

Board of Education

MINUTES

OPENING BUSINESS

The meeting of April 23, 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	10:15	
Niessen Foster	5:30	10:15	
Juan R. Guerrero	5:30	10:15	
Larry Jones	5:30	10:15	
Michael Lane	5:30	10:15	
Jim L. Qualls	5:35	10:15	
Robert Stephenson	5:30	10:15	
Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent	5:30	10:15	
Kern Smith, Student Representative	7:00	9:00	

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 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. SUSPENDED EXPULSIONS
3. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
 1. Agency Negotiator: Kay Van Andel
 2. Employee Organization: VUTA
CSEA
Management Team
4. 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

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

At 7 p.m. the board reconvened in open session. President Stephenson announced that no action was taken in closed session. Mr. Elder lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr.

Stephenson announced that the board would reconvene in closed session at the end of tonight's open session.

**PUBLIC
RECOGNITION/
PROCLAMA-
TIONS/ACTION
STAFF/PARENTS/
COMMUNITY**

Recognition of Students
from Hurley and Veva
Blunt Elementary
Schools

Julie Berk, principal at Hurley Elementary, recognized two of the nine groups that performed recently at the Tulare County Poetry and Prose and the Peach Blossom Festival at CSU, Fresno (Encl. No. 1). All of the teams received Superior ratings for their performances. Mrs. Berk introduced Mary Catherine Daniel, Kaitlan Hurtzler and Paige Smith, who performed the selection, "Turn Off the TV." The second group, Ryan Kelch, Garrett Fry and Jefferson Paine presented "The Mighty Eye." Mrs. Berk thanked teacher coaches at Hurley and commended Mrs. Jeanne Evans for "running the whole show at Hurley."

Sharon Suits, principal at Veva Blunt, also honored her students who participated in the Peach Blossom Festival. She explained how the Peach Blossom Festival had originated. She said that the purpose of the Festival is to encourage knowledge and an appreciation of good literature through oral interpretation. Mrs. Suits said that the Veva Blunt students who participated also received Superior ratings. She asked parents and special guests of the students to stand for recognition and thanked them for their support. Mrs. Suits explained that a number of students are off track now, but she introduced part of the team attending tonight's meeting--Breanna Palacio, Ray Carillo, Randy Hoppert, Blake Stephens and Nicholas Garcia. "Super Coach," Mrs. Lorie Hodgen, was also introduced.

Proclamation Declaring
May 2002 Asian
Pacific Heritage Month
Motion No. 170

Clerk Jones read a proclamation declaring May 2002 Asian Pacific Heritage Month (Encl. No. 2). On a motion by Lane and second by Foster, the proclamation was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Proclamation Declaring
Teacher Appreciation
Week - May 5-11,
2002
Motion No. 171

Mr. Jones read a proclamation declaring Teacher Appreciation Week and Day of the Teacher (Encl. No. 3). On a motion by Qualls and second by Elder, the proclamation was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Recognition of Food
Services'
Improvements

A short video was shown which included pictures of the newly decorated cafeterias at Golden West and Mt. Whitney, along with a 3½ minute construction/completion video of the Mt. Whitney cafeteria (Encl. No. 4). The board was invited to visit the sites. Mr. White commended Jeri Wheaton, the school principals, and Universal Seatings for a tremendous job. Jeri Wheaton gave the narrative as the video was shown. The two cafeterias were

completed during spring break. Redwood and El Diamante will be completed by August 2002. Mrs. Wheaton thanked Rene Esquivel, Dave Beam, Universal Seating Company, and school principals for the timely completion of the two cafeterias.

Mr. Stephenson thanked Mrs. Wheaton for providing the leadership on the renovations. Mr. Carrizosa also commended Mrs. Wheaton for the “new environment for our students.”

Prior to students and staff being dismissed, Mr. Carrizosa thanked the staff and students from Veva Blunt and Hurley for attending tonight’s meeting. He told the students how important the ability to speak in front of other people is in a successful career as an adult. Mr. Stephenson also thanked the families for supporting their students in these types of endeavors.

