

**Visalia Unified School District
Board of Education
MINUTES**

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The August 22, 2006 Board Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Robert Stephenson, in the Board Room at the VUSD Educational Office Complex, 5000 West Cypress Avenue, Visalia. A quorum of the board was present.

ATTENDANCE

	<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Leave</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Rodney Elder	5:30	8:30	
Juan R. Guerrero	5:30	8:30	
Larry Jones	5:30	8:30	
Michael Lane	5:30	8:30	
Donna Martin	5:30	8:30	
Jim L. Qualls	5:30	8:30	
Robert Stephenson	5:30	8:30	
 Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent	 5:30	 8:30	

Staff Members

Mark Fulmer, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services
 Carlyn Lambert, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum/Educational Services
 Cindi Costa, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum/Educational Services
 Pam Ryan, Executive Assistant, Superintendent's Office
 Molly Schengel, Student Representative – Redwood High School

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Stephenson then identified the closed session topics listed below and called for public comment on the closed session items. There was none. The board adjourned to closed session.

- 2.1 RECOMMENDED EXPULSIONS
- 2.2 RECOMMENDED SUSPENDED EXPULSIONS
- 2.3 RECOMMENDED REINSTATEMENTS
- 2.4 RECOMMENDED REVIEWS-CONTINUED EXPULSIONS
- 2.5 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE
- 2.6 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
 - 1. Agency Negotiator: Cindi Costa
 - 2. Employee Organizations
 - 1. VUTA
 - 2. CSEA
 - 3. Management

REGULAR SESSION

The board convened the regular board meeting at 7:00 p.m. President Stephenson announced that no action was taken in closed session. Michael Lane led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC
RECOGNITION/
PROCLAMATIONS/
ACTION**

Introduction/Oath of Dr. Craig Wheaton, Area Administrator 7-12/Adult, administered the Oath of Office to

Office/Installation of Student Representatives to the School Board for 2006-07 School Year

the following new 2006-07 student representatives to the Visalia Unified School District School Board: (Encl. No. 1)
Molly Schengel – Redwood High School
Samuel Bermudez – Golden West High School
Jaime Nance – Mt. Whitney High School
Steven Cook – El Diamante High School

Dr. Wheaton reviewed the role of the student representatives. Each student will serve during four board meetings throughout the year.

Redwood High School Student Recognition: Desirae Olvera-Smith, Visalia Teen Idol

Desirae Olvera-Smith represented Redwood High School and VUSD in the recent regional competition for Visalia Teen Idol. (Encl. No. 2) She was selected from ten finalists. The board recognized her for her outstanding talent and accomplishment. She performed one of her award-winning songs.

Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation – September 5 to October 16, 2006
Motion No. 15

Clerk Donna Martin read the Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation – September 15 to October 15, 2006.
Juan Guerrero moved to approve the Proclamation and Michael Lane seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/
PUBLIC INTEREST
ANNOUNCEMENTS/
STATUS REPORTS/
ACTION**

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Karl Kildow, Visalia Unified Teachers Association (VUTA), requested information on signing bonuses. Mrs. Cindi Costa, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Development, clarified that \$5,000 signing bonuses were offered in the teaching areas of math and science for highly qualified new to VUSD teachers. These two subject areas are difficult to fill.

Summer Facilities Projects Report

Randy Groom, Director of Administrative Services, and Joe Haley, Director of Maintenance, provided a status report on the facilities projects that have occurred throughout the district during the summer. (Encl. No. 4)

Public Comment

Greg Price, Vice President of VUTA and a parent, requested that when the new elementary school construction is being reviewed if upper grade rooms could be larger. Mr. Groom stated that the plans that are used for elementary schools have already been approved by the State. When architects work on a new elementary school design, he will inform them of this request.

Mr. Haley clarified that the HVAC units for Goshen Elementary School were funded by the community group “Save the Children”.

BOARD MEMBER

Molly Schengel, Student Representative to the board representing Redwood High

**REPORTS/
SUPERINTEN-
DENT'S REPORT**

School, gave a brief summary of the activities taking place at the four high schools.

The board members' reports included the following:

- Positive article in the *Fresno Bee* reporting on the Golden West students speaking to store owners/managers at Mary's Vineyard to promote good community relationships
- Attended Cottonwood Creek Back to School Night before the start of school
- Congratulations to principals and staff for getting the school year off to a good start
- Thanked the maintenance and grounds crews for working so hard to make the schools look beautiful
- Attended the Resource Development Committee meeting where agencies are sharing ideas that affect our students
- Board members signed up to attend as many Back to School Nights as possible

Superintendent Carrizosa reported that he attended a special meeting in Fresno addressing the school dropout crisis in California. State Superintendent, Jack O'Connell, was the speaker. There was discussion on how parent programs are having an impact on students improving their attendance. Valley Oak Middle School held a Parent Institute for Quality Education which board members Rodney Elder and Michael Lane attended. Mr. Carrizosa presented each with a plaque of participation and appreciation.

**FOCUS ON
STUDENT
LEARNING**

High School/Middle
School Extended
Year Reports
Motion No. 16

The following administrators reported on the middle and high school Extended Year Programs: Rick Hamilton (El Diamante and Redwood held at El Diamante), Mike Waters and Debbie Dichiera (Golden West and Mt. Whitney held at Golden West), Matt Shin (La Joya and Green Acres at La Joya); and Chris McJunkin and Lou Saephan (Valley Oak and Divisadero held at Valley Oak). (Encl. No. 5) Reports included assessment, enrollment, attendance, ethnic distribution, discipline, retention, promotion and intervention programs.

