



"Every Student Succeeds"

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS**

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

A G E N D A

7:00 p.m.

(6:00 p.m. - Early Bird Session)

District Office - Board Room
5000 West Cypress Avenue
Visalia, CA 93277

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**Estimated
Timeline:**

- 6:00 p.m. 1. **CLOSED SESSION** (May reconvene after the public meeting, if necessary)
 - 1.1 ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
 Significant Exposure to Litigation (Government Code Section
 54956.9(b))

- 7:00 p.m. 2. **OPENING BUSINESS**
 - 2.1 ESTABLISH QUORUM
 - 2.2 CALL PUBLIC SESSION TO ORDER
 - 2.3 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – WILLIAM FULMER

- 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)
- 8:15 p.m. 4. **ADJOURNMENT**

NEXT MEETING

Unless otherwise determined, the next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be May 10, 2016, 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 3, 2016

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Todd Oto, Ed.D., Superintendent
PREPARED BY: Jeff Hohne, Area Superintendent *JH*
APPROVED BY: Jeff Hohne, Area Superintendent
PRESENTED BY: Jeff Hohne, 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:

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 Social Science and Agriculture.

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 2015-2016 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:

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



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Recognition for Outstanding Achievement

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>
Charter Alternatives Academy	Adrian Flores - (Overall Achievement)	Michelle Alvaraz
Visalia Charter Independent Study	Kimberly Llamas - (Overall Achievement)	Marika Forbes
Visalia Technical Early College H.S.	Michael Whitney - (Overall Achievement) Jenika Blofsky - (USAV- Spring) Antonio Joe TJ Ramos, Jr. - (USAV- Spring)	Victoria Porter, Principal
Visalia Adult School	Lupita Leon - (Overall Achievement)	Jill Rojas, Interim Principal
Sequoia	Angelica Villegas - (Overall Achievement) Ariana Parra - (USAV- Spring) Mong Thao - (USAV- Spring)	Adolfo Reyes, Principal
El Diamante	Victoria Rettig - (Agriculture) Samantha Gwen Atherton - (Social Science) Brooke Rivas - (USAV- Spring) Callen Bruening - (USAV- Spring) Quintin Ruiz - (Student Board Representative)	
Golden West	Sadie Jameson - (Agriculture) Kaleb Starr Brown - (Social Science) Roselia Rodriguez - (USAV- Spring) Hayden Niederreiter - (USAV- Spring) Jeffrey Wheeler - (Student Board Representative)	Sami Slover Alex Gluckmann
Mt. Whitney	Erica Fierro - (Agriculture) Julia Marlow - (Social Science) Colleen Busby - (USAV- Spring) Jacob Ruby - (USAV- Spring) Tyler Kennedy - (Student Board Representative)	Judy Oto
Redwood	Zachary Smith - (Agriculture) Logan Kearnan - (Social Science) Bryanna Martinez - (USAV- Spring) Dylan Burr - (USAV- Spring) Kloe Martin - (Student Board Representative)	

VISALIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Encl. No. 2

Special Board Meeting Date of May 3, 2016

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Todd Oto, Ed.D., Superintendent
PREPARED BY: Delia Smart, Administrative Assistant
APPROVED BY: Todd Oto, Ed.D., Superintendent and Cabinet 
PRESENTED BY: Todd Oto, Ed.D., Superintendent
AGENDA TITLE: **Staff Recognition and Awards**

AGENDA SECTION:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Recognition/Proclamations/ Action	<input type="checkbox"/> Focus on Student Learning: Presentation/ Public Comment/Board Discussion/Action
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BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

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

- VUSD School Employee of the Year
Russell Stephens, Textbook Clerk, District Office
- VUSD Teacher of the Year:
Peg Hutson, Choir Teacher, Valley Oak Middle School
- VUSD Administrator of the Year
Rebecca Petersen, Director, Human Resources Development

These honorees will represent Visalia Unified School District as our nominees to the larger Tulare County Excellence in Education Awards later this year.

CONTRACT CHANGES:

N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

For information only

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

ALIGNS TO DISTRICT GOAL:

3.0 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 – John L. Crabtree, Board President
2. Welcome and Agenda Overview – Dr. Todd Oto, Superintendent
3. Student Representatives to the School Board – John L. Crabtree, Board President
4. Student Recognition – Jeff Hohne, Area Superintendent, & School Site Principals
5. Staff Recognition – Dr. Todd Oto, Superintendent

Visalia Unified 2016 Excellence in Education Awards

- School Employee of the Year: **Russell Stephens**, Textbook Clerk, District Office
- Teacher of the Year: **Peg Hutson**, Choir Teacher, Valley Oak Middle School
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Visalia Unified School District



Student and Staff Recognition
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