**PUBLIC
COMMENT/
PUBLIC INTEREST
ANNOUNCE-
MENTS**

Mr. Stephenson announced that the board had received a request from the Bond Oversight Advisory Committee to speak tonight. He said that the request would be added to tonight’s agenda as Item 5.2 and would follow public comment. As there was no public comment received, Mr. Curt Lewin, representing the Bond Oversight Advisory Committee, addressed the board. He read a prepared statement signed by Mr. Basil Perch, BOAC chairman, unanimously endorsing a recommendation that the board take immediate steps to sell the remaining \$10 million of Measure “G” bonds and to expedite the process to go to bid, award and build a new elementary school in the Northwest quadrant of our community. Mr. Carrizosa and board members were provided a copy of the BOAC position statement. Board member Guerrero said that he has been attending the BOAC meetings and has observed that the committee meetings are well-attended and that items are thoroughly discussed. He added that items that are discussed are pinpointed to the letter in terms of the dollar amounts being spent from the bond as well as state timelines. He said that the BOAC is bringing to the board a well thought out decision and that it should be acted upon as soon as possible. Board members commended the BOAC and district staff for the work they have done. Mr. Mike Lane, another member of the BOAC, affirmed that he strongly supported the committee’s position. Mr. Carrizosa said that the district is fully aware of the need to be positioned early in the process in terms of its eligibility for maximum state funding if a state bond passes in November. Tentatively, a board study session has been called for the first week in May which will be confirmed with the board. At the study session, tonight’s recommendation will be reviewed in detail, along with a full range of planning issues. The administration will then set forth a tentative timeline for the board to take the necessary action to act on tonight’s recommendation. President Stephenson thanked the members of the BOAC for their commitment to the district.

**BOARD MEMBER
REPORTS/
REQUESTS/**

**SUPERINTEN-
DENT'S REPORT**

Moment of Silence

"Friends of Education"

BOAC

COS Fund Raiser
CSF Luncheon

CSF Luncheon

Valley Oak Open
House
BOAC Meeting

Breakfast Rotary

La Joya Library Media
Center

Bus Drivers Day
Mt. Whitney Jazz Band
Green Acres Visit

Phi Delta Kappa
Dinner

Evelyn DeLong

Mr. Guerrero asked that a moment of silence be observed for district students who have passed away in the past few months. He said that he had attended the memorial service for the three Golden West students. The board and audience observed a moment of silence. Mr. Guerrero then reported that he had attended the Phi Delta Kappa "Friends of Education" event on April 16. He said it was a very interesting program. He said the presentation that Mr. Carrizosa made to Laurie Isham on behalf of the school district was "well stated and well deserved." Mr. Guerrero reiterated that he has been attending the BOAC meetings and emphasized that the group puts a lot of effort into their work on the committee. Mr. Guerrero, along with Mr. Stephenson, attended a COS fund-raising event on April 29. He said it was a fun event and added that he was pleased to see the growing relationship between the district, COS and the City of Visalia. In conclusion, Mr. Guerrero reported that he attended the CSF Luncheon and enjoyed seeing our high school students there. He said it was a very nice presentation.

Mr. Lane acknowledged Tim Foster, YMCA CEO, for hosting the CSF Luncheon. He also thanked Marla Reyes and Joe Altschule who serve on the YMCA Board. He said it was an outstanding event to "see the potential of our high school seniors." He said, "It makes you feel good about this generation."

Mr. Qualls reported that he attended Open House at Valley Oak and met a lot of the teachers. He also attended the BOAC meeting and commended the members for the wonderful job they are doing. Mr. Qualls agreed that the district should move in an expedited but informed manner as the committee recommended.

Mr. Jones thanked district principals for the short presentations they have been giving on their schools at the Visalia Breakfast Rotary Club meetings. He suggested that the program be extended to other morning service clubs in the community. Mr. Jones visited La Joya and saw the completion of the library media center remodeling project. He said, "It's a wonderful, wonderful place." Mr. Jones thanked John Farhang for his efforts in collecting funds used in the remodeling project. Mr. Jones attended the CSF Luncheon and pointed out that student representative, Kern Smith, was part of the recognition for students. Today is Bus Drivers Day and Mr. Jones participated in the event held at the bus barn. The Mt. Whitney Jazz Band performed at the event. Mr. Jones drove a bus around the compound. Following this event, Mr. Jones visited Susan Matthew's drama class at Green Acres. He said that this is a "good class to be in."

Mr. Foster also attended the Phi Delta Kappa Dinner. He thanked the organizers of the event. He commended the district's recipient, Laurie Isham, as well as others who were recognized. Mr. Foster reported that one of his postal patrons and former district teacher, Evelyn DeLong, had passed away. Mrs. DeLong had taught for 22 years at Union and Elbow Creek Elementary Schools. She was 92 years old. Mr. Foster extended condolences to the family on behalf of the board.

