

Visalia Unified School District

BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

OPENING BUSINESS

The meeting of August 21, 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> |
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| Russ Bassett | 5:00 | 8:38 | |
| Niessen Foster | 5:00 | 8:38 | |
| Larry Jones | 5:00 | 8:38 | |
| Chuck Lindahl | 5:25 | 8:38 | |
| Milt Morrison | 5:00 | 8:38 | |
| Robert Stephenson | 5:00 | 8:38 | |
| Rick Wehmuller | 5:25 | 8:38 | |

Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent 5:00 8:38

Sean Smith, Student Representative Alt. 7:00 8:38

Staff Members

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

CLOSED SESSION

President Morrison identified the closed session agenda items listed below. He asked if there was public comment on any of the items. As there was none, the board convened into closed session.

- A. STUDENT EXPULSIONS
- B. STUDENT SUSPENDED EXPULSIONS
- C. STUDENT REINSTATEMENTS
- D. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
 1. Initiation of litigation pursuant to Subdivision (c) of Government Code § 54956.9: One potential case
- E. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Gov. Code § 54957)
 1. Agency Negotiator: Kay Van Andel
Employee Organizations: CSEA
VUTA

**RECONVENE IN
OPEN SESSION**

The board reconvened in open session at 7:06 p.m. Mr. Morrison reported that no action had been taken in closed session.

Mr. Jones lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion No. 21

Board member Bassett moved that, due to an emergency situation, a budget revision item for the current year be added to tonight's agenda. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. Ayes: all. Motion carried. The budget revision will be added as Item A12 under Routine Action Items.

**PUBLIC
RECOGNITION/
PUBLIC
COMMENT
NATIONAL
INDOOR AIR
QUALITY TOOLS
FOR SCHOOLS
EXCELLENCE
AWARD**

Dr. Fulmer introduced Mr. Shelly Rosenblum, an engineer and project leader on the indoor air quality environment with the United States Environmental Protection Agency. A PowerPoint presentation was shown by Susan Cox, the district's director of risk management, on the *Tools for School's* Program, a project approved by the board for the district about a year ago (Encl. No. 1). Dr. Fulmer said that the program has contributed to the health and welfare of our staff and students and has improved the learning environments for our students. Mr. Rosenblum commended the board and district staff for the work they have done in recognizing the importance of the health of our students and staff and in implementing the *Tools for School's* Program. He reported that a couple of weeks ago Susan Cox and Dr. Fulmer had been in Washington, DC, to receive the *Tools for Schools Excellence Award* on behalf of VUSD. Mr. Rosenblum then presented President Morrison with the EPA award for 2001.

**PUBLIC
COMMENT**

Redwood Principal, Dan Leppek, reported that the Sierra Vista Campus is absolutely beautiful. Furniture will be placed at the site this week. He added that the renovated site will be a great learning environment for our students. He commended the Board, Dr. Fulmer, the Bond Oversight Advisory Committee, Dr. Fulmer's staff, especially Richard Carlson, Kitchell, and Oral Micham Construction for their efforts.

Kay Van Andel introduced the district's new Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Darrel Pyle. Mr. Pyle's employment with the district was approved at the August 7th Board Meeting.

Board Member Bassett spoke regarding the lengthy and thorough process the district followed in naming El Diamante High School. He suggested that if any reporters were in the audience that they write a story explaining that a process was followed, a decision was made, that the name of the high school will not be changed, and that "we need to move on."

**MINUTES
Motion No. 22**

On a motion by Wehmueller and second by Foster, the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 17, 2001 (Encl. No. 2) were approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING/
ACTION**

Collective Bargaining Agreement Between VUSD and Classified School Employees Association (CSEA) for 2000-2001
Motion No. 23

Kay Van Andel reported that on August 7, 2001, the board received the tentative VUSD and CSEA agreement and disclosure statement for public review (Encl. No. 3). CSEA ratified the tentative agreement on July 21, 2001. She then introduced the negotiating team members present tonight. The session was then opened to a public hearing. CSEA President for VUSD, Robert Rodriguez, thanked the board for their consideration of the packet being presented. He recommended approval of the agreement. As there were no further comments, President Morrison closed the public hearing. On a motion by Wehmuller and second by Jones, the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between VUSD and Classified School Employees Association (CSEA) for 2000-2001 was approved. All ayes. Motion carried.

**STAFF
REPORT/PUBLIC
COMMENT**

Visalia Education Foundation's Annual Report

Mr. Basil Perch, the Visalia Education Foundation President, thanked the teachers, administration and board for their support (Encl. No. 4). He commended the Foundation board members for their hard work and accomplishments. Mr. Perch introduced the Foundation Director, Suzie Myers, who presented the 2000-2001 annual report on the accomplishments of the Foundation and next fiscal year's goals and objectives assisted by a PowerPoint presentation. The Foundation's mission statement is to identify and secure resources to promote educational excellence for our students. The Foundation has 27 board members. Ms. Myers introduced those board members present tonight. Included in tonight's presentation was a list of the gifts received by the Foundation during 2000-2001 totaling \$113,915. The Foundation also raised a total of \$80,932 through fundraising this past year. Ms. Myers concluded tonight's report by reporting the upcoming events planned by the Foundation. She then thanked the board, the superintendent and VUSD staff for their support.