Jim Qualls moved to approve the High School/Middle School Extended Year Reports and Juan Guerrero seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried

ROUTINE ACTION

Motion No. 17

Jim Qualls moved to approve the Routine Action Items, Encl. No. 6-17. Larry Jones seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

8.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Warrant List - July 21, 2006 through August 4, 2006 (Encl. No. 6)
2. 2006-07 Budget Revision No. 2 (Encl. No. 7)
3. VUSD Cash and Investment Report for the Quarter Ending June 30, 2006 (Encl. No. 8)

4. Approval of Added Authorized Signature for Calendar Year 2006 (Encl. No. 9)
5. Resolution - Joint Powers Agreement for Legal Services from Tulare County Counsel (Encl. No. 10)
6. Food Service Agreement for Stone Corral Elementary School (Encl. No. 11)
7. Transportation Agreement for Stone Corral Elementary School (Encl. No. 12)
8. Non-Award of Bid #4615 - El Diamante High School Swimming Pool Project (Encl. No. 13)
9. Vendor Contracts for Various Maintenance and Service Needs (Encl. No. 14)
10. Visalia Civic Facilities Authority User Contracts (Encl. No. 15)
- 8.2 AREA ADMINISTRATORS, K-6, 7-12/Adult
 1. Student Field Trip Request(s) (Encl. No. 16)
 2. Save the Children Support to Goshen Elementary School (Encl. No. 17)
- 8.3 CURRICULUM/EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
 1. Request to Attend Conference/Workshop (Encl. No. 18)
 2. Supplemental Educational Service Provider Contract (Encl. No. 19)
 3. Innovations in Education Conference MOU with CVCUE (Encl. No. 20)
 4. Resolution and Memorandum of Understanding Regarding the Centralized Eligibility List Project (Encl. No. 21)
 5. Local Agreement for Child Development Services Contract - Expansion (Encl. No. 22)
- 8.4 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
 1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 23)
 2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 24)
 3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 25)
 4. Certification of Temporary Athletic Team Coach List for 2006-07 (Encl. No. 26)
- 8.5 SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE
 1. Minutes of the Board Meeting of August 8, 2006 (Encl. No. 27)

**ADMINISTRATIVE
PANEL RECOM-
MENDATIONS/
ACTION**

**EXPULSIONS
Motion No. 18**

Mike Lane moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Expulsions Case No. 07-02 E, Case No. 07-03 E, Case No. 07-04 E, Case No. 07-05 E and Case No. 07-06 E (Encl. No. 28). Larry Jones seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

**SUSPENDED
EXPULSIONS
Motion No. 19**

Mike Lane moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Suspended Expulsions Case No. Case No. 07-06 SE and Case No. 07-07 SE (Encl. No. 29). Larry Jones seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

REINSTATEMENTS
Motion No. 20

Donna Martin moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Reinstatements Case No. 07-16 R, Case No. 07-17 R, Case No. 07-18 R, Case No. 07-19 R, Case No. 07-20 R, Case No. 07-21 R, Case No. 07-22 R, Case No. 07-23 R and Case No. 07-24 R (Encl. No. 30). Juan Guerrero seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

**REVIEWS-
CONTINUED
EXPULSIONS**
Motion No. 21

Jim Qualls moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Reviews-Continued Expulsions Case No. 07-02 RCE and Case No. 07-03 RCE (Encl. No. 31). Mike Lane seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

GENERAL AGENDA

Notice of Intent to
Employ Certificated
Personnel and
Approval of Variable
Term Waiver Request
Motion No. 22

Mrs. Costa presented the Notice of Intent to Employ Certificated Personnel and Approval of Variable Term Waiver Request for board approval. (Encl. No. 32) She explained that this was a last minute replacement. The teacher has a degree but must pass the CSET exam.

Jim Qualls moved to approve the Waiver and Donna Martin seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Resolution Declaring
Intention to Dedicate
an Easement to the
Southern California
Edison Company
Motion No. 23

Dr. Mark Fulmer, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services, presented the Resolution Declaring Intention to Dedicate an Easement to the Southern California Edison Company for board approval. (Encl. No. 33) The Southern California Edison Company has requested the district grant an easement at Shannon Parkway near Ranch Road. The easement is needed for public utility purposes. The district has received approval from the Visalia Unified School District Property Advisory Committee.

Rod Elder moved to approve the Resolution. Michael Lane seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Public Hearing/
Resolution for
Education Code
60119: Instructional
Materials
Motion No. 24

Scott Smith, Director of Instructional Technology, presented the Resolution for Education Code 60119: Instructional Materials for board adoption. (Encl. No. 34) This Code states that a public hearing must be held at the beginning of each school year to declare a resolution as to whether each student has (or will have by year's end) sufficient textbooks or instructional materials in each core subject area consistent with the state adopted content cycles. Subject areas include math, language arts, history-social science, science grades K-12 and in high school, health, foreign language, and science lab materials. The board agenda was posted in at least three public places (Goshen Elementary School, Divisadero Middle School, El Diamante High School, the Visalia Learning Center, and the Educational Complex) for at least ten days noting the time, place, and purpose of this meeting. Mr. Smith stated that VUSD is in compliance with Education Code 60119.

Public Hearing

Mr. Stephenson recessed the regular board meeting and opened the Public Hearing to discuss the Resolution for Education Code 60119: Instructional Materials. No one came forward from the public for comment or discussion. Mr. Stephenson closed the Public Hearing and reopened the regular board meeting.

Donna Martin moved to approve the Resolution and Rodney Elder seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 12, 2006, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the VUSD Educational Complex located at 5000 West Cypress Avenue, Visalia (unless otherwise posted).

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Martin
Clerk

Stan A. Carrizosa
Superintendent