



"Every Student Succeeds"

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS**

Tuesday, May 1, 2012

7:00 p.m.

(6:00 p.m. Closed Session- and Public Comment)

Board Room

5000 West Cypress Avenue

Visalia, CA

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:

6:00 p.m.

1. **CLOSED SESSION** (May reconvene after the public meeting, if necessary)
 - 1.1 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Government Code Section 54957.6)
 1. Agency Negotiator: Cindi Costa
 2. Employee Organizations
 1. CSEA
 2. VUTA
 3. Management
 - 1.2 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ASSIGNMENT/REASSIGNMENT/ APPOINTMENT (Government Code Section 54957)
 - 1.3 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE (Government Code Section 54957)
 - 1.4 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
Property: COS Farm, Corner of Walnut Ave. and Linwood St.,
APN 119640001

Agency negotiator: Robert Gröeber

Negotiating parties: COS

Under negotiation: Potential Purchase

1.5 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EVALUATION/EMPLOYMENT
CONTRACT – SUPERINTENDENT

7:00 p.m.

2. **OPENING BUSINESS**
2.1 DETERMINATION OF QUORUM
2.2 CALL PUBLIC SESSION TO ORDER
2.3 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – LUCIA VAZQUEZ

7:05 p.m.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC INTEREST ANNOUNCEMENTS /
STATUS REPORTS / ACTION** (as applicable)
3.1 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.

7:10 p.m.

4. **PUBLIC RECOGNITION/PROCLAMATIONS/ACTION**
4.1 STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS (Encl. No. 1)
4.2 STAFF RECOGNITION/AWARDS (Encl. 2)

8:15 p.m.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**
6. **NEXT MEETING**
Unless otherwise determined, the next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be May 8, 2012, 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, with the regular meeting starting 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 May 1, 2012

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 and Recognition

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"/> Consent Agenda
<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 Science and Business Education. The United Students Association of Visalia (USAV) will be recognizing the spring Student of the Season. A student from Sequoia High School, Charter Alternatives Academy, Visalia Charter Independent Study and Visalia Adult School will also be recognized for overall achievement.

In addition, Student Representatives to the Board for the 2011-2012 school year will be recognized for their hard work and effort.

CONTRACT CHANGES:

N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

ALIGNS TO DISTRICT GOAL:

2.2 Ensure a guaranteed and viable curriculum for all students.



BOARD MEETING – MAY 1, 2012, 7:00 P.M. – EOC BOARD ROOM

Recognition for Outstanding Achievement

NOTE: THE AREA SUPERINTENDENTS 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	Matthew Medel -- (Overall Achievement) Miranda Freiberg -- (USAV – Spring) Juan Mora -- (USAV – Spring)	Yolanda Flores, Principal
Charter Alternatives Academy	Ana Chacon -- (Overall Achievement)	Scott Braden, Principal
Visalia Charter Independent Study	Adrian Aguirre -- (Overall Achievement)	Rochelle Heringer
Visalia Adult School	Sammy Baiza -- (Overall Achievement)	Jane Ellis
Redwood	Madisen Keavy -- (Business) Adam Denison -- (Science) Monique Sanchez -- (USAV - Spring) Haden Hobbs -- (USAV - Spring) Michelle Stevens -- (Student Board Representative)	Jacob Avila Jonathan Pipes
El Diamante	Zachary Bland -- (Business) Darcy Thompson -- (Science) Allison Daniel -- (USAV - Spring) Kian Jeffries -- (USAV - Spring) Mary Park -- (Student Board Representative)	Steve Harrell Jim Billingsly/Ryan Waters
Golden West	Jeremy Hamlin -- (Business) Daniel Larsen -- (Science) Theresa Sweeney -- (USAV - Spring) Brian Fiser -- (USAV - Spring) Haley Seeger -- (Student Board Representative)	Elaine Rubio Chris Phillips
Mt. Whitney	Megan Hoffman -- (Business) Eryn Fleming -- (Science) Stephanie Jones -- (USAV - Spring) Ryan Loy -- (USAV - Spring) Devynn Utsler -- (Student Board Representative)	Janell Brett Vicki Winterton/Patrick Hemphill

VISALIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Encl. No. 2

Special Board Meeting Date of May 1, 2012

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Craig Wheaton, Ed.D., Superintendent *CW*
PREPARED BY: Pam Ryan, Administrative Assistant
APPROVED BY: Craig Wheaton, Ed.D., Superintendent
PRESENTED BY: Craig Wheaton, Ed.D., Superintendent
AGENDA TITLE: **Staff Recognition/Awards**

AGENDA SECTION:

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BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

The Visalia Unified Board of Education and the Superintendent will be recognizing and honoring VUSD staff who have received the Visalia Unified 2012 Excellence in Education Awards.

Visalia Unified 2012 Excellence in Education Awards

- School Employee of the Year: Karen McCormick, Nutritional Services, Golden West High School
- Teacher of the Year: Bill Phelps, Math Teacher, Green Acres Middle School
- Administrator of the Year: Nancy Powell, Principal, Golden West High School

CONTRACT CHANGES:

N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

ALIGNS TO DISTRICT GOAL:

5. Recruit, Hire, and Retain Highly Qualified, Talented, and Productive Staff