At this point in the meeting, President Morrison acknowledged that Sean Smith, Student Representative Alternate to the board, was present at tonight's meeting. Sean was sitting in for Kern Smith, Student Representative, who was unable to attend the meeting.

**DISCUSSION/
PUBLIC
COMMENT**

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

Enclosure No. 5 was the first reading of the third section of the 6000 series of the board policies regarding student instruction. Mr. Carrizosa explained the procedure used to present policies for board review and action. He then highlighted the portions of the policies presented tonight. This section of the 6000's will be presented for board action at the next scheduled board meeting.

Yearly Review of Board Policies - 7000's - Facilities - First

Mr. Carrizosa explained that the 7000 series of board policies deals with facilities (Encl. No. 6). He said that the first in this series sets the concepts and roles for facility use and development in the district and outlines the board's major responsibilities to provide

Reading healthy, safe and adequate facilities. He said that it also specifies an expectation that the board have a master facilities plan and provides a series of regulations that describe the steps for developing a facilities master plan. Mr. Carrizosa highlighted the various topics related to facilities included in the 7000's under consideration tonight. Mr. Carrizosa reiterated that the policy regarding naming of district facilities approved approximately a year ago and included in the 7000's was "followed to a T" in the naming of El Diamante High School. The Board Policy 7000's will come back to the next board meeting for action.

**DISCUSSION/
PUBLIC
COMMENT/
ACTION**

Review Revision to AR (Encl. No. 7) On a motion by Foster and second by Stephenson, Enclosure Nos. 7, 8, 9 and 10, 4161.9 - Catastrophic being presented to the board as a second and final reading, were approved. Ayes: all. Leave Program - Motion carried. Second and Final Reading Motion No. 24

Review Revision to AR (Encl. No. 8) 5117.1 - Interdistrict Attendance Agreements - Second and Final Reading Motion No.

Review Proposed (Encl. No. 9) CSBA Sample of BP 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior - Second and Final Reading Motion No.

Yearly Review of the (Encl. No. 10) Second Section of the 6000's - Instruction - Second and Final Reading Motion No.

Notice of Intent to Mrs. Van Andel presented Enclosure No. 11, a Notice of Intent to employ an individual Employ Certificated on the basis of a credential waiver. She explained that prior to submitting a Variable Personnel and Term Waiver Request to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, the board must

Approval of Variable
Term Waiver Request
Motion No. 25

approve the Notice of Intent. Tonight's approval will allow an orchestra teacher to be hired who has not yet taken the CBEST. The individual will have one year to complete the credential requirements. Mrs. Van Andel said that this type of waiver is commonly requested by districts when they are trying to fill a unique teaching position where there is a shortage of credentialed candidates. The teacher being recommended for hire is the daughter of Board Member Wehmuller. Miss Wehmuller holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree and a Masters Degree in Music. Mrs. Van Andel explained that because the teacher is an immediate family member of Mr. Wehmuller, the district did due diligence in reviewing the circumstances with County Counsel to ensure the legality of the recommendation. On a motion by Bassett and second by Stephenson, Enclosure No. 11 was approved. Ayes: Bassett, Foster, Jones, Lindahl, Morrison and Stephenson. Abstain: Wehmuller. Motion carried.

Adoption of
Professional
Governance Standards
Motion No. 26

Mr. Carrizosa reported that at the August 7, 2001 board meeting, the board introduced a set of Professional Governance Standards (Encl. No. 12) to our district, its staff and the community. The standards were developed by the California School Boards Association, representing close to 1,000 local school districts and county boards of education. VUSD's Board of Education recognizes the standards as a means of governing responsibly and effectively. Mr. Carrizosa said that the intent of the standards is to enhance public understanding of the critical responsibilities of local school boards and for support of the boards in their efforts. The standards, framed and placed for viewing tonight in front of the dais, were presented tonight for official adoption by the board. Mr. Carrizosa said that it is the Visalia Unified School District Board of Education's intent to formally adopt the standards and consider them a model for public governance in the district. He added that the board and superintendent have also made a commitment to review and rededicate themselves to the standards annually at the board's organizational meeting. The documents will be permanently placed in the board room. On a motion by Lindahl and second by Wehmuller, the Professional Governance Standards were adopted. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**ROUTINE
ACTION/PUBLIC
COMMENT**
Motion No. 27

Prior to considering the Routine Action Items, Superintendent Carrizosa asked Dr. Fulmer to clarify Enclosure No. 14, a Resolution Authorizing Participation in the Central Valley 2001-2002 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note Pool. Dr. Fulmer explained that a Tax Revenue Anticipation Note is a short term borrowing which has to be repaid within the current fiscal year. He said that it is not intended as a borrowing to acquire property or goods. It is a borrowing to facilitate cash flow for those times that the district is awaiting payments from the state. The funds can be borrowed at a very low rate.

