



"Every Student Succeeding"

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS**
Tuesday, May 5, 2015

A G E N D A
7:00 p.m.

(6:00 p.m. Closed Session - and Public Comment)
Board Room
5000 West Cypress Avenue
Visalia, CA

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 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE
(Government Code Section 54957)

7:00 p.m.

2. **OPENING BUSINESS**
 - 2.1 ESTABLISH QUORUM
 - 2.2 CALL PUBLIC SESSION TO ORDER
 - 2.3 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – JUAN GUERRERO

7:05 p.m.

3. **PUBLIC RECOGNITION/PROCLAMATIONS/ACTION**
 - 3.1 STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS AND RECOGNITION
(Encl. No. 1)
 - 3.2 STAFF RECOGNITION AND AWARDS (Encl. 2)

8:30 p.m.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**


5. **NEXT MEETING**

Unless otherwise determined, the next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be May 13, 2015, 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 5, 2015

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Craig Wheaton, Ed.D., Superintendent
PREPARED BY: Todd Oto, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent
APPROVED BY: Todd Oto, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent 
PRESENTED BY: Todd Oto, Ed.D., Assistant 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:

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 Special Education and English Language Development (ELD). A student from Sequoia High School, Charter Alternatives Academy, Visalia Charter Independent Study, Visalia Technical Early College High School, 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 spring Student of the Season.

In addition, Student Representatives to the Board for the 2014-2015 school year will be recognized for their hard work and effort.

CONTRACT CHANGES:

None

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

For information only

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

ALIGNS TO DISTRICT GOAL:

4. Develop a strong sense of significance and belonging for students and for staff



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Recognition for Outstanding Achievement

NOTE: THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT WILL INTRODUCE RESPECTIVE PRINCIPALS.

1. The Assistant 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	Erykah Burton - (Overall Achievement) Debbie Salazar - (USAV- Spring) John Samuel Ocampo - (USAV- Spring)	Adolfo Reyes, Principal
Charter Alternatives Academy	David Aguilar - (Overall Achievement)	Michele Alvarez/Travis Scott
Visalia Charter Independent Study	Julia Leigh Mesa - (Overall Achievement)	Linda Ruth
Visalia Technical Early College H.S.	Alyssia Ortega - (Overall Achievement) Mercy Valenzuela - (USAV- Spring) Andrew Garcia - (USAV- Spring)	Victoria Porter, Principal
Visalia Adult School	German Reyes - (Overall Achievement)	Jill Rojas, Principal
Golden West	Rita Dominguez-Aaragoza - (Special Education) Jennifer Mendoza - (ELD) Clair Marie Caviglia - (USAV- Spring) Jacky Hou - (USAV- Spring) Ashton Seifert - (Student Board Representative)	Heather Mendel Scott Timmons
Mt. Whitney	Victoria Leary - (Special Education) Sakher Hadwan - (ELD) Sierra Schluep - (USAV- Spring) Alfredo Heras - (USAV- Spring) Joshua Lopez - (Student Board Representative)	Kay Levrets Brian Xavier
Redwood	Josh Saucedo - (Special Education) Daniela Mejia-Aguirre - (ELD) Kloe Martin - (USAV- Spring) Kyle Rizzo - (USAV- Spring) Kati Ann Kochevar - (Student Board Representative)	Fernie Marroquin Fernie Marroquin
El Diamante	Tiauna Sherrod - (Special Education) Adrian Luevano - (ELD) Alyssa Malley - (USAV- Spring) Evan Kimura - (USAV- Spring) Remington Beno - (Student Board Representative)	Alana Griffith Walter Gomez

VISALIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Encl. No. 2

Special Board Meeting Date of May 5, 2015

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

AGENDA SECTION:

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BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

The Visalia Unified Board of Education and the Superintendent will be recognizing the following VUSD staff that have been honored with the following awards:

- **2015 Visalia-Mineral King Masonic Lodge Public Schools Awards**
- **Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) – Region XI – 2015 Administrator of the Year Awards**
- **Visalia Unified 2015 Excellence in Education Awards**

CONTRACT CHANGES:

N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

For information only

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

ALIGNS TO DISTRICT GOAL:

2.0 Develop a strong sense of significance and belonging for students and for staff

*Welcome to the Visalia Board of Education
Special Board Meeting to recognize the
outstanding performance and
achievements of students and
a special recognition of
Visalia Unified staff*

PROGRAM

1. Call to Order – Juan Guerrero, Board President
2. Welcome and Agenda Overview – Craig Wheaton, Superintendent
3. Student Representatives to the School Board – Juan Guerrero, Board President
4. Student Recognition – Todd Oto, Assistant Superintendent, & School Site Principals
5. Staff Recognition – Craig Wheaton, Superintendent

2015 Visalia-Mineral King Masonic Lodge Public School Awards

- School Employee of the Year: **Sherry Thigpin**, Secretary, Operations Department
- Teacher of the Year: **Neils Burgess**, English Teacher, Sequoia High School
- Administrator of the Year: **John Davis**, Principal, Oak Grove Elementary School

Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) - Region XI - 2015 Administrator of the Year Awards

- Secondary Principal of the Year: **Michael Waters**, Principal, El Diamante High School
- Adult Education Administrator of the Year: **John Werner**, Assistant Principal, Visalia Adult School

Visalia Unified 2015 Excellence in Education Awards

- School Employee of the Year: **Carolyn Gutierrez**, Secretary, Annie R. Mitchell Elementary School
- Teacher of the Year: **Christopher Cumiford**, History-Social Science Teacher, Visalia Technical Early College High School
- Administrator of the Year: **Jill Rojas**, Principal, Visalia Adult School