

**Visalia Unified School District
Board of Education**

MINUTES

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The meeting of April 9, 2002, was called to order at 5:30 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	10:00	
Niessen Foster	5:30	10:00	
Juan R. Guerrero			X
Larry Jones	5:30	10:00	
Michael Lane	5:30	10:00	
Jim L. Qualls	5:35	10:00	
Robert Stephenson	5:30	10:00	
 Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent	 5:30	 10:00	
 Kern Smith, Student Representative	 7:00	 10:00	

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

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.

2.1 IDENTIFY CLOSED SESSION TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

- 1 EXPULSIONS
- 2 REVIEWS-CONTINUED EXPULSIONS
- 3 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
 1. Agency Negotiator: Kay Van Anandel
 2. Employee Organization: VUTA
CSEA
Management Team
- 4 CONSIDERATION OF STUDENT MATTER
 1. Consideration of Parent Request in Accordance with District Uniform Complaint Procedures - BP 1312.3

- 5 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR
 - 1. Agency Negotiator: Dr. Mark Fulmer, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services
 - 2. Under Negotiation: Consideration of the sale of selected district parcels
- 6 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
 - 1. Superintendent

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

At 7 p.m. the board reconvened in open session. President Stephenson announced that Mr. Guerrero was unable to attend tonight’s board meeting due to a hardship deemed acceptable by the board. Mr. Stephenson then lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Stephenson extended the district’s heartfelt thoughts to the families of the students and pilot involved in Saturday’s flying incident. He said, “We must always have hope.” He then called for a moment of silence.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION/ PROCLAMATIONS/ACTION

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
Student Achievement Awards

Students receiving academic achievement awards tonight (Encl. No. 1) were: Maria Saravia (Special Education) and Elizabeth Gutierrez (English) from Golden West; Rosa Sanchez (Special Education) and Erica Hansen (English) from Mt. Whitney; and Kent Monley-Moore (Special Education) and Andrea Blackwell (English) from Redwood.

STAFF/PARENTS/ COMMUNITY

Association of California School Administrator Awards

Superintendent Carrizosa announced that the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA), Region 11, had chosen four VUSD staff members as top administrators in the region (Encl. No. 2). Mr. Stephenson assisted in handing out certificates recognizing the administrators for their outstanding work on behalf of children. Caroline Casida, Principal, was chosen the Adult Education Administrator of the Year; Susan Zachary-Kreps, VUSD Program Specialist, was chosen the Special Education Administrator of the Year; Marguerite Sheklian, Assistant Principal, Crestwood School, was chosen Co-Administrator of the Year; and Mark Fulmer, Assistant Superintendent, was chosen Business Services Administrator of the Year.

Resolution Declaring April 25, 2002, California School Bus Drivers’ Day
Motion No. 165

Clerk, Larry Jones, read a resolution declaring April 25, 2002 California School Bus Drivers’ Day (Encl. No. 3). On a motion by Qualls and a second by Foster, the resolution was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC INTEREST ANNOUNCEMENTS

VISALIANS FOR D.A.R.E. - PATRICK LOZANO

Patrick Lozano, chairman of “Visalians for D.A.R.E.,” gave a brief history of the group. He said that D.A.R.E. is in its 11th year as a capital support function for the Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program that is taught in VUSD. Mr. Lozano said that a couple of

