

**Visalia Unified School District
Board of Education**

MINUTES

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The meeting of May 21, 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	10:28	
Niessen Foster	5:30	10:28	
Juan R. Guerrero	5:30	10:28	
Larry Jones	5:30	10:28	
Michael Lane	5:30	10:28	
Jim L. Qualls	5:30	10:28	
Robert Stephenson	5:30	10:28	
 Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent	 5:30	 10:28	
 Kern Smith, Student Representative	 7:00	 9:25	

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.

1. EXPULSIONS
2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
 1. Agency Negotiator: Kay Van Anandel
 2. Employee Organization: VUTA
CSEA
3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
 1. Case No. F-00-6616 OWW/LJO
4. LIABILITY CLAIM
 1. 020043
5. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE
6. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS
 1. Assistant Principals
 - Goshen Elementary
 - Hurley Elementary
 - Ivanhoe Elementary
 - Linwood Elementary
7. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
 1. Superintendent

**RECONVENE IN
OPEN SESSION**

The board reconvened in open session at 7 p.m. Mr. Guerrero lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion No. 197

President Stephenson announced that in tonight’s closed session, on a motion by Foster and second by Guerrero, and a 7-0 vote, John Alvarez was appointed vice principal at Goshen Elementary, Cheryl LaVerne was appointed vice principal at Hurley Elementary, Armando Ayala was appointed vice principal at Ivanhoe Elementary, and Daniel Dismuke was appointed vice principal at Linwood Elementary. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC
RECOGNITION/
PROCLAMA-
TIONS/ACTION
STUDENT
ACHIEVEMENT**

Recognition of Students from Goshen and Ivanhoe Elementary Schools

Marty Frolli, Goshen School principal, introduced students Nicolae Pina, Michael Pereira, Sergio Lopez and Joshua Adame, who participated this spring in the Peach Blossom Oral Interpretation Festival. The students presented their interpretation of Shel Silverstein’s “Ickle Me, Pickle Me, Tickle Me, Too.” Student Joaquin Murillo recited “Standing Alone,” and Kiernyn Braden and Christina Loza presented their interpretation of “My Pony.” Mr. Frolli commended the students for an outstanding job. He then asked Goshen parents and teachers to stand for recognition.

Ivanhoe Principal, Debbie Cardoza, introduced Mrs. Shannon O’Dell, Ivanhoe Reading Resource Teacher, who recognized six students who participated in the Accomplishing Critical Help through Intervention for Students to Excel through a Vision of Excellence (ACHIEVE) program. Students selected for special recognition of their outstanding achievement from the 51 students served this year were in their second year of intervention and were at grade level at the end of this program year. The six students selected were: Solem Martinez, Joseph Hernandez, Hilda Guzman, Edgar Paduilla, and David Gonzales. A letter of support from the family of the sixth student, Kenna Pierce, was read as she was unable to attend tonight’s meeting. Family and homeroom teachers of the students were also asked to stand for recognition. Mrs. O’Dell recognized Instructional Aides, Helen Schmall, Dolores Mason, Betty Green, Lisa Baker, Karen Costa, Diane Lopez and Pat MacDannald for the support they provide students. Mr. Joe Hernandez, Joseph’s father, thanked the board and superintendent for funding the ACHIEVE program and cited successes his son has achieved through his participation. Mrs. Cardoza again recognized Mrs. O’Dell for her dedication, hard work and inspiration.

Alisa Borba, a fourth grade student at Ivanhoe, thanked board member, Larry Jones, for his generous gift of a new microphone for the school.

**STAFF/PARENTS/
COMMUNITY**

Recognition of the STEPSS Master Program Participants

Carlyn Lambert and Lead Math Teacher, Samantha Tate, recognized eleven district teachers who will graduate at the end of this month from CSU, Fresno, with a Master’s Degree in Curriculum and Instruction with an emphasis in Mathematics (Encl. No. 2). The graduates participated in the STEPSS project, a partnership between the district, CSU, Fresno, and Fresno Pacific University. Mrs. Tate also recognized the advisors and professors in the program, Dr. Bolen and Dr. Behran. With the addition of this year’s eleven graduates, a total of eighty district teachers will have earned their Masters Degrees through STEPSS. The following teachers will graduate this May: Claudia Ardon-Diaz, Christina Austin, Tim

Budz, Jessie Davis, Lorena Garcia-Quihuz, Kelly Johnson, Laura Mohs, Barbara Reyes, Jessica Rodriguez, Susan Swarts and Karen Weaver.