<p>Redwood FLBA Sesquicentennial Celebration Teaching Staff at Redwood Commended Green Acres Back-to- School Night</p>	<p>Mr. Elder reported that he had attended a lot of the events already reported on by board members. He extended “kudos” to Redwood’s FBLA members and Ms. Doris Lowe for the excellent job of organizing the Tulare County Sesquicentennial Celebration on April 13. Mr. Elder told Principal, Dan Leppek, that several people had approached him within the last couple of weeks regarding the excellent teaching staff at Redwood. He said that a couple of the people said some very nice things about Laurie Menendian. In conclusion, Mr. Elder said that Mr. Tonini had reported to him that Green Acres had one of their best Back-to-School Nights in a long time, “which said a lot for the school and the community outreach at Green Acres.”</p>
<p>Teacher Appreciation Week “Locks for Love”</p>	<p>Student Representative, Kern Smith, reported that Mt. Whitney is getting ready for Teacher Appreciation Week. He said that ASB elections are taking place. Grad Night tickets will be going on sale soon. The “Locks for Love” event took place at Redwood last Friday. Mr. Qualls interjected that the event will be taking place at Golden West next week. In conclusion, Mr. Smith reported that the Golden West and Redwood FBLA students are leaving for a state competition on Thursday. Mr. Stephenson added that Mt. Whitney’s DECA members went to the nationals. He told Mr. Pasquini that he was anxious to see how the students did.</p>
<p>FBLA State Competition Mt. Whitney DECA</p>	
<p>El Diamante Tour</p>	<p>Mr. Stephenson said that he had also attended many of the same events as the other board members. On April 11 he toured El Diamante and said that you “can really appreciate the beauty of the campus from the inside of the buildings.” He said it is going to be an exciting and beautiful high school when it is completed. He extended thanks to district staff for the tour. Mr. Stephenson also extended “kudos” to Laurie Isham for being the district’s recipient at the Phi Delta Kappa Dinner. He also thanked Clae Nave and Linda Barwick for being instrumental in putting on the event. Mr. Stephenson reported that Crowley Elementary School is one of only 13 schools throughout the valley to receive the Bonner Center Award for Character Education and Citizenship, Virtues and Character for 2002. He added “kudos” for Tammy Gonzales and staff for that recognition. Mr. Stephenson thanked Scott Smith for the district’s receipt soon of an “Intel Teacher of the Future” Grant that will allow seven district teachers to become technology master teachers for 2002-2003. The seven will instruct other teachers in the district. Mr. Stephenson thanked Mr. Guerrero for inviting him to the COS fund-raising event. He said that he also had the opportunity to attend the CSF induction ceremony yesterday. He commended the YMCA for doing a wonderful job. He then thanked Terry White for the invitation to participate in the bus driver’s recognition day event.</p>
<p>Phi Delta Kappa Dinner</p>	
<p>Bonner Center Award to Crowley</p>	
<p>“Kudos” to Scott Smith</p>	
<p>COS Fund Raiser</p>	
<p>CSF Induction Ceremony</p>	
<p>Bus Drivers Day Kern Smith</p>	<p>Mr. Carrizosa extended the district’s appreciation to our bus drivers. He thanked the Times-Delta for the article featuring our bus drivers. Mr. Carrizosa explained that one of our television stations was at tonight’s meeting to capture footage of Kern Smith, student representative to the board. The station is featuring outstanding graduating seniors in the valley. Mr. Carrizosa then recognized Mr. Smith who was celebrating his 18th birthday today.</p>
<p>“Happy Birthday”</p>	

**PUBLIC HEARING/
ACTION**

Resolution Authorizing
Dedication of Right of
Way to the City of
Visalia - Mooney
Boulevard and Houston
Avenue
Motion No. 172

President Stephenson opened the Public Hearing on Enclosure No. 5. As there was no public comment, the hearing was closed. On a motion by Qualls and second by Lane, the resolution was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Resolution Authorizing
Dedication of Right of
Way to the City of
Visalia - Houston
Avenue and McAuliff
Road
Motion No. 173

A Public Hearing was then opened on Enclosure No. 6. As there was no public comment, the hearing was closed. On a motion by Elder and second by Foster, the resolution was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Resolution Authorizing
Dedication of Easement
to the City of Visalia -
Mooney Boulevard and
Houston
Motion No. 174

A Public Hearing was also opened on Enclosure No. 7. As there was no public comment, the hearing was closed. On a motion by Guerrero and second by Qualls, the resolution was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

C.S.E.A. Revised
Interests for Classified
Negotiations
Motion No. 175

A Public Hearing was opened on Enclosure No. 8. There was no public comment and the hearing was closed. On a motion by Elder and second by Guerrero, the C.S.E.A. Revised Interests were received by the board. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**FOCUS ON
STUDENT
LEARNING**

Presentation/Public
Comment/Board
Discussion/ACTION
Visalia Unified School
District's Master Plan
for English Learners
Motion No. 176

On a motion by Jones and second by Guerrero, Item 8.1 (Encl. No. 9) was tabled. Ayes: all. Motion carried. Mr. Stephenson announced that the item will be presented at the May 9 board meeting.

