



**Special Joint Meeting
Visalia City Council and
Visalia Unified School District Board of Trustees**

Tuesday, October 17, 2017
Visalia Unified School District
5000 W. Cypress, Visalia, CA 93277
Dinner Time: 5:00 p.m.
Joint Meeting Time: 6:00 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMENTS

This is the time for members of the public to comment on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Visalia City Council or the Visalia Unified School District Board of Trustees. Public comment will be taken on each item listed on the work session at the time it is considered by the Council and Board. The Council and Board ask that you keep your comments brief and positive. Creative criticism, presented with appropriate courtesy, is welcome. The Council and Board cannot legally discuss or take official action on items that are introduced today. In fairness to all who wish to speak, each speaker from the public will be allowed three minutes. Please begin your comments by stating and spelling your name and providing your city of residence.

WORK SESSION AND ACTION ITEMS (as described)

1. Facilities/Finance Update - Robert Gröeber, Assistant Superintendent – Administrative Services
2. VUSD Student Achievement Update - Melanie Stringer, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent – Instructional Services
3. Teacher Recruitment - Tamara Ravalin, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent - HRD
4. City Projects Update - Nick Mascia, Community Development Director/City Engineer
5. Wittman Community Center Update - Jeannie Greenwood, Parks and Recreation Director

ITEMS OF INTEREST

ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming Council Meetings

- City Council Regular Meeting, Monday, November 06, 2017
- City Council Closed Session, Monday, November 06, 2017
- City Council Closed Session, Monday, November 20, 2017

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VISALIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Encl. No. 1

Board Meeting Date of October 17, 2017

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Dr. Todd Oto, Superintendent
PREPARED BY: Robert Gröeber, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services
APPROVED BY:  Robert Gröeber, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services
PRESENTED BY: Robert Gröeber, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services

AGENDA TITLE: Facilities/Finance Update

AGENDA SECTION:

- Early Bird: Public Recognition/Review/Public Hearing/Public Comment/Board Discussion/Action
- Consent Agenda
- Public Recognition/Proclamations/Action
- Public Comment/Public Interest Announcements/Status Reports/Action
- Focus on Student Learning: Presentation/Public Comment/Board Discussion/Action
- Administrative Panel Recommendations/Action
- General Agenda: Review/Public Hearing/Public Comment/Board Discussion/Action

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

This informational item will provide the VUSD Board, the City Council, and the public with a brief update on Measure E projects and plans, the maintenance and facilities work across all VUSD campuses, and the potential for a General Obligation Bond in November of 2018 to support additional modernization of existing schools and the construction of a possible 5th high school. This presentation will also include an update on the District's current budget and potential bond financing plans.

CONTRACT CHANGES:

None

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

No Action; information only

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Projects paid from Measure E funds and other dedicated facilities funds

ALIGNS TO DISTRICT GOAL:

5.3 Refine VUSD facility plans to align with the Measure E Implementation and Facility Master Plan

VISALIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Encl. No. 2

Board Meeting Date of October 17, 2017

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Todd Oto, Ed.D., Superintendent
PREPARED BY: Phil Black, Ed.D., Director - Curriculum
APPROVED BY: Melanie Stringer, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent – Instructional Services
PRESENTED BY: Phil Black, Ed.D., Director - Curriculum



AGENDA TITLE: VUSD Student Achievement Update

AGENDA SECTION:

- Early Bird: Public Recognition/Review/Public Hearing/Public Comment/Board Discussion/Action
- Consent Agenda
- Public Recognition/Proclamations/Action
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BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

In late September California State Department of Education publically released student performance results of the SBAC (English Language Arts and Mathematics) that was administered during the 2016-2017 academic year. This presentation will review our student results from this administration in comparison to county and state performance.

CONTRACT CHANGES:

None

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

For information only.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

ALIGNS TO DISTRICT GOAL:

1. Engage students in a challenging curriculum and provide them the support to be successful

**VISALIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Encl. No. 3

Joint Board Meeting Date of October 17, 2017

TO: Visalia City Council and Visalia Unified Board of Education

FROM: Tamara Ravalin, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent-HRD

PREPARED BY: Tamara Ravalin, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent-HRD

APPROVED BY: Tamara Ravalin, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent-HRD *TR*

PRESENTED BY: Tamara Ravalin, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent-HRD

AGENDA TITLE: **Teacher Recruitment**

AGENDA SECTION:

- Early Bird: Public Recognition/Review/Public Hearing/Public Comment/Board Discussion/Action
- Consent Agenda
- Public Recognition/Proclamations/Action
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BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

This report will provide information for the Governing Board and City related to Teacher Recruitment including data related to District-Wide Goals for 2017-18. Included in the report are student and staff demographics, hiring data, and other pertinent general information related to teacher recruitment.

CONTRACT CHANGES:

N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Informational update only – no formal action required

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

ALIGNS TO DISTRICT GOAL:

- 4.0 Recruit, hire, and retain highly qualified, talented, and productive staff
- 4.1 Aggressively recruit and hire highly qualified staff members who reflect the demographics of our students and community