Recognition of Mrs. Mary Ann Brensel, former Teacher Valley Oak Middle School and Mr. Ed Torres, Teacher Redwood High School by Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) Regional Office

Mr. Rick Rodriguez introduced Mrs. Pam McGee, the AVID regional director, and Cyndy McDonald, Tulare/Kings County AVID Program director, who were at tonight's meeting to recognize two dedicated AVID teachers, Mary Ann Brensel and Ed Torres.

Valley Oak Principal, Cliff Vasquez, recognized Mrs. Mary Ann Brensel, former teacher at Valley Oak and currently assisting Houston Elementary, for her many contributions to the AVID Program. Mrs. Brensel was given a certificate of appreciation for her dedication, vision and contributions to AVID students and her associates.

Mr. Dan Leppek introduced Mr. Ed Torres, Redwood AVID coordinator and English teacher. Mr. Torres will retire from VUSD this year after 28 years at Redwood. Mr. Leppek recognized Mr. Torres for his focus on students and his ability to "engage students' minds in learning." Mr. Torres was credited with the success of the AVID Program at Redwood for Redwood being named an AVID National Demonstration School. AVID has hired Mr. Torres as a mentor teacher and coach. Mr. Torres was given the Central Valley Region 7 AVID Career Achievement Award.

Recognition of 2001-2002 Student Board Representatives

Student representative alternates to the board, Eric Yergensen from Mt. Whitney and Sean Smith from Golden West, were acknowledged for their leadership qualities and their willingness to serve as alternate representatives to the board for 2001-2002. Mr. Smith was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Kern Smith, Redwood student representative to the board for 2001-2002, was also asked to step forward for recognition. Mr. Rodriguez thanked Mr. Smith for his efforts on behalf of students (Encl. No. 4).

President Stephenson congratulated Kern on his television appearance last Friday night as "one of the valley's finest" students. Mr. Stephenson read a poem that he had written on Kern's behalf. He then presented Kern with a gift from the board members as a token of their appreciation. Kern said that he was touched by Mr. Stephenson's poem. He thanked the board for the time he has spent on the board. He said that this experience has taught him about life and what it takes to be a good leader by the example set by the board.

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

Elizabeth Cochran shared her support for and concerns with regard to a teacher at Veva Blunt. She said that she felt that parents and teachers do not seem to have a voice as to whether he will continue at the school. She asked the board to consider a remedy for the situation.

A number of Veva Blunt students spoke in support of the teacher's continuing employment at the school. A Veva Blunt parent, Darla Rambonga, addressed the board concerning what she believes is a "serious injustice" being done with regard to the teacher.

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

Adult School Multi-Cultural Day
Mt. Whitney Spring
Choir Show

Mr. Stephenson reported that he had attended the Adult School Multi-Cultural Day on May 10. He congratulated all of the students and staff members who received awards of recognition. On May 11, Mr. Stephenson attended the Mt. Whitney spring choir show. He extended "kudos" for an "outstanding job." He said that he has attended many performances

