

Visalia Unified School District

Board of Education

MINUTES

OPENING BUSINESS The meeting of March 12, 2002, 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>
Rodney Elder	5:30	9:55	
Niessen Foster	5:30	9:55	
Juan R. Guerrero	5:30	9:55	
Larry Jones	5:30	9:55	
Michael Lane	5:30	9:55	
Jim L. Qualls	5:30	9:55	
Robert Stephenson	5:30	9:55	
Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent	5:30	9:55	
Kern Smith, Student Representative	7:00	9:55	

Staff Members

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

CLOSED SESSION

President Stephenson 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.

1. EXPULSIONS
2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
 1. Agency Negotiator: Kay Van Anel
 2. Employee Organization: VUTA
 Management Team
3. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE/
 REASSIGNMENT
4. LIABILITY CLAIMS
 1. No. 020003

2. No. 020016
3. No. 020030

**RECONVENE IN
OPEN SESSION**

The Board reconvened in open session at 7 p.m. Mr. Stephenson announced that in closed session on a roll call vote of 7-0, the board acted to non-reelect one probationary teacher per Education Code 44929.21. Motion carried.

Mr. Foster lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC
RECOGNITION/
PROCLAMATIONS/
ACTION**

**STUDENT
ACHIEVEMENT
Student Achievement
Awards**

Students receiving Academic Achievement Awards (Encl. No. 1) were: Jeremy Weisenberger (Program for Adults with Disabilities) from Adult School; Jordan Whaley (Agriculture) from Golden West; and Rebecca Williams (Agriculture) from Mt. Whitney. Mr. Leppek also recognized Steven Patterson (Agriculture) from Redwood. Steven was unable to attend tonight’s meeting and will receive his award at the school site.

**STAFF/PARENTS/
COMMUNITY**

**Resolution of Recognition
- Cesar Chavez Day
Motion No. 148**

Clerk, Larry Jones, read a resolution declaring March 31, 2002 “Cesar Chavez Day” (Encl. No. 2). On a motion by Foster and second by Guerrero, the resolution was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried. Mr. Foster thanked his fellow board members for supporting this resolution.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/
PUBLIC INTEREST
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Goshen parent, Pam Russell, thanked the board members and the superintendent for the positive things that have taken place at Goshen Elementary School. She also expressed her concern for the district’s continuing support of the children and teachers at the school.

Two members of Redwood’s Future Business Leaders of America, Lisa Komoto and Sapna Solanki, reported that for this year’s community service project, they are serving on a committee to celebrate Tulare County’s 150th anniversary. To help commemorate this event, a time capsule will be interred on April 13. The capsule will be opened in 2052. A variety of items will be placed in the time capsule, including artifacts from Tulare County museums, County Chambers of Commerce, schools, oldest businesses in existence, interviews with members of the community, books, magazines and currency. Citizens of Tulare County are invited to contribute any personal items they wish to have included in the capsule. To help with the cost of the time capsule and a dinner, Redwood FBLA is selling ad space in the program as well as place mats for the interment ceremony dinner. Tickets may be purchased by contacting Redwood FBLA. Miss Komoto also reported that Redwood had hosted the Central Section Leadership

Conference on February 23 and were awarded the first place championship. Over 55 members attended the conference, and 32 members qualified to compete at the state level.

**BOARD MEMBER
REPORTS/
REQUESTS/
SUPERINTEN-
DENT'S REPORT**

Masters in Governance
Program
WASC Accreditation

Mr. Foster thanked Superintendent Carrizosa for arranging for the board's participation in the Masters in Governance Program which began this past Saturday. Mr. Foster reported that last Wednesday he attended the WASC accreditation visit at the Adult School. He said it was a tremendous experience and that he learned many things. One of the companies the WASC team visited that day was ABLE Industries, and Mr. Foster said he enjoyed a dance performed by one of the students. He added that a common thread of why the Adult School is so successful is Caroline Casida, who has been chosen Adult Education "Administrator of the Year" for Tulare County. He said that the school has a 90% completion ratio as compared to other California schools that may have a 50% completion ratio. He commended Mrs. Casida for the many accomplishments at the Adult School.