months ago the group received word from the school district and the police department that funding may not be available for D.A.R.E. to continue. He reported that today the group had approved a plan to “step up to the plate this year” because they do not want to see the program “go by the wayside.” He urged the district to consider seeking grants to fund the program in our schools. Mr. Lozano commended Mr. Carrizosa for his openness in meeting with members of D.A.R.E and for his help in developing a plan for funding the program for this year’s “crisis.” Mr. Lozano “challenged” the board to find the funds needed to continue the D.A.R.E. Program in the district so that this issue does not have to be readdressed. Through fundraising events, the “Visalians for D.A.R.E.” have been able to give \$40,000 to the program annually. He said because of some very successful golf tournaments the program has a small reserve this year. Through the combined efforts of Mr. Carrizosa, Mr. Lozano, John Anderson, a D.A.R.E. board member, and Police Chief Barker a plan has been developed. The Visalians for D.A.R.E. will contribute \$60,000, \$20,000 of which will continue to be used for curriculum and ancillaries and the remaining \$40,000 will fund one-half for a D.A.R.E. officer, which the school district has previously supported. The district will fund the other one-half for a D.A.R.E. officer. Mr. Lozano once again asked the board to find the funding to continue the D.A.R.E. Program at our schools. Mr. Carrizosa thanked Mr. Lozano for his approach in working with the district. He also thanked the Visalia Police Department and the Visalians for D.A.R.E. board for their receptiveness to this one-year solution. He said that through the continued efforts of the “Visalians for D.A.R.E.,” the district and the police department, he sees a “better long-term solution in our future.”

**CSEA REVISED
INTERESTS FOR
CLASSIFIED
NEGOTIATIONS**

Mr. Jim Pitkin presented Enclosure No. 4. He said that VUSD and CSEA interests for negotiations for the 2001-2002 school year had been given to the board in February. On March 20, at the first formal negotiations session, CSEA submitted a revised proposal for negotiations. Mr. Pitkin said that negotiations were discontinued at that time so that the board could be presented the new proposal. He reported that the original CSEA contract proposal indicated that the team wanted to negotiate Article 10-Benefits and Article 13 - Salary. The revised proposal eliminates Article 10 from negotiation and focuses on salary. Mr. Pitkin said that VUSD interests continue to be to negotiate a total compensation package that includes salary, benefits and the cost of reclassification.

Robert Rodriguez, CSEA Chapter 83 president, said that Enclosure No. 4 included a single page item that was part of the entire revised proposal. He said that the revision was not done on the “spur of the moment.” He then provided the board with copies of the full package presented for negotiations. In conclusion, Mr. Rodriguez said that he appreciated the district’s and board’s acknowledgment of our school bus drivers.

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

Sacramento Bee
Article

Mr. Lane spoke about an article in the Sacramento Bee entitled “Bigger Classes and Other Schoolhouse Axioms.” He said the article concerned several issues that education is currently facing. Mr. Lane recommended that staff review the article as the district works on the budget.

District/City Council
Meeting

Mr. Qualls attended last night’s District/City Council meeting. He said he was glad to hear that McAuliff will be “going through.” He added that it will relieve a lot of traffic by Golden West.