COS Meeting on Four-Year College	throughout the district and that “ we can be proud of the arts.” Mr. Stephenson attended a meeting at COS on May 13 with the President of CSU, Fresno, and community members discussing strategies to bring a four-year college to Visalia. He said that there is a collaborative effort to expand the opportunities at COS to allow more programs and more students to participate at the local level. On May 15, Mr. Stephenson attended a luncheon honoring district employees involved in Special Education. The luncheon was hosted at the annual meeting of the Tulare County Department of Education’s Community Advisory Committee. He congratulated Barry Shein, assessment specialist at Mt. Whitney, Carol Hester, resource specialist at Veva Blunt, and Francie Becker, school psychologist, for receiving awards. Mr. Stephenson called everyone’s attention to a castle in the back of the board room which was handmade by middle school students at East Union School, our district’s day treatment program. The project was a culmination of the students’ core literature unit. He congratulated all of the students for a great job. Mr. Stephenson said that he and several members of the Kiwanis Club had an opportunity to read to students at Houston School last week. Mr. Stephenson’s club made a financial contribution to Houston and Ivanhoe to purchase books. He thanked the staffs for welcoming the club members who came to read to the children. In conclusion, Mr. Stephenson spoke of Mike Huggins, a personal friend of his and a “friend of the community,” who passed away on the weekend. He said that he respected Mr. Huggins for his integrity and loyalty and for his concern for district students. He extended his best to the family.
Luncheon Honoring Special Education	
Student Project on Display	
Kiwanis Club Reads to Students	
Mike Huggins - Friend of the Community	
Goshen Healthy Start Board Study Session	Mr. Guerrero reported that on May 8 he attended the Goshen Healthy Start event. He said it is a wonderful program. He also reported on the board study session held May 9 on facilities and the bond issue. He said that very good information was shared with those in attendance. Mr. Guerrero also attended a strategic planning meeting at COS on May 10 and participated in a group discussion on academic remediation. He said this is an area that the district needs to be involved in as many of our students attend COS. Mrs. Lambert also attended the meeting. Mr. Guerrero attended the Masters in Governance session on “setting direction.” He said that he picks up new information at every session he attends. On May 13, Mr. Guerrero attended the meeting at COS where there was discussion on bringing in a four-year university. He said that he feels we should increase the participation in the Fresno State program at COS. In doing so, Mr. Guerrero believes it will become more evident to the state that a four-year university is needed here. Mr. Guerrero also attended the luncheon on May 15 honoring district Special Education staff. He said it was a wonderful event and recognized staff for the “wonderful work they do.” He also attended a teacher’s meeting that evening and said that it is his wish to speak to our teachers and other employee groups in our district. Mr. Guerrero concluded his report by speaking of his friend, Mike Huggins. He said that he knows where Mr. Huggins’ heart was and feels blessed to have been his friend.
Strategic Planning Meeting at COS	
Masters in Governance	
COS Meeting on Four-Year College	
Special Education Honored	
Mike Huggins	
Poem for Kern Smith	Mr. Lane commended Mr. Stephenson for the poem he wrote for Kern Smith. He also acknowledged Mike Huggins’ life and said that many were touched by his life. He then extended condolences to the Huggins family. He spoke of the short time we have on this earth and the importance of cherishing our time and treating each other with respect. Mr. Lane then reported that he has found the study sessions on facilities and financing strategies to be very helpful and encouraged members of the public and district to attend these study sessions and support the district’s efforts. He then reported that he attended the May 15 Facilities Advisory Committee meeting and was pleased to see a cross-section of the community also in attendance. He also attended the advisory “Forum” where a discussion took place regarding what the public’s perception is about our district’s needs. He said that it is the responsibility of the district to lay out a strategic plan for facilities over the next ten years. Mr. Lane also read to students at Houston School and thanked Principal, Pam Merkel, for the opportunity.
Mike Huggins	
Board Study Sessions	
Facilities Advisory Committee Forum	
Reading to Houston Students	