Caroline Casida

Mt. Whitney Softball
Tournament

Mr. Elder reported that he had gone out to Plaza Park a couple of weekends ago to watch the Mt. Whitney Softball Tournament. He said that all of our high schools did very well. He said our teams have some excellent pitchers and expects them to do very well in the league this year. Mr. Elder said that he had read most of the WASC reports previously submitted by our principals. He said he thinks our schools are in good shape. He said that the WASC reports reflect a lot of hard work by teachers, administrators, students, and the community. Mr. Elder also commended Caroline Casida. He said that Visalia has "one of the premiere adult educational institutions in the state."

WASC Reports

Caroline Casida

Mt. Whitney's Sadie
Hawkins Dance

Mr. Smith reported that Mt. Whitney's "Sadie Hawkins" Dance will be on Saturday. The theme will be "Sadie Goes to the Sock Hop." Everyone will be wearing poodle skirts, leather jackets, etc. Mr. Smith said that Spring Break is coming up and that everyone is excited, especially seniors. Kern said that college acceptance letters are coming in and some are not coming in, which has left some students "nervous." Redwood had its Performing Arts Assembly a couple of weeks ago. Mr. Smith said that the quality of the students' work was "professional." He also reported that there were band and choir concerts hosted in the LJ Williams Theater throughout the week. He said a lot of the students from our other schools attended the performances.

Spring Break
College Acceptance
Letters
Redwood Performing
Arts Assembly

Masters in Governance

Mr. Jones attended the first of eight meetings scheduled over the next two years sponsored by CSBA for the Masters in Governance Program for board members. The Tulare County Office of Education arranged for the program to be offered in Tulare

County at their site. Mr. Jones said that it was good to meet different board members throughout Tulare County who are also participating in the program.

Judge at Tulare County Science Fair	Mr. Qualls reported that he was asked to be a judge at the Tulare County Science Fair. He said he judged 21 projects and was impressed with the number of schools throughout the county that submitted projects. Following the judging, Mr. Qualls said that a number of teachers for Visalia Unified School District came to see how their students had scored on their projects. He said many of the projects from VUSD were judged among the highest. Last Saturday Mr. Qualls helped weigh in the implements at the Mt. Whitney track meet. He said he has been assisting in this way for the past 16 years. He said he always enjoys helping out. Mr. Qualls also attended the first meeting of the CSBA Masters in Governance Program. He also enjoyed meeting board members who are participating in the program.
Mt. Whitney Track Meet	
Masters in Governance	
ACSA Announces VUSD Winning Administrators	Mr. Lane said that he was pleased to have received the letters from the Association of California School Administrators announcing that Dr. Fulmer, Mrs. Zachary-Kreps, Mrs. Casida and Ms. Sheklian were chosen for recognition for 2001-2002. He said the letters reaffirmed what he already knew, that "this district has a great team of administrators." Mr. Lane also attended the California Teachers Association Board Appreciation Dinner and thanked Marla Reyes, Russ Hansen, Carol Malafa and Pat Twiford for their hospitality. On March 1, Mr. Lane helped celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday with Mrs. Malafa's English class at Mt. Whitney. Mr. Lane spoke about the importance of becoming a good writer by reading the works of good writers. With regard to the two-year Masters in Governance Program being offered in Tulare County, Mr. Lane thanked Mr. Carrizosa and Mr. Vidak for bringing the program here. He said that a school district is a very complex operation and that he is committed to the program because he wants to be "an intelligent board member and make intelligent decisions on behalf of the community." On Sunday, March 10, Mr. Lane met with the WASC Accreditation Team when they visited Mt. Whitney. He again commended Mt. Whitney's administrators in addition to the School Site Council and PTA.
CTA Board Appreciation Dinner	
Dr. Seuss's Birthday	
Masters in Governance Program	
WASC Accreditation Team at Mt. Whitney	
CTA Board Appreciation Dinner	Mr. Guerrero said that he also enjoyed attending the CTA Board Appreciation Dinner. Mr. Guerrero also attended a Board Policy Committee Meeting during the past two weeks and said that he will continue to give his best contribution to the committee. He reported that on March 5, he, Mr. Stephenson and Mr. Carrizosa had an opportunity to meet with Larry Gonzales, Program Officer for CAL Endowment, to explore the grant process. Mr. Guerrero said that one of the most enlightening pleasures he had was a week ago when he spoke at the Academic Awards Night held at the Methodist Church. He said that 375 students were recognized for having above a 3.67 GPA. Mr. Guerrero said that he was "honestly impressed" with the number of students being awarded. He said that he was not only impressed with the amount and quality of the work the students do, but was also impressed with the parents who work with their children. Mr. Guerrero spoke on the community of London, formerly known as the
Board Policy Meeting	
CAL Endowment	
Academic Awards Night Speaker	

