

Visalia Unified School District

BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

OPENING BUSINESS The meeting of August 7, 2001 was called to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room, VUSD Educational Office Complex, 5000 West Cypress Avenue, Visalia, followed by the determination that a quorum was present.

ATTENDANCE

	<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Leave</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Russ Bassett	5:00	10:35	
Niessen Foster	5:00	10:35	
Larry Jones	5:00	10:35	
Chuck Lindahl	5:10	10:35	
Milt Morrison			X
Robert Stephenson	5:00	10:35	
Rick Wehmueller	5:10	10:35	
Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent	5:00	10:35	
Kern Smith, Student Representative	7:00	10:35	

Staff Members

Mark Fulmer, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services
Carlyn Lambert, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum/Educational Services
Kay Van Anandel, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Development
Elizabeth Parker, Administrative Assistant, Superintendent's Office

CLOSED SESSION

Clerk Stephenson identified the closed session agenda items listed below. He asked if there was public comment on any of the items. There was none. Board members were then taken on a tour of the new Visalia Learning Center, Cruz Bustamante Building. Following the tour, the board convened into closed session.

- A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT OR EMPLOYMENT
 - 1. Chief Financial Officer
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
 - 1. Case name unspecified: Disclosure would jeopardize existing settlement negotiations
- C. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Gov. Code §54957)
 - 1. Agency Negotiator: Kay Van Anandel
Employee Organizations: CSEA
VUTA

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Motion No. 13

The board reconvened in open session at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Stephenson announced that Mr. Morrison was unable to attend tonight's meeting. He then announced that the following action had been taken in tonight's closed session: On a motion by Lindahl and second by Bassett, Mr. Darrel Pyle was appointed the new VUSD Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Stephenson read a brief biography on Mr. Pyle.

Mr. Stephenson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nina Clancy, 2839 Borderlinks, Visalia, spoke regarding the VIP Grant. She said that one of the real purposes of the grant was to address the equality of the high schools when the new high school came online. She said because the VIP is reimbursable funding it is included in the district budget. Mrs. Clancy was interested in what the

amount of reimbursement was to the district this year. She added that "this money was kind of protected money for the high schools" to be used as it is added back into the general fund. Mrs. Lambert responded that Barbara Trigg has put together a VIP report to the state which could be presented to the board at a future meeting if the members so directed.

Dan Leppek reported that Dean Paul Vlazakis, a 2001 Redwood graduate and FFA student, was currently on his way to compete at the national level, one of only four students in the state. Mr. Vlazakis had previously competed in and won the state and regional FFA competitions for his family's vineyards.

Mr. Vartan Kasparian, VUTA president, complimented the board on their choice of Mr. Carrizosa as the new VUSD superintendent.

MINUTES

Motion No. 14

On a motion by Bassett, and second by Wehmueller, the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 26, 2001 (Encl. No. 1) were approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORT/ PUBLIC COMMENT

Visalia Learning Center
- Update

Mr. Scott Smith presented an update on the new Visalia Learning Center, assisted by a PowerPoint presentation (Encl. No. 2). He announced that the grand opening of the center will be August 22, 2001 and invited board members and the audience to the event. Mr. Smith explained how the center's logo was chosen. The center's motto is "Learning in the 21st Century." The center is currently open to the public, students and staff from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mr. Smith said that there are currently 50,000 instructional materials at the VLC. Future plans include an online checkout system for teachers, students and the community. A special effort will be made to align all materials with state standards. The center also houses a professional collection of over 300 materials. There is also a teacher work center with over 400 dyecuts and a few laminators where teachers can design posters for their classrooms to make the students' learning environment more exciting. Mr. Smith said that currently there are three nonlinear editing systems in the center's video production area. Video production classes and a sound studio are planned for the future. The computer training center has over 25 workstations and a hardware infusion program where schools may purchase computers together with training. A state certification program will begin at the center on Monday. Future plans for the computer training center will include application classes in Microsoft Office, along with NWEA and SASI training. There are two conference rooms at the Visalia Learning Center. The larger room seats 60 people or more. There is also an executive conference room. The reading room at the center will host after-school storytelling. Mr. Smith outlined the current staffing at the center. He also said that future plans include having some extended hours at the center. The website address for the learning center is visalia.k12.ca.us/vlc. In conclusion, Mr. Smith reported that approximately 1,000 VLC materials are being circulated each week.

DISCUSSION/ PUBLIC COMMENT

Review Revision to AR
4161.9 - Catastrophic
Leave Program - 1st
Reading

Mr. Carrizosa said that Enclosures No. 3, 4, 5 and 6 were being presented tonight as a first reading. He explained the process the district's Board Policy Committee follows prior to presenting the board revisions. Enclosure No. 3 includes a revision on the regulation dealing with catastrophic leave to change language to include definitions

of those eligible to be cared for during catastrophic leave. It also includes language that aligns with the policy in the Family Medical Leave Act.