Board members pulled items A9 and E4 for discussion. On a motion by Stephenson and second by Lindahl, the remaining items, in addition to Item A12, which was added at the beginning of tonight's agenda, were approved as follows:

A. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Warrant List - August 1 through August 15 , 2001 (Encl. No. 13)
2. Resolution - Authorizing Participation in the Central Valley 2001-2002 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note Pool (Encl. No. 14)
3. Notice of Completion - Demand Circuit Controls at Various Sites - Pacific West Controls, Inc. (Encl. No. 15)
4. Notice of Completion of Installation of Local Area Network at Golden West High School (Encl. No. 16)
5. Change Order #1 - Tennis Court Resurfacing (Redwood & Mt. Whitney) (Encl. No. 17)
6. Change Order #1 - Golden West Local Area Network (Encl. No. 18)
7. Change Order #1A - HVAC Replacement Project - Package "A" Sequoia Construction (Encl. No. 19)
8. Change Order #1B - HVAC Replacement Project - Package "B" George Roofing (Encl. No. 20)
9. Change Order #1C - HVAC Replacement Project - Package "C" Sequoia Construction (Encl. No. 21)
10. Vendor Contracts for Various Maintenance and Service Needs (Encl. No. 22)
11. Approval of Bid 4379 - Cafeteria Paper Products (Encl. No. 23)
12. Budget Revision (Current Year) (Added at meeting)

B. AREA ADMINISTRATOR, K-6 Traditional

1. Memorandum of Understanding Between VUSD and Fresno Pacific University (Encl. No. 24)

C. AREA ADMINISTRATOR, K-6 Year Round

1. SB 1667 (Chapter 1, 2000) Financial Awards - Crestwood and Fairview Elementary Schools (Encl. No. 25)
2. SCICON Week Contract for Sixth Grade (Encl. No. 26)

D. CURRICULUM/EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. High School English Course Outlines: English 2, (Agribusiness Academy, Architecture and Industry Academy) (Encl. No. 27)
2. High School English Course Outlines: Composition & Grammar (P) (AIA) (Encl. No. 28)
3. High School English Course Outlines: American Literature (H), American Literature, British Literature, & British Literature (H) (Encl. No. 29)
4. Agreement Between Visalia Unified School District and Recovery Resources to Provide Athletic Drug Testing, Assessment and Referral Services (Encl. No. 30)

E. HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 31)
2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 32)
3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 33)
4. Certification of Coaches - Fall Sports (Encl. No. 34)
5. Contract for Employer-Employee Relations Council Between VUSD and TCOE for 2001-02 and 2002-03 (Encl. No. 35)
6. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with California State College Bakersfield (CSUB) Visalia Unified School District (VUSD) for the California Reading and Literature Project (CRLP) (Encl. No. 36)
7. Rejection of Liability Claim No. 010065 (Encl. No. 37)
8. Rejection of Liability Claim No. 020001 (Encl. No. 38)
9. Request to Attend Conference/Workshop (Encl. No. 39)

Motion No. 28

Mr. Bassett moved that Item A9 (Encl. No. 21) be tabled until staff had researched what appears to be an inconsistency between this change order and other change orders previously approved by the board. Dr. Fulmer assured the board that his staff will research the change order and will inform the board that it is compliant with the contract already signed with the contractor. Superintendent Carrizosa said that if the board approves the item contingent upon the investigation of this being compliant with the contract in place, we would be able to justify for the board that it was in fact the case. He added that if staff finds that it isn't, the motion would need to be that payment would be contingent upon the outcome of the investigation. The item would then come back to the board with a correction and for board action. Mr. Bassett pulled his original motion and moved that the item be approved subject to verification by staff. Mr. Wehmuller seconded the motion. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Motion No. 29

Mr. Jones explained that he had asked that Item E4 (Encl. No. 34) be pulled as he wanted to recognize Mrs. Van Anandel and her staff for presenting the fall coaches on tonight's agenda, prior to school starting. He did note, however, that Green Acres and La Joya coaches were not included and asked if they would be included on a September agenda. Mrs. Van Anandel responded that "if they want to coach, they will be." On a motion by Jones and second by Wehmuller, Item E4 was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
PANEL RECOM-
MENDATIONS
RECOMMENDED
EXPULSIONS
Motion No. 30**