“Drug Capital of Tulare County,” and the perseverance that a group of mothers had in that community to clean up the town and “take it back.” He said it was important that our children have short-term goals as well as long-range goals by envisioning what they want their future to be. Mr. Guerrero thanked Mr. Bob Cesena for inviting him to speak to the students.

“Read Across America”

Dr. Seuss Books

California Endowment

ACSA’s Choices of
Outstanding
Administrators
Congratulations to Adult
School Staff

Mr. Stephenson said that during the past few weeks he had an opportunity to read some books in a number of classes for “Read Across America.” On February 28, Mr. Stephenson read one of his favorite Dr. Seuss books, “Hooray for Diffendoofer Day,” to Mrs. Gabbert’s class. He said the kids really “got a kick out of it.” Mr. Stephenson also read another book in Carol Malafa’s freshman English class. He said he also emphasized to the students how important it is to read. Mr. Stephenson also spoke of meeting on the California Endowment. On March 7, at Willow Glen, Mr. Stephenson read to Mrs. Jenkins’ class as well as Mrs. Sbardella’s class. He was again able to read “Hooray for Diffendoofer Day” to the class. Mr. Stephenson extended congratulations to VUSD employees chosen by ACSA as outstanding administrators for 2001-2002. He reported that he is also participating in the Masters in Governance Program. In conclusion, Mr. Stephenson congratulated Caroline Casida and her staff for “such a wonderful job in operating such a wonderful adult school.” He also extended support and affirmed his assurance of positive outcomes for our high schools currently going through the accreditation process.

ACSA Awards

Masters in Governance

WASC Accreditation

Mr. Carrizosa “chided” the board members for “letting the cat out of the bag” on what was planned for the next board meeting to recognize district administrators who have been selected by ACSA as Region 11 Administrators of the Year, in their respective categories. He reported that the administrators will also be honored at the ACSA Institute in June. Mr. Carrizosa thanked the board for their commitment to the CSBA Masters in Governance Program. He said that district administration appreciates the board members’ commitment and willingness to grow to learn and understand the complexities of education. He said that will “help us all function better as a governance team.” Mr. Carrizosa also extended his support and commendation to all of our schools in the middle of the WASC accreditation. He also congratulated the adult school. He reported that staff had the opportunity to meet with the accreditation team at Mt. Whitney. He said it is a “thoughtful and insightful team with a lot of experience which they are bringing to the process.” He said that he agrees that the team has been duly impressed, but also recognizes that their role is to also “point to things we can do even better.” He added that the district is looking forward to the accreditations being done at Sequoia, Golden West and Redwood. He said that the district administration supports and commends the work that the schools are doing through this process.

**FOCUS ON
STUDENT
LEARNING**
Presentation/Public

Comment/Board

Discussion

Review Revision to BP 3400 - Management of District Assets/Accounts and BP 3440 - Inventories - First Reading

Mr. Carrizosa explained that the Board Policy Committee reviews proposed revisions or develop new board policies as laws change or there are updates in regulations and state mandates. The revisions are then presented to the board for its consideration and subsequent action. Mr. Jones, Mr. Guerrero and Mr. Foster serve on this committee. Assistant superintendents are also involved in the committee when policies appropriate to their departments are up for review. Mr. Carrizosa will present the key changes in the policies included in Enclosure Nos. 3 through 10. Mrs. Lambert will present Enclosure No. 11. Public comment on the revisions presented tonight will follow their review. The policies are being presented for a first reading and will be brought back for action at the next board meeting.