Review Revision to AR 5117.1 - Interdistrict Attendance Agreements - First Reading

Enclosure No. 4 clarifies a requirement that the district describe reasons that an interdistrict attendance agreement may be denied.

Review Proposed CSBA Sample of BP 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior - First Reading

A new requirement under Education Code 201 to adopt a policy related to hate-motivated behaviors in schools and procedures for addressing the behavior in a fair and objective way was included in Enclosure No. 5.

Yearly Review of the Second Section of the 6000's - Instruction - First Reading

Enclosure No. 6 was a section of policies under the 6000's relative to students, instruction and instructional services.

Tentative Collective Bargaining Agreement Between VUSD and Classified School Employees Association (CSEA)

Kay Van Anandel presented the tentative agreement between CSEA and VUSD (Encl. No. 7). The tentative agreement will be available for public review for the next two weeks. Copies were also available at tonight's board meeting. There will be a public hearing on this agreement at the August 21, 2001 board meeting. Mrs. Van Anandel summarized some of the major provisions of the agreement. The total compensation to classified employees remains within the 9% parameters set by the board. The official date of ratification will be the date the board approves the agreement.

Professional Governance Standards

Superintendent Carrizosa explained that Enclosure No. 8 was a set of professional governance standards identified by the board and superintendent in a recent workshop held in the district. The roles and responsibilities of the superintendent and board members in being an effective team were the focus of the workshop using research gathered by the California School Boards Association during the past ten years. Tonight's PowerPoint presentation identified the professional governance standards as accepted by the VUSD Board of Education. The intent is to have the board formally adopt the standards at the August 21, 2001 board meeting. The standards will then be used as a model for VUSD as a set of guiding operational principals for board members and administration to work within as they function as a governance team.

**DISCUSSION/
PUBLIC COMMENT/
ACTION**

Review Revisions to Board Policies Upon Recommendations from California School Boards Association's (CSBA) March 2001 Quarterly Update - Second and Final Reading
Motion No. 15

On a motion by Lindahl and second by Wehmueller, the second and final reading of the revisions to board policies as presented at the July 17, 2001 Board meeting (Encl. No. 9) were approved. Ayes: Bassett, Foster, Jones, Lindahl, Stephenson and Wehmueller. Absent: Morrison. Motion carried.

Amended Declaration
of Need for Fully
Qualified Educators
Motion No. 16

On a motion by Jones and second by Bassett, Enclosure No. 10 was approved. Ayes: Bassett, Foster, Jones, Lindahl, Stephenson and Wehmueller. Absent: Morrison. Motion carried.

Proposal for District-
Wide Staff
Development Days
Motion No. 17

Myron Sheklian presented for board action a proposal for district-wide staff development days. Mr. Sheklian reviewed the information as presented at the July 17, 2001 board meeting. By "banking time," or increasing instructional minutes throughout the school year to use for minimum days, students do not lose instructional time. Principals, with input from their staffs, have recognized the need for extended time for staffs to collaborate and thereby learn new techniques, etc. If approved, the proposal will allow elementary schools to have collaboration days as well as middle schools and high schools who have had collaboration days for the past couple of years. Grades 1-6 will have 7 common days with middle schools and high schools; middle and high schools will have 8 collaboration days. Cost to implement the plan will be less than \$100 per site and will be covered by the sites. Mr. Carrizosa said that the focus of the proposed days will be teacher and staff collaboration around specific topics and issues the district faces. It will not supplant traditional staff/faculty meetings. He added that principals will be responsible for ensuring that staff is accountable for collaboration times. On a motion by Wehmueller and second by Foster, the proposal for district-wide staff development days was approved. Ayes: Bassett, Foster, Jones, Lindahl, Stephenson and Wehmueller. Absent: Morrison. Motion carried.

**ROUTINE
ACTION/PUBLIC
COMMENT**

Motion No. 18

Board members pulled Items A1 and E2 for discussion. On a motion by Wehmueller and second by Lindahl, the remaining items were approved as follows:

- A. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
 - 1. Warrant List - July 1 through July 31, 2001 (Encl. No. 12)
- B. AREA ADMINISTRATORS, YRS, 7-12/ADULT
 - 1. Student Trip Request(s) as Listed with Addendum (As needed) (Encl. No. 13)
- C. AREA ADMINISTRATOR, 7-12/ADULT
 - 1. Lease Agreement Between Visalia Adult School and City of Visalia for Classroom Space at Fairview Community Center (Encl. No. 14)
- D. CURRICULUM/EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
 - 1. Contract with Early Mental Health Initiative (Encl. No. 15)
 - 2. Memorandum of Understanding: California State University, Fresno Foundation and National Science Foundation "STEPSS" Project Through Visalia Unified School District (Encl. No. 16)
 - 3. English Language Acquisition Program Application (Encl. No. 17)
 - 4. High School Course Outlines: Food Service and Hospitality and Virtual Enterprise (Encl. No. 18)
- E. HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
 - 1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 19)
 - 2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 20)
 - 3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 21)
 - 4. Student Teacher Agreement Between VUSD and Chapman (Encl. No. 22)

5. Student Teacher Agreement Between VUSD and Fresno Pacific University (Encl. No. 23)

Ayes: Bassett, Foster, Jones, Lindahl, Stephenson and Wehmueller. Absent: Morrison. Motion carried.