Mike Huggins	Mr. Qualls shared his words of friendship and sense of loss at Mr. Huggins' death. He extended his condolences to the family. Mr. Qualls also attended the study session on bond financing. He also went to the middle school/high school orchestra concert at the Convention Center. He said it was great listening to the students perform. He added that it was refreshing to see the growing interest in orchestra. Mr. Qualls also met with the teachers and felt it was a very informative evening where the topic of technology was discussed. He also attended a Bond Oversight Advisory Committee meeting and said "those folks are movers and shakers." Mr. Qualls also attended the Healthy Start event at Goshen. In conclusion, he spoke of the Masters in Governance sessions he is attending and said that they are well worth his time.
Orchestra Performance Meeting with Teachers BOAC Goshen Healthy Start Masters in Governance	
Grad Night	
Student Elections Golden West Choir Scholarship Awards	Kern Smith reported that last Friday was Grad Night and students from Mt. Whitney and Redwood went to Disneyland for the night. He said he had a lot of fun. Student elections will be held this week. Kern said that he enjoyed the Golden West choir show last weekend. He then reported that scholarship award nights for the high schools have been taking place during the past two weeks. He congratulated the scholarship recipients. He said that Graduation for Mt. Whitney will be June 5, Golden West will be June 6 and Redwood will be on June 7.
District Graduations	
Student Forum Participation	Mr. Stephenson shared that when the district was holding forums with different groups in the community and district to gather input regarding perceived needs in the district, the student group had shared their wish to have the fall semester end before the holidays. He then thanked staff for already addressing that concern for our students. Mr. Smith said that district students appreciate the openness that has become part of VUSD during the past couple of years.
Condolences to Huggins Family	Mr. Elder extended his condolences to Mr. Huggins' family. He said that Mr. Huggins had a passion for the community and was a man of integrity. He added that Visalia is the poorer for his loss. Mr. Elder reported that he had attended the Healthy Start event at Goshen. He commended Mrs. Montion for the great things that are going on with the program there. He said that Goshen is "very much enriched by people like her and others involved in the program. Mr. Elder also attended Houston's Open House and talked with teachers. He said there is a lot going on and that the teachers are excited about going to a traditional school year. They shared that they were hoping this change would make a difference in the permanence of the staff. Mr. Elder also encouraged the public to attend the board study sessions where very informative topics are discussed. He then congratulated Redwood's softball team and said that he believes this is a team that will "go all the way." Mr. Elder told Kern Smith that it has been a privilege sitting next to him at the board meetings and wished him the best at Duke University.
Goshen Healthy Start	
Open House at Houston Houston to Traditional Year Board Meetings Redwood Softball Well Wishes to Kern	
Visit to Ivanhoe	Mr. Foster reported that he had visited Ivanhoe School. He said that he makes it a point to try and visit one school each week. He has now visited every single school in the district. He commended Principal, Debbie Cardoza, for her leadership at Ivanhoe. On Saturday, Mr. Foster attended Dan Jackson's farewell concert and was amazed at the number of people there. He said that the district is losing a tremendous choir director. Today Mr. Foster spoke at the DARE graduation at Golden Oak Elementary where 116 sixth graders participated in the program. He said that he learned from Principal, Judy Walston, that Golden Oak achieves its API scores despite a 24% mobility rate, the second highest rate in the district. Mr. Foster said that he had attended Open House at Divisadero and visited their library where he learned about the school's accelerated reading program. He said that the students' reading levels have increased tremendously. Mr. Foster shared heartfelt words regarding Mr. Huggins and his concern for the community and school district. Mr. Foster said that he always appreciates when people from the community attend the board meetings
Dan Jackson's Farewell DARE Graduation	
Divisadero Open House	
Mike Huggins	

“Goodbye” to Kern Smith

and address the board with their concerns. In conclusion, Mr. Foster commended Kern Smith for his representation on the board. He said he will miss him very much.

Thank you to Students
Goshen Healthy Start
Board Study Session
Adult School Awards
Visit to Hurley School
CSBA Masters in
Governance
DECA and FBLA
Presentations
Softball Teams
Mike Huggins

Mr. Jones thanked the students who spoke to the board tonight and their parents for allowing them to speak. Mr. Jones attended the Healthy Start event at Goshen and commended Principal Frolli for the good things that are going on at the school. He also participated in the study session on the bond issue, the adult school awards ceremony on May 10, which he said was a pleasure to be a part of, and visited Hurley School and thanked Principal Berk for the tour. Mr. Jones is also participating in the CSBA Masters in Governance Program. He said that DECA and FBLA students presented some of their accomplishments for the year to the Business Advisory Committee meeting held at Redwood. Following that meeting, Mr. Jones attended the Mt. Whitney softball game where they beat Central. He extended good wishes to Redwood for the softball game tomorrow. Mr. Jones spoke fondly of Mike Huggins and said that he was the reason he is serving on the board. He said that Mr. Huggins will be missed. Mr. Jones extended good wishes to Kern Smith and told him he has done a lot of good things this year.