With regard to Enclosure No. 3, Mr. Carrizosa said that proposed changes would bring this policy into compliance with the new set of laws and regulations relative to the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). GASB 34 requires school districts to have a policy to set financial unit costs for capital outlay items that will allow districts to better quantify fixed asset inventory.

Review BP 3515.7 - Video Surveillance Equipment on School Campuses - First Reading

Enclosure No. 4 is a new policy in VUSD regarding video surveillance equipment on school campuses. Mr. Carrizosa said that video surveillance is being considered by more school districts not only for protection of school facilities but to provide the best security for students and staff. This policy sets forth guidelines for acquiring, using and monitoring video surveillance equipment on campuses. It restricts the placement of equipment to areas that are considered “public.”

Review of Revision to BP 4040 - Employee Use of Technology - First Reading

Mr. Carrizosa said that Enclosure No. 5 has been an evolving policy for all school districts in the state over the past several years as we have become more technology driven. This board policy specifically sets forth the district’s regulations regarding use of the Internet.

Review Revision to BP 4143.1 - Public Notice - Personnel Negotiations - First Reading

Enclosure No. 6 is a revision to current board policy that brings it into alignment with new law requiring the public be informed on the content of negotiated contract settlements of districts with their employees, but also sets forth what the components of that public disclosure are.

Review Revision to BP 4315 - Management Personnel Evaluation - First Reading

Mr. Carrizosa said that Enclosure No. 7 is a complete “overhaul” of the district’s current policy regarding procedures and processes for the evaluation of certificated and classified management employees. The policy being revised was primarily designed for instructional leadership and school site administrative management, but has now been adapted to also apply some of the same principles to classified management positions. The basic components of the procedures are centered on the fact that employees in these positions are expected to set performance goals that align with their

school and the district. There will be an opportunity for mid-year review and communication with their supervisor. It provides an opportunity for self-assessment against the goals and criteria they set. It also sets forth a final review and communication evaluation by the supervisor.

Review Revision to BP 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments - First Reading

Revisions on Enclosure No. 8 bring the district into alignment with new changes in the law regarding weapons and instruments. It defines what weapons and dangerous instruments are and includes new categories of explosives, fireworks, etc.

Review New BP 6141.2 - Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs - First Reading

Enclosure No. 9 is a new policy to our district. Mr. Carrizosa reviewed the comprehensive process the policy went through in its development. The policy brings the district into alignment with Supreme Court and Attorney General rulings regarding prayer and school activities and overall recognition of religious beliefs and customs in our schools.

Review BP 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities - First Reading

Enclosure No. 10 relates to student eligibility to participate in extra- and co-curricular activities. The policy focuses on upper-grade students. The policy also brings the district's student conduct code up to date in accordance with expectations for eligibility standards. Mr. Carrizosa said that the policy adheres to a higher standard than the minimum requirements for student eligibility. The policy applies not only to athletics, but to all extra- and co-curricular activities.

President Stephenson opened the session to public comment. As there was no comment, he opened discussion by board members. Mr. Smith expressed his concerns regarding the policy on video surveillance. Mr. Carrizosa responded with comments supporting the benefits of using the equipment on our school sites.

Review BP 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements - First Reading

Mrs. Lambert referenced a handout she had provided the board which included revisions to BP 6146.1. She said that in reviewing Enclosure No. 11 included in tonight's agenda packet, it was found that the number of units required for high school graduation needed to be included in BP 6146.1 (a). Mrs. Lambert reported that before the policy is brought back to the board for action, under the English category, Business Communications will be deleted as it is no longer offered. She also said that the English Proficiency Tests are for the Class of 2002-2003 only. As requirements for graduation are adjusted in the policy, it will be brought back for board review and approval. Mrs. Lambert then reviewed an additional change to BP 6146.1 (c) along with a significant change to Academic Grade Level Standings. Mr. Stephenson called for public comment on this item. There was none.