Motion No. 19 Mr. Lindahl pulled Item A1 (Encl. No. 12) to point out sod costs for the Mineral King Bowl. He said that this is only one of the costs that the district puts into the Bowl for community and district use. On a motion by Lindahl and second by Jones, the item was approved. Ayes: Bassett, Foster, Jones, Lindahl, Stephenson and Wehmueller. Absent: Morrison. Motion carried.

Motion No. 20 Mr. Bassett pulled Item E2 (Encl. No. 20) and asked Mrs. Van Anandel to explain changes she has made to hiring certificated personnel for the district. Mrs. Van Anandel said that as a commitment to the board and the community, the district is making an all-out effort to hire fully credentialed people when possible. She explained the process followed to hire certificated personnel. On a motion by Bassett and second by Lindahl, Item E2 was approved. Ayes: Bassett, Foster, Jones, Lindahl, Stephenson and Wehmueller. Absent: Morrison. Motion carried.

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Executive Council Meetings Link Crew Student representative, Kern Smith, reported that there were various ASB executive council meetings at Redwood this summer to plan activities for the new school year. Redwood has a "link crew" that provides upperclassmen to assist incoming freshman in becoming comfortable in their new school. This activity begins a week before school starts.

Visit to Mineral King Mt. Whitney Paint Job Mr. Foster reported that he had visited Mineral King School and was highly impressed by teachers there. He also said that he likes the new paint job at Mt. Whitney High School. He said that he has heard many positive comments throughout the community about the new look.

New Agenda Format New Paint at Packwood Mr. Bassett reported that at last Wednesday's Executive Board Meeting, discussion took place regarding reformatting the board meeting agenda. An emphasis will be on highlighting student achievement at each meeting. He also reported that he was pleased to see that Packwood is in the final stages of being repainted; he said it looks great!

Fiscal Policy Meeting Mr. Lindahl reported that he, Mr. Stephenson and Mr. Jones had attended a Fiscal Policy Meeting and had requested that Mr. Carrizosa share with the entire board his ideas for where we are going as a district and how our future is tied to the district budget.

Sierra Vista Mr. Jones commended the diligent efforts made with the restoration project at Sierra Vista.

Partner Recognition Luncheon School-to-Career Mr. Stephenson reported that he had attended the Partner Recognition Luncheon on July 18. The event was in connection with the School-to-Career Program sponsored by the Tulare County Workforce Coalition and the Tulare County Department of Education. He said that a number of individuals were recognized for their contributions to the School-to-Career effort. Board members recognized Mrs. Bea

Soxman, one of the recipients, for her efforts on behalf of our students. On July 19, Mr. Stephenson attended the President's Roundtable with Mr. Carrizosa. This group includes a number of CEO's and managers of industrial operations in the Visalia Industrial Park. He thanked Mr. Carrizosa for a fine presentation to the group where he shared the district's efforts relative to School-to-Career. On July 20, Mr. Stephenson toured El Diamante. He said it is a wonderful high school, with architectural style. He added that it is exciting to keep up with the progress being made at the site. Mr. Stephenson said that on July 26, he, Mr. Jones and Mr. Carrizosa attended a COS luncheon where issues of mutual interest were discussed. Other school districts also attended the luncheon where attendees discussed ways of making the educational experiences of our students more successful. In conclusion, Mr. Stephenson reported that he, along with a number of district staff people, had attended a conference in Fresno last week where they were given an update on the California State Budget for this year.

Mr. Carrizosa shared that Adult School Principal, Caroline Casida, is now home and doing well. Mrs. Casida is recuperating from a recent health issue. Mr. Carrizosa said that he has had an interesting first month in the district. He said that he has had a number of meaningful meetings with different groups throughout the district. He said that he is finding that one of the greatest riches in the district is the talent of the people here. He added that we can do wonderful things if we keep working together.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS/TIMELINE

Florescent green school crossing signs - Lindahl. Dr. Fulmer said that the City had been approached regarding this request and had responded that this type of sign is not permitted in the city. There is currently a pilot program in some cities where the signs are being used. Mr. Carrizosa will ask that this item be placed on the agenda of a future meeting with the City.

CLOSED SESSION CONTINUED

At 8:35 p.m. Mr. Stephenson announced that the board would be reconvening in closed session to discuss Item C1 on the closed session agenda.

OPEN SESSION ADJOURNMENT

At 10:35 p.m. the board reconvened in open session. Mr. Stephenson announced that no action was taken. The meeting was adjourned.

NEXT MEETING

Unless otherwise determined, the next regular Board Meeting will be August 21, 2001 at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the VUSD Educational Complex located at 5000 West Cypress, Visalia.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Stephenson
Clerk

Stan A. Carrizosa
Superintendent/Secretary