<p>Kern Smith to Duke University</p> <p>SAT9 Testing</p> <p>Prom at Redwood</p> <p>Prayer Service for Golden West Students and Pilot</p> <p>“Locks for Love”</p> <p>Spring Sports Assembly</p>	<p>In response to an ongoing question as to where he will be attending school in the fall, Kern Smith announced that he would be attending Duke University. He then reported that Golden West held a nation ball tournament this past week during lunch time. SAT9 testing is taking place in our schools. At the high schools, ASB members have been visiting classrooms and impressing upon the students the importance of the tests. May 4 is prom night at Redwood. The theme will be “A Night in the Tropics.” Mr. Smith reported that there was a prayer service for the three Golden West students and the pilot today. He also reported on an event taking place at Redwood called “Locks for Love.” Students who can cut off 10 inches or more of their hair will donate the hair so that wigs can be made for people 18 years and younger who have lost their hair due to disease. The wigs are supplied to these children at no cost. Mr. Smith concluded his report by announcing that Spring Sports Assembly will be this Friday.</p>
<p>EDHS Tour</p> <p>Meeting with City Council</p> <p>D.A.R.E. Program</p>	<p>Mr. Elder reported that he had toured El Diamante High School with Drew Sorensen a couple of weeks ago. He said that “things are coming along.” He thanked Mr. Sorensen for his time. Mr. Elder said that the meeting last night with the City Council was enlightening. He said that there is a willingness on behalf of the district and City Council to work together to fund and complete projects for the district which will benefit the entire community. He said the things that have happened in the past three months have been things that have been talked about for years. With regard to the D.A.R.E. Program, Mr. Elder expressed his support for the program. He said that a solution to continue the program may be that we begin recognizing that no one agency will always be able to fund a program. He said if we can get together and work with other agencies as we have with the City Council, he believes we will be able to come up with funding to continue these types of programs.</p>
<p>Walkway on Houston Avenue</p> <p>Willow Glen Visit</p> <p>Beverly Mast Commended</p> <p>GLAD Program</p>	<p>Mr. Foster echoed Mr. Elder’s comments. He said that the project he is most proud of is the walkway on Houston Avenue. He said that the board and the City Council are responsive and “want to do the right thing.” Mr. Foster visited Willow Glen School today and commended Principal, Clae Nave, for the wonderful atmosphere at the school. He also commended the superintendent for developing and fostering the spirit at our schools. Mr. Foster observed Mrs. Beverly Mast’s Guided Language And Development (GLAD) Program. He said it is a tremendous program and that Mrs. Mast is a tremendous teacher. He then thanked Mrs. Nave for today’s tour and sharing information on the GLAD Program.</p>
<p>Meeting with the City</p> <p>Golden West Visit</p> <p>New Look in Cafeteria</p>	<p>Mr. Jones spoke of last night’s meeting with the City and the collaborative efforts being fostered between the two. He said that the placement of schools in the district is driven by where developers and builders go. Mr. Jones visited Golden West Friday and toured the campus with Mr. Cesena. He said he thinks the baseball diamond is “one of the best in the valley.” He said the coach, Mr. Buckley, does a great job. Mr. Jones said that the new furniture and look of the cafeteria is great and commended the students for the cleanliness of the facility.</p>
<p>Thank you to George Lange</p> <p>SAT9</p> <p>Patty Rohman</p> <p>Congratulated</p> <p>Meetings with City</p>	<p>Mr. Stephenson thanked Mr. George Lange for a copy of the Dr. Seuss book, “Hooray for Diffendoofer Day.” He said that he will be reading the book to a number of classes after the SAT9. Mr. Stephenson congratulated VUSD employee, Patty Rohman, for completing a Masters Program. In conclusion, Mr. Stephenson said that there was a spirit of cooperation at last night’s meeting with the City. He said he is looking forward to the future quarterly meetings.</p>

Thank you to Board
New Times-Delta
Education Reporter

Mr. Carrizosa thanked the board for the support and time they give our schools. He then introduced Shannon Darling, education reporter at Visalia Times-Delta. Mr. Carrizosa said that the district is looking forward to a good working relationship with the newspaper.

**FOCUS ON
STUDENT
LEARNING**
Presentation/Public
Comment/Board
Discussion/ACTION
QUARTERLY
PROGRESS REPORT
FOR GOSHEN AND
HOUSTON
SCHOOLS
SCHOLASTIC
AUDIT

Mr. Bartsch said that included in Enclosure No. 5 were summary reports from the first quarter of the 18-month period that Goshen and Houston Schools have been engaged in a joint intervention agreement with the CDE. Mr. Bartsch and Mr. Frolli highlighted several activities that have taken place during the past few months at Goshen Elementary. In addition, they presented an overview of planned activities for teachers, which include field trips to schools that have been successful in raising student achievement and the preparation of a comprehensive staff development plan, which Mr. Bartsch said will be completed by the end of this school year. The plan will include all of the activities between now and June 2003. Mr. Bartsch also reported on the hiring of additional staff members at Goshen School. Mr. Frolli reported on several programs at the school which will assist in the plan to improve student achievement.

Mr. Sheklian and Mrs. Merkel outlined the progress made at Houston School during the past three months with regard to the 7 findings by the Scholastic Audit Team from the California Department of Education (Encl. No. 5). The next audit team visit will be June 30, 2002. Mr. Sheklian said that when the audit team held their exit meeting in March they indicated that the progress that has been made at Houston School in the first three months of the intervention agreement, have been very impressive.

Mr. Stephenson commented on the valuable information contained in the school accountability report cards that are currently available on the district's website.