High School Graduation Requirements

Mrs. Lambert commended the work of the High School Graduation Requirements Committee, chaired by Dan Leppek, in developing Enclosure No. 12. Mrs. Lambert said that tonight's report was on the progress to date on graduation requirements. Mr.

Leppek explained the process the committee of 30 members used to determine what students should know and understand before they graduate from high school. The committee is working with Education Code, current Board Policy, CSU and UC systems in developing the requirements. The committee is also discussing how the system will deal with students who do not complete requirements for graduation and where a "Certificate of Completion" may come into the process for these students. As additional work is done by the committee through this next year, reports will be coming to the board and the public. Discussion took place regarding how students who do not pass the High School Exit Exam for graduation, but receive a high school "Certificate of Completion," may be directed if they wish to continue to pursue passing the High School Exit Exam. Mr. Carrizosa concluded discussion of this item by saying that it is important for all of us to keep in mind that the standards and expectations for students are going to be higher and that there will be students who do not earn a diploma and/or any form of certificate unless they achieve the higher level of standard. Mr. Stephenson shared his concern of the affect this may have on the employment market.

District-Wide Goals for 2002-03

Superintendent Carrizosa presented the first reading of the draft of district-wide goal statements for the 2002-2003 school year for the board's consideration (Encl. No. 13). The comprehensive process used to develop the goals has been the topic of discussion for the past several board meetings. Mr. Carrizosa said that clear themes surfaced in gathering the information regarding the future direction for our district. He said that there is an interest in improving systems of communication in the district and for clear and mutual opportunities to participate in decision-making processes. He said there was also a significant interest in quality of teaching and teacher support and in recognizing that staff development is an important investment in the success of the district. He said there was a clear theme throughout the data that called for improving student achievement and school-wide performances relative to today's higher standards. Raising expectations for and mobilizing our system to achieve this for all students in the system was a clear theme throughout the data. School safety and security and the environment around our schools is also of high importance to our community. Enrollment growth and the importance of planning for facilities' development and strengthening district resources by strengthening the district's fiscal foundation were also brought forward through the data gathering. Mr. Carrizosa then reviewed the goals and objectives as set forth in the enclosure. Mr. Carrizosa said that staff has designed a mid-year and end-of-year progress report on the goals. Board members expressed their support of the goals and their appreciation for the work that went into developing them. Mr. Elder said that relative to Goal No. 1, 1.3, it is important that the district financially support the "best practices" as they are identified. Mr. Stephenson suggested that an introductory bullet point be added to the goals which reflected the district's appreciation for the cultural diversity of our students, staff and families and the educational opportunities that diversity offers in enhancing respect and success for all. This item will be brought back for a second reading and action at the next board meeting.

ROUTINE ACTION
Motion No. 149

Board members pulled Enclosure Nos. 15 and 26 for further discussion. On a motion by Jones and second by Lane, the remaining items were approved as follows:

- 8.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
 - 1. 2001-02 Budget Revision No. 08 (Encl. No. 14)
 - 2. Resolution Authorizing Bond Proceeds in the Local Agency Investment Fund (Encl. No. 15)
 - 3. Agreement - Kitchell CEM, Amendment Number 2 (Encl. No. 16)
 - 4. Memorandum of Understanding Between Visalia Unified School District and Tulare County Office of Education (Encl. No. 17)
 - 5. Substitution of Subcontractor on El Diamante High School Project (Encl. No. 18)
 - 6. Substitution of Subcontractor on El Diamante High School Project (Encl. No. 19)
 - 7. Notice of Completion - Modernization - Mt. Whitney and Royal Oaks DSA #103195 (Encl. No. 20)
 - 8. Request to Piggyback for Modular Buildings (Encl. No. 21)
 - 9. Vendor Contracts for Various Maintenance and Service Needs (Encl. No. 22)
- 8.2 AREA ADMINISTRATOR, K-6 Traditional; K-6 YRS; 7-12/Adult
 - 1. Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 23)
- 8.3 AREA ADMINISTRATOR, 7-12/Adult
 - 1. Memorandum of Understanding Employment Connection System of Tulare County (Encl. No. 24)
 - 2. Visalia Adult School Agreements with Clinical Training Sites for Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Students (Encl. No. 25)
- 8.4 CURRICULUM/EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
 - 1. Community-Based Law Enforcement Contract for Charter Alternatives Academy (Encl. No. 26)
 - 2. Technology Staff Development Program (AB 1339, Knox Grant) (Encl. No. 27)
 - 3. High School Course Outlines: American Literature/Advanced Composition (P), American Literature/Advanced Composition Agribusiness Academy (P) and Junior Police Academy (Encl. No. 28)
- 8.5 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
 - 1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 29)
 - 2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 30)
 - 3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 31)
 - 4. Release of Temporary Certificated Employees (Encl. No. 32)
 - 5. Request to Attend Conference/Workshop (Encl. No. 33)
 - 6. Rejection of Claim No. 020003 (Encl. No. 34)
 - 7. Rejection of Claim No. 020016 (Encl. No. 35)
 - 8. Rejection of Claim No. 020030 (Encl. No. 36)