Good Wishes, Kern

Thank you, Board
Green Acres Multi-
Purpose Room

Mr. Carrizosa thanked the board for the activities they are involved in and the support they show our schools. He then announced that ground will be broken for the Green Acres multi-purpose room. A ceremony will commemorate this “historic event.”

ROUTINE ACTION
Motion No. 198

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

- 7.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
 - 1. Warrant List - May 1 through May 15, 2002 (Encl. No. 5)
 - 2. 2001-02 Budget Revision No. 11 (Encl. No. 6)
 - 3. County Treasurer’s Quarterly Investment Report (Encl. No. 7)
 - 4. Vendor Contracts for Various Maintenance and Service Needs (Encl. No. 8)
 - 5. Authorization to Submit J-13A Allowance for Attendance (Encl. No. 9)
 - 6. Bid No. 4398 - Paper, Cut Stock (Encl. No. 10)
 - 7. Approval of Bid 4406 - Printers (Encl. No. 11)
- 7.2 AREA ADMINISTRATOR, 7-12/Adult; ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT, CURRICULUM AND EDUCATION SERVICES
 - 1. Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 12)
- 7.3 AREA ADMINISTRATOR, 7-12/Adult
 - 1. 2002-2003 Designations of California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Representatives to League (Encl. No. 13)
 - 2. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Services for Education and Employment (SEE) and Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Summer School Program at Redwood, Mt. Whitney and Golden West High Schools (Encl. No. 14)
 - 3. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Community Service and Employment Training, Inc. (C-SET) and Sequoia High School (Encl. No. 15)
 - 4. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between Tulare County Office of Education (TCOE) and Visalia Unified School District School-to-Career Transition Vocational Education Program (Encl. No. 16)
- 7.4 CURRICULUM/EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
 - 1. Community Project Services Agreement - College of Sequoias CAL Works/Work Study Programs and Federal College Work Study Program (Encl. No. 17)
 - 2. High School Course Outline: Careers in Education (ROP) (Encl. No. 18)

3. Middle School Course Outlines: English/Language Arts Core 7th Grade and English/Language Arts Core 8th Grade (Encl. No. 19)
 4. Extended Year/Day Summer Program 2002 Calendar (Encl. No. 20)
- 7.5 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 21)
 2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 22)
 3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 23)
 4. Request to Attend Conference/Workshop (Encl. No. 24)
 5. Rejection of Claim No. 020043 (Encl. No. 25)
- 7.6 SUPERINTENDENT
1. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 23, 2002 (Encl. No. 26)
 2. REVISED Board Meeting Dates for the 2002-2003 School Year (Encl. No. 27)

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Mr. Stephenson thanked our traditional as well as year-round staff for everything they are doing for our students.

**GENERAL
AGENDA**

Review / Public Input /
Board Discussion /

ACTION

**NEW ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
CONSTRUCTION**

Dr. Fulmer said that the BOAC has recommended that the governing board consider the development of a new elementary school in Northwest Visalia (Encl. No. 28). He said that there are studies currently going on as to where the greatest need exists. There was a great deal of discussion on this recommendation at the recent board study session on facilities. Dr. Fulmer added that staff is seeking board direction to prepare plans and contracts necessary to move forward. Mr. Carrizosa added that the item is being presented tonight for information. A summary of the research that is currently being done on enrollment and the cross reference with residential development to substantiate the BOAC recommendation for the northwest location and a formal recommendation will be presented to the board on June 11. The enclosure included a timeline of what the district will need to do should we choose to move forward with construction of a new elementary school, regardless of location.

Mr. Lane said that he wanted to confirm that the strategy of making the existing \$10 million worth of bond funds that are still available stretch to build two elementary schools is dependent upon use of developer fees and the passage of a state-wide bond in November. Dr. Fulmer said that the primary strategy is to use bond funds and developer fees that are available to build an elementary school using district resources and then to seek state reimbursement. He said that based on the budget estimates we have, the district would need to have had the state bond passed and to receive that reimbursement before proceeding with the second elementary school. He said that the state has made a commitment to rapidly disburse the proceeds from the November bond sale. Dr. Fulmer added that the board would be assured that there were sufficient resources in hand before any contracts would be issued.