On a motion by Wehmuller and second by Lindahl, the Administrative Panel Recommendations on Expulsion Case No. 02-06 E (Encl. No. 40) were approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

RECOMMENDED
SUSPENDED
EXPULSIONS
Motion No. 31

On a motion by Lindahl and second by Bassett, the Administrative Panel Recommendations on Suspended Expulsion Case No. 02-01 (Encl. No. 41) were approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

RECOMMENDED
REINSTATEMENTS
Motion No. 32

On a motion by Lindahl and second by Foster, the Administrative Panel Recommendations on Reinstatement Case No. 02-01 R, Case No. 02-02 R, and Case No. 02-03 R were approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**BOARD AND
SUPERINTEN-
DENT'S REPORT**

New Teachers'
Luncheon

Mr. Wehmuller reported that he had attended the new teachers luncheon yesterday and said that it was a great event. He said he got to welcome a lot of new teachers. Following the luncheon, Mr. Wehmuller, Dr. Fulmer and Mrs. Van Anandel visited the Sierra Vista Campus. Mr. Wehmuller said he was amazed at the renovation of the building. He said that he is glad that the board and staff had the foresight to move forward to save the campus. In conclusion, he said that he would like to see a grand reopening of the Sierra Vista Campus in the not too distant future.

Sierra Vista
Restoration

Trip to Sacramento

Mr. Lindahl expressed his regrets at not being able to attend tomorrow's opening of the Visalia Learning Center, Cruz Bustamante Building. He reported that he will be in Sacramento on Friday and that he plans to see a couple of legislators on behalf of education.

New Teachers'
Luncheon
Management Team
Dinner
All Staff Inservice

Mr. Jones reported that he had also attended the new teacher luncheon yesterday and commended the caterer, Jo DeHoog, for the excellent meal. He also attended a management team event that evening at Mr. Weaver's home. He said he appreciated Mrs. Yavasil's performance at the event. Mr. Jones will attend tomorrow's opening of the Visalia Learning Center at 9 a.m. Friday morning Mr. Jones will attend the All Staff District Inservice at the Convention Center.

*Tools for Schools
Award*

Mr. Stephenson agreed with Mr. Jones' comments on yesterday's events. He then congratulated Susan Cox and Dr. Fulmer for the district's receipt of the indoor air quality *Tools for Excellence Award*. He said that he is particularly enthused with how we are empowering our school staffs to be active participants in making this program even more successful for the future. Mr. Stephenson said that in his mail on Friday he received a publication, *Work Illustrated*, which highlights many of the projects our special education students did this summer in the Workability Programs. He said that he was very impressed with the quality of the publication and was especially impressed with the projects the students have accomplished over the past several months. He suggested that the publication be shared more with the community.

Work Illustrated

Mr. Foster said that he echoed the comments of his fellow board members.

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| Welcome Darrel Pyle All Staff Inservice | Mr. Bassett welcomed Mr. Pyle and said that he is looking forward to working with him. He said that he is looking forward to Friday’s event at the Convention Center. Mr. Bassett said that he is looking forward to the school year beginning for traditional schools. |
| ASB at Golden West Freshmen Orientation | Sean Smith reported that the Associated Student Body at Golden West is preparing for a new school year. He said that Golden West classes will be very full. The students are preparing for the Freshmen Orientation and Icebreaker Dance. He thanked Mr. Morrison for introducing him to the board. He said he hopes to attend a board meeting again. |
| Management Dinner Thanks to Clae Nave | Mr. Morrison reported that he had also attended the management dinner last night. He said that it is always exciting for him to spend time with the people who attend this event. He said that the food was “awesome.” On a personal note, Mr. Morrison thanked Clae Nave for agreeing to meet with a young lady he knows who is working on her MA Degree. The young lady has a thesis she needed to test in the classroom relative to the effects of arts education on children learning. He said he was appreciative of Mrs. Nave making the arrangements for the young lady to work in a classroom. |
| Vocational Education Partnership Project STAFF Assessment | Mr. Carrizosa reminded the board that staff is working on our vocational education partnership project and outlined the various steps being taken to develop a product the board will be happy with. He also reported that a lot of news came out this past week regarding the STAR Assessment Program and the state reporting of the SAT9 results. He said that in Mrs. Lambert’s department, under the direction of Karen Rowe, staff is putting together a format for a board report and presentation on the SAT9 scores. A comprehensive report will also come to the board regarding our schools’ API’s and our students’ progress. Mr. Carrizosa said that in that report he expects to be able to share the district’s three step approach to arriving at a point where we will be able to start to engage teachers in the concept of Standards Based Report Cards. Mr. Carrizosa then welcomed Mr. Pyle to the district staff. |
| API Report Standards Based Report Cards Welcome Mr. Pyle | |

ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

NEXT MEETING Unless otherwise determined, the next regular Board Meeting will be September 11, 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