8.6 SUPERINTENDENT

1. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 22, 2002 (Encl. No. 37)
2. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 12, 2002 (Encl. No. 38)

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Motion No. 150

With regard to Enclosure No. 15, Mr. Foster asked Mr. Pyle to clarify the purpose of the local investment fund and how it will help increase the general fund. Mr. Pyle said that the resolution, if approved by the board, would allow our trust agents to open an account on behalf of the district in the State Treasury and invest the proceeds of the district's \$15 million TRAN while waiting for distribution to our bond holders. On a motion by Foster and second by Elder, the resolution was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Motion No. 151

Mr. Guerrero asked if the district is looking at any further agreements similar to Enclosure No. 26, a contract for community-based law enforcement for Charter Alternatives Academy, for any of our county schools, i.e., Ivanhoe, Goshen, and Union for these types of services. Mrs. Lambert responded that a grant proposal for Ivanhoe and Goshen with the sheriff's department for the same purpose had been brought to the board. She said the one presented tonight was a continuation of a contract started with Charter Alternatives. The district will be working with the probation department as well as the sheriff's department in the grant for Ivanhoe and Goshen. The district did not apply for a Safe Schools Grant for Union School, but Mr. Carrizosa stated that the district has a probation department partnership with Ivanhoe, Mineral King and Union Schools for intervention from probation department counselors for early identification of students who have gang environment in their homes. Mr. Guerrero asked if the district is considering any type of relationship with the probation department in our high schools. Mrs. Lambert said that we are looking at the YSO partnership with the city police. Mr. Carrizosa said that the challenge the district faces in partnerships like the one being discussed is that they require a matching fund component. On a motion by Guerrero and second by Lane, Enclosure No. 26 was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

GENERAL AGENDA

Review/Public

Comment/Board

Discussion/ ACTION

Second Period Interim
Financial and Audit
Reports

Motion No. 152

Mr. Darell Pyle presented the Second Period Interim Financial Report as of January 31, 2002 (Encl. No. 39). He said that these inter-period reports in the current fiscal year give us the opportunity to review our budget situation and analyze our financial stability and our ability to maintain our financial obligations for this year and two subsequent years. Mr. Pyle explained the process that staff follows to help maintain and

ensure compliance with federal regulations which helps ensure the district's fiscal stability. The Second Period Interim Financial Report indicated that the district is financially solvent for the current fiscal year as well as the next two subsequent years.

Debra Barrett reported that the audit report included in Enclosure No. 39 deals with the projects worked on during the second interim period. Ms. Barrett said that these are guided by changes in law and direction from the state. She then reviewed the information included in the audit report. Ms. Barrett reported that the School Accountability Report Cards are available on the district's website. Copies will also be provided to our board and school sites as needed. On a motion by Jones and second by Lane, a positive certification of the Second Period Interim Financial Report as of January 31, 2002 was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Visalia Unified School
District Property
Committee Membership
Motion No. 153