CHARTER
ALTERNATIVE
ACADEMY TITLE I
SCHOOL PLAN
FOR 2001-2002
Motion No. 166

Carlyn Lambert introduced Rudy Soleno, lead teacher of Charter Alternative Academy. Mrs. Lambert said that Charter Alternative received Title I funding this year for the first time. To receive the funding, the school had to develop a plan for how the money would be spent. Mr. Soleno reviewed the site spending plan for the \$50,000 in Federal Title I funds Charter Alternative will receive (Encl. No. 6). Mr. Soleno said that he is confident that the plan will benefit the students academically and socially and will also benefit the school's parent community. Mrs. Lambert explained that this is a targeted assistance Title I program and will only be used for Title I students. The site will enter into a school-wide program and will go through a year of development to do a school-wide plan which will be brought to the board next year. On a motion by Elder and second by Foster, the plan for 2001-2002 was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Mr. Jones asked to make a comment prior to staff being excused from the meeting. He congratulated Mr. Leppek for having a potential Olympian at Redwood. AJ Alafa is a national champion boxer. Mr. Jones wished Mr. Alafa the best.

ROUTINE ACTION
Motion No. 167

On a motion by Jones and second by Lane, the following items were approved as follows:

- 8.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
 - 1. Final Draft Preliminary Endangerment Assessment for the New Northwest Elementary and High School (Encl. No. 7)
 - 2. Change Order #11, El Diamante High School Project (Encl. No. 8)
 - 3. Resolution of Intention to Dedicate Right of Way to the City of Visalia - Houston Avenue and McAuliff Road (Encl. No. 9)
 - 4. Resolution of Intention to Dedicate Easement to the City of Visalia - Mooney Boulevard and Houston Avenue (Encl. No. 10)
 - 5. Resolution of Intention to Dedicate Right of Way to the City of Visalia - Mooney Boulevard and Houston Avenue (Encl. No. 11)
 - 6. Notice of Completion - Modernization - Divisadero and Green Acres Middle Schools - DSA #103031 (Encl. No. 12)
 - 7. Notice of Completion - 2001-2002 Portable Building Project (Encl. No. 13)
 - 8. Notice of Completion - Modernization - Sierra Vista and La Joya Schools DSA #103189 (Encl. No. 14)
 - 9. Vendor Contracts for Various Maintenance and Service Needs (Encl. No. 15)
- 8.2 AREA ADMINISTRATOR, K-6 Traditional; K-6 YRS; 7-12/Adult
 - 1. Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 16)
- 8.3 CURRICULUM/EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
 - 1. High School Course Outlines: Integrated Core Physical Education, Algebra 1 (P), Interdisciplinary Acceleration, and Food Service and Hospitality (ROP) (Encl. No. 17)
 - 2. High Priority School Grant Timeline Waiver (Encl. No. 18)
 - 3. Foreign Language Textbook Adoption - Grades 9-12 (Encl. No. 19)
- 8.4 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
 - 1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 20)
 - 2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 21)
 - 3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 22)
 - 4. Request to Attend Conference/Workshop (Encl. No. 23)
 - 5. National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) District Reimbursement Grant for the Candidate Subsidy Program (CSP) (Encl. No. 24)

**ADMINISTRATIVE
PANEL RECOM-
MENDATIONS**

EXPULSIONS
Motion No. 168

On a motion by Lane and second by Qualls, the Administrative Panel Recommendations on Expulsion Case No. 02-64 E, Case No. 02-65 E and Case No. 02-66 E (Encl. No. 25) were approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**REVIEWS-
CONTINUED
EXPULSIONS**

On a motion by Qualls and second by Lane, the Administrative Panel Recommendations on Reviews-Continued Expulsion Case No. 02-12 RCE (Encl. No. 26) were approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Motion No. 169

**CLOSED SESSION
CONTINUED**

At 8:45 p.m. President Stephenson announced that the board would reconvene in closed session to continue discussion on the closed session agenda items.

**OPEN SESSION
ADJOURNMENT**

The board reconvened in open session at 10 p.m. President Stephenson adjourned the meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be April 23, 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