Sorensen  
Todd Oto  
H.S. Principals