Dr. Fulmer explained that current state law requires that the district have a committee in place when considering the sale or leasing of property for more than a 30-day period (Encl. No. 40). Dr. Fulmer recommended that the committee appointed by the board also consider the acquisition of property. As this is a statutory committee, there are required categories of membership which were included in the packet along with recommendations by the Superintendent as to the membership. Board members expressed their approval of the recommendations. Mr. Carrizosa said that the proposed members had all been contacted and had agreed to serve on the committee. On a motion by Stephenson and second by Qualls, the Property Committee membership was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Language Arts Textbook
Adoption
Motion No. 154

Mrs. Jennifer Watson and Mrs. Linda Bastrire shared the presentation on Enclosure No. 41. Mrs. Watson reviewed the information in the enclosure. She explained the process for adopting new English-Language Arts textbooks for Kindergarten - Grade 8. Today school site representatives voted to recommend to the board the adoption of Houghton Mifflin for our elementary school sites and McDougal, Littell for middle school sites. Each grade level will receive not only textbooks, but also various types of materials to support the teaching of spelling, vocabulary, reading and writing for K-8 grades. Mr. Carrizosa commended staff for their efforts in realigning the district's timeline for selection and adoption of textbooks to help Goshen and Houston Schools meet the terms of their corrective action planning. He added that Mrs. Watson and Mrs. Bastrire accomplished "the equivalent of moving heaven and earth to make this happen." On a motion by Qualls and second by Lane, the recommended adoption of Language Arts textbooks was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Agreement with Family
Health Care Network
and Visalia Unified
School District
Motion No. 155

Mr. Carrizosa thanked the representatives from Family Health Care Network for being at tonight's meeting. Mrs. Lucinda Mejdell-Awbrey reported that she, along with Goshen and Houston staff and principals and Harry Foster and Rueben Chavez of Family Health Care Network, were asking for the board's approval of the agreement included in Enclosure No. 42. The agreement was presented for discussion at the February 26, 2002 board meeting. On a motion by Stephenson and second by Foster, the agreement was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Visalia Public Building
Authority
Motion No. 156

Dr. Fulmer reported that for the past 32 years, the district and the City of Visalia have been involved in a Joint Powers Authority. He said that the scope of the authority has evolved during the years. Enclosure No. 43 included a brief summary of the activities

of the VPBA board and some of the changes that the Authority has experienced. Dr. Fulmer said that there is an interest in making modifications to the VPBA; however, currently there is not a full board that has the power to act or make any recommendations. As two members of the district governing board serve on the VPBA, staff's recommendation was to authorize the superintendent to appoint one new member to replace Mr. Bassett, who formerly served on the committee. Mr. Foster also serves on the committee. Mr. Carrizosa asked board members to let him know if they were interested in serving on the committee. If more than one board member is interested, Mr. Carrizosa will work with the board to come to consensus as to who will be appointed to serve. Mr. Lane expressed his interest in serving. Other board members who are interested in serving on the committee were asked to contact Mr. Carrizosa. On a motion by Guerrero and second by Qualls, the board authorized Superintendent Carrizosa to appoint one board member to the VPBA. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Joint Study for Multi-Use
Recreational/Sports
Facility
Motion No. 157

Mr. Carrizosa said this item is being brought to the board as a result of the joint meeting with the City and COS. He presented two recommendations for the board's consideration: to authorize up to \$10,000 of the annual consultant fee budget in the district to use in the joint study process with the City and COS for long-term multi-use sports recreational facility planning and that two board members from our board agree to sit on this joint study committee. Mr. Carrizosa asked that the board authorize him to make the appointment based on soliciting the board's interest in participating. On a motion by Guerrero and second by Qualls, the board authorized up to \$10,000 of the annual consultant fee budget be used for the joint study of a sports facility and also authorized Mr. Carrizosa to make the appointment of a second board member to the committee. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
PANEL
RECOMMENDATIONS**

EXPULSIONS
Motion No. 158

On a motion by Jones and second by Lane, the Administrative Panel Recommendations on Expulsion Case No. Case No. 02-56 E, Case No. 02-57 E, Case No. 02-58 E and Case No. 02-59 E (Encl. No. 45) were approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be March 26, 2002 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the VUSD Educational Complex located at 5000 West Cypress Avenue, Visalia.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Jones
Clerk

Stan A. Carrizosa
Superintendent/Secretary