The consensus of the board was to direct staff to proceed as outlined in Enclosure No. 28 and to finalize the research on the analysis of the BOAC's location recommendation and bring it back for board action on June 11.

**APPROVAL OF BID
- FOR PURCHAS-
ING OF WALL**

Dr. Fulmer explained that approval of Enclosure No. 29 would allow the district to purchase Wall Pack HVAC Equipment as a district because of the large volume we would be purchasing in order to get the best price. Subsequent to the purchase of the equipment,

PACK HVAC
EQUIPMENT FOR
VARIOUS SITES

someone would be employed to do the installation. He said that in the past, the district has sought out general contractors to both purchase the equipment and do the installation. Mrs. Errotabere explained the bid process used for this equipment. Because no bids were received, the district will begin seeking other informal pricing tomorrow and will enter into a purchase order agreement. Information on the final outcome on this item will be reported in the superintendent's Friday board update.

ISSUING GENERAL
OBLIGATION
BONDS FOR A
NEW ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL

Dr. Fulmer said that the board and public were given an overview of the issues involved in issuing the final \$10 million in General Obligation bonds at the May 9 board study session. Enclosure No. 30 was a recommendation by the BOAC that the board authorize the sale of the remaining \$10 million. A list of the projects that have been paid out of the previous bond issuances was included in the backup information on this item. The recommendation for the sale of the \$10 million was for a 15-year term model as with the previous bond issuances. Dr. Fulmer said that the average tax rate has been projected to be \$0.0531 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, but with a high of \$0.0702 per \$100 in 2002-03. These would be paid off in the year 2017. Dr. Fulmer said that there is also a recommendation that the district look at a competitive bid sale. Mr. Elder commended Dr. Fulmer for the presentation at the May 9 board study session. He said it was extremely enlightening. Mr. Stephenson also commended staff on the thoroughness of the information shared at the May 9 board study session on facilities and the bond. Staff was directed by the board to prepare the appropriate documents and resolution for the sale of the bonds.

DECLARATION OF
NEED FOR FULLY
QUALIFIED
EDUCATORS
Motion No. 199

Mrs. Van Anandel explained that Enclosure No. 31 was being brought to the board as a precaution for hard-to-fill positions. She said that every effort is made to hire only qualified, fully-credentialed teachers, but that there are hard-to-fill positions where the district has to hire teachers on emergency permits. The board must approve the declaration included in tonight's enclosure which will be filed with the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. The Commission can then issue an emergency permit to a teacher for this district. On a motion by Stephenson and second by Lane, the declaration was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

RECOMMENDED
ELIMINATION OF
CLASSIFIED
POSITIONS
Motion No. 200

Mr. Jim Pitkin presented a resolution regarding the elimination of district classified positions (Encl. No. 32). He then recognized Robert Rodriguez, district CSEA president, for the close and positive working relationship the two share. Mr. Pitkin referred to the Enclosure cover page and noted that one FTE was equal to eight hours. The recommendation as noted on the enclosure was for the elimination of 12.85 FTE's from General Fund Unrestricted and 8.00 FTE's from Restricted Funding. Mr. Pitkin reviewed the support staff positions being eliminated. He also told the board that the district is currently working with CSEA to negotiate the effects of the layoffs. Mr. Carrizosa reminded the board that school site councils set their school's budget priorities and by law the district has to honor their decisions. On a motion by Lane and second by Foster, the resolution was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

REVIEW BP 0520 -
INTERVENTION
FOR UNDER-
PERFORMING
SCHOOLS -
SECOND AND
FINAL READING
Motion No. 201

Mr. Stephenson explained that the series of board policies on tonight's agenda had been thoroughly reviewed at their first reading at the May 7 board meeting. He said that at the May 7 meeting, there was a change to Item 8.7 (Encl. No. 34) which Mr. Carrizosa would address before a vote was taken on Items 8.6 through 8.16.