Motion No. 177

On a separate motion by Jones and second by Elder, the board added Coordinated Compliance Review to tonight's agenda as Item 8.1. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Mrs. Carlyn Lambert thanked the board for adding this item to tonight's agenda. She asked staff who had worked on the CCR to stand and commended them for their efforts. A PowerPoint presentation was given which included an overview of the process the California Department of Education used to validate the district's Coordinated Compliance Self-Review. The review culminated in a summary of findings as well as general commendations relative to the review. Mrs. Lambert also explained that the law requires that all districts going through a review this year have 30% of their sites visited by a Comité which looks at the schools' English Learner Programs in a specific way. CCR reviews are conducted every four years. Board members commended district staff for their work in this process. Mr. Carrizosa thanked Mrs. Lambert for her leadership.

Local Incentive Award
Nutrition Program
Application
Motion No. 178

Neva Wright presented information regarding a grant for which the district would like to apply (Encl. No. 10). She explained that the California Nutrition Network for Healthy, Active Families, which is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, has been sponsoring local incentive award programs. The goal for the program is to increase the amount of nutrition education and promote physical education activities within the schools and community. If awarded, the grant can be used by schools where at least 50% of their students receive free and reduced lunches. Mrs. Wright said that the district would like to start with fourth through sixth grades, which would include 12 schools in VUSD. The award would provide 50% matching funds for money the district is already spending on nutrition education and physical education promotion. The in-kind budget included in the enclosure indicated district eligible funds of \$88,258, which would allow funding of approximately \$44,129 from this grant. On a motion by Guerrero and second by Foster, the program application was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Assembly Bill 2160 -
Expansion of Collective
Bargaining

Superintendent Carrizosa provided the board with relevant information from the California School Boards Association regarding Assembly Bill 2160 - Expansion of Collective Bargaining (Encl. No. 11). Included in the enclosure was CSBA's official position paper and sample documents for board members to consider. Mr. Carrizosa said that the item was not an action item, but that staff was ready to receive the board's direction regarding this bill. Board members discussed the concerns they have regarding this bill and explained their reasons for opposing it. Following the discussion, President Stephenson recommended that staff develop a resolution in opposition to this legislation and bring it forward for action at the next board meeting. Mr. Carrizosa said that we would use the draft of the CSBA resolution included in this enclosure in drafting a district resolution.

ROUTINE ACTION

Motion No. 179

On a motion by Jones and second by Guerrero, the following Routine Action Items were approved:

8.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Warrant List - April 1 through April 15, 2002 (Encl. No. 12)
2. 2001-02 Budget Revision No. 10 (Encl. No. 13)

3. Authorization to Invest in the SISC Investment Pool (Encl. No. 14)
4. Resolution Setting the Public Hearing for the 2002-03 Proposed Budget (Encl. No. 15)
5. Final Draft Preliminary Endangerment Assessment for the New Southeast Elementary (Encl. No. 16)
6. Resolution - Construction of School Facilities and Applying for State Grant Funding Beyond Eligibility (Encl. No. 17)
7. Application to Purchase from Federal Surplus Property Program (Encl. No. 18)
- 8.2 AREA ADMINISTRATOR, K-6 Traditional; K-6 YRS; 7-12/Adult
 1. Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 19)
- 8.3 AREA ADMINISTRATOR, 7-12/Adult
 1. Community-Based English Tutoring (C-BET) Program Notification of Intent to Participate, Fiscal Year 2002-03 (Encl. No. 20)
 2. Grant Award - Adult Education and Family Literacy Act, Sections 225 and 231 (Encl. No. 21)
- 8.4 CURRICULUM/EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
 1. Nursing Agreement, California State University, Bakersfield (Encl. No. 22)
 2. Migrant Education Summer Service Agreement (Encl. No. 23)
- 8.5 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
 1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 24)
 2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 25)
 3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 26)
 4. Request to Attend Conference/Workshop (Encl. No. 27)
 5. 2002-2003 Year Round and Traditional Certificated Tenure (Encl. No. 28)
- 8.6 SUPERINTENDENT
 1. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 12, 2002 (Encl. No. 29)
 2. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 26, 2002 (Encl. No. 30)

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
PANEL RECOM-
MENDATIONS**

EXPULSIONS
Motion No. 180

On a motion by Lane and second by Foster, the Administrative Panel Recommendations on Expulsion Case No. 02-67 E, Case No. 02-68 E, Case No. 02-69 E and Case No. 02-70 E (Encl. No. 31) were approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**REVIEWS-
CONTINUED
EXPULSIONS**
Motion No. 181

On a motion by Qualls and second by Lane, the Administrative Panel Recommendations on Reviews-Continued Expulsion Case No. 02-10 SE (Encl. No. 32) were approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**RECONVENE IN
CLOSED SESSION**

At 9 p.m. the board reconvened in closed session to continue discussion of the closed session agenda items.

**RECONVENE IN
OPEN SESSION
ADJOURNMENT**

The board reconvened in open session at 10:15 p.m. President Stephenson announced that no action had been taken in the reconvened closed session. The meeting was adjourned.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be May 7, 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