Mr. Carrizosa explained that Enclosure No. 34 was a mandated policy and regulation that the board must review and adopt in order to have a set of uniform complaint procedures in place so that students, staff and parents have equal opportunities for all state and federally mandated programs. There was discussion relative to AR 1312.3 (d) and the steps for processing complaints as outlined by California School Boards Association. At the May 9 meeting, staff was directed to determine if the 60-day window to respond to the complaint

could be divided into a 45-day period for staff to conduct an investigation of the complaint and then a 15-day period in which the board, if it so chose, could hear the complaint and submit its response rather than the 30-30 split as suggested by CSBA. Mr. Carrizosa explained that the only thing in statute is the 60-day limitation in which a response has to be submitted. Board members agreed that the 45/15 day timeline was the best.

On a motion by Qualls and second by Guerrero, Item 8.6 (Encl. No. 33) through 8.16 (Encl. No. 43) were approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

REVIEW (Encl. No. 34)
MANDATED BP
AND AR 1312.3 -
UNIFORM
COMPLAINT
PROCEDURE -
SECOND AND
FINAL READING
Motion No. 201

REVIEW BP 3460 - (Encl. No. 35)
FINANCIAL
REPORTS AND
ACCOUNTABILITY
- SECOND AND
FINAL READING
Motion No. 201

REVIEW BP 4117.2 - (Encl. No. 36)
RESIGNATION -
SECOND AND
FINAL READING
Motion No. 201

REVIEW BP 4133 - (Encl. No. 37)
TRAVEL EXPENSES
- SECOND AND
FINAL READING
Motion No. 201

REVIEW BP 4158 - (Encl. No. 38)
EMPLOYEE
SECURITY - ALL
PERSONNEL -
SECOND AND
FINAL READING
Motion No. 201

REVIEW BP 5127 - (Encl. No. 39)
GRADUATION
CEREMONIES AND
ACTIVITIES -
SECOND AND
FINAL READING
Motion No. 201

REVIEW BP 5145.6 - (Encl. No. 40)
PARENTAL
NOTIFICATIONS -
SECOND AND
FINAL READING
Motion No. 201

REVIEW BP 6146.11 (Encl. No. 41)
- ALTERNATIVE
CREDITS FOR
GRADUATION -
SECOND AND
FINAL READING
Motion No. 201

REVIEW (Encl. No. 42)
MANDATED BP/AR
6163.4 - STUDENT
USE OF
TECHNOLOGY -
SECOND AND
FINAL READING
Motion No. 201

REVIEW BP 7214 - (Encl. No. 43)
GENERAL
OBLIGATION
BONDS - SECOND
AND FINAL
READING
Motion No. 201

**STATUS
REPORT/PUBLIC
COMMENT**

ATHLETIC
STADIUM
DEVELOPMENT
PROJECT

Dr. Fulmer introduced David Roach, a partner with Teter Consultants, LLP, the architectural firm that was awarded the community stadium project at the May 7, 2002 board meeting (Encl. No. 44). Mr. Roach thanked the board for awarding his firm the project. The project has begun with preliminary investigation and budgeting which when complete, will be presented to the board to assist in developing the final plans for the stadium. A number of sites were considered, but the final recommendation by Teter Consultants will be the Golden West High School site. Mr. Roach presented a number of reasons that this site would be best. Preliminary cost estimates range from \$1.7 million for a 3,000 seat stadium to \$1.9 million for a 4,500 seat stadium. Dr. Fulmer added that Teter was asked to include full restroom facilities in the estimates. Mr. Roach said that the cost estimates also include a ticket booth, concessions, press box, bleachers and lighting in addition to the restrooms. Discussion took place with board members offering suggestions to consider in developing the project. Mr. Carrizosa cautioned the board to not “design ourselves out of the project by making it cost-prohibitive.” Dr. Fulmer asked that board members contact him if they had any further questions regarding this project.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
PANEL RECOM-
MENDATIONS**

EXPULSIONS
Motion No. 202

On a motion by Guerrero and second by Qualls, the Administrative Panel Recommendations on Expulsion Case No. 02-74 E, Case No. 02-75 E and Case No. 02-76 E (Encl. No. 45) were approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**RECONVENE IN
CLOSED SESSION**

At 9:25 p.m. the board reconvened to closed session to complete discussion of the closed session items.

ADJOURNMENT

The board reconvened in open session at 10:28 p.m. President Stephenson announced that no action had been taken in the reconvened closed session and adjourned the meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be June 11, 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