

**Visalia Unified School District  
Board of Education**

**MINUTES**

**OPENING  
BUSINESS**

The meeting of June 25, 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	8:35	
Niessen Foster	5:30	8:35	
Juan R. Guerrero	5:30	8:35	
Larry Jones	5:30	8:35	
Michael Lane	5:30	8:35	
Jim L. Qualls	5:30	8:35	
Robert Stephenson	5:30	8:35	
Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent	5:30	8:35	
Renee Hill, Student Representative	7:00	8:35	

**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. Suspended Expulsions
3. Conference with Labor Negotiator
  1. Agency Negotiator: Kay Van Anandel
  2. Employee Organization: VUTA  
CSEA
4. Public Employee Employment Contract
  1. Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services
  2. Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum/Education Services
  3. Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Development
5. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

**RECONVENE IN  
OPEN SESSION**

The board reconvened in open session at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Stephenson announced that no action was taken in closed session. Mr. Qualls lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC  
RECOGNITION /  
PROCLAMATIONS  
/ ACTION  
STUDENT  
ACHIEVEMENT**

Introduction / Oath of Office / Installation of Student Representative Renee Hill, Mt. Whitney High School, to the School Board for the 2002-2003 School Year

Rick Rodriguez introduced Renee Hill, Mt. Whitney’s student representative to the board for 2001-2002 (Encl. No. 1). Superintendent Carrizosa administered the oath of office to Miss Hill.

**STAFF / PARENTS / COMMUNITY**

Posthumous Recognition - Mr. Michael Huggins

Dr. Fulmer introduced Margaret Huggins, wife of Mike Huggins, who recently passed away. President Stephenson, on behalf of the board and district, presented Mrs. Huggins with a plaque honoring her husband for his dedication and efforts on behalf of the district, its students and the community (Encl. No. 2).

**FOCUS ON STUDENT LEARNING**

Presentation / Public Comment / Board Discussion / **ACTION SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM FUNDS**

Dr. Fulmer reported that the City of Visalia, in cooperation with the district, has applied for a grant for “Safe Routes to School Program Funds.” The grant will provide street improvements and access points to our schools (Encl. No. 3). Dr. Fulmer reviewed the school sites that will benefit from this grant. Cost of the proposed improvements total \$1.4 million. Grant funds will provide 90% of the cost. The City will fund the majority of the remaining 10% cost with help from district parent groups and booster clubs. Dr. Fulmer commended City staff for their time and effort in writing the grant that will benefit our students.

**CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION PART 1**  
Motion No. 210

Craig Wheaton and Don Reardon presented Enclosure No. 4. Mr. Wheaton explained that this application is the first part of the Consolidated Application for categorical funding. The second part of this application will come to the board in November and will be much more specific as to actual dollar amounts for each program. Tonight’s application sets the direction of the district’s state and federal programs by committing to those programs that the district wishes to participate in over the next year. Mr. Wheaton reviewed the backup information provided in Enclosure 4. Mr. Reardon was available to answer questions from the board. On a motion by Qualls and second by Foster, Part 1 of the Consolidated Application was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Mr. Stephenson welcomed Boy Scout Troop No. 340 as it arrived at tonight’s meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC INTEREST ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There was none.

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS / REQUESTS / SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Mt. Whitney Choral Director Presentation at Willow Glen	Mr. Jones reported that he had an opportunity to meet the new Mt. Whitney Choral Director, Brad Hayashi. This morning Mr. Jones “had a great time” at Willow Glen. The first grade students presented Shakespeare’s “A Mid-Summer’s Night Dream,” which the sixth graders directed and staged. He congratulated the students on doing a great job. Mr. Jones announced that he would not be able to attend this Thursday night special board meeting where interdistrict transfers appeals will be considered. He referred to the May 7 board meeting where action was taken to deny all new interdistrict transfer requests K-4th Grade because of overcrowding in our schools. He restated his support of this action.
Comments on Inter-District Transfers	
New Choral Director at Mt. Whitney	Mr. Foster visited Mt. Whitney and also met the new choir director. He said Mr. Hayashi will be a tremendous addition to that staff.
New Student Representative Report	Renee Hill gave a brief report on the activities in which she is involved. She said that not much was going on at school right now.
“Visalia Spirits” Team Commended	Mr. Qualls reported that his daughter is on the “Visalia Spirits” team representing Golden West, Redwood and Mt. Whitney that has been participating in softball tournaments. The girls finished second in the tournament in Fresno two weekends ago and first in Arroyo Grande last weekend. Mr. Qualls said that he is very proud of “our girls.”
Boys and Girls Club Annual Meeting	Mr. Lane attended the Boys and Girls Club annual meeting and commended the club’s board members for their work. He encouraged his fellow board members to visit the club after school to see the wonderful things going on there. Mr. Lane then congratulated the graduates of the Sequoia Leadership Program and their leader, Vicki Stasch, and Graham Mitchell, chairman of the board, for the program this year. He also commended Drew Sorensen and Bob Cesena for being mentors in the leadership program. Mr. Lane also reported that he had attended the Goshen Business Roundtable and thanked Irma Montion and Principal Marti Frolli. He said it was nice to see the Family Healthcare Network’s clinic at Goshen School. Mr. Lane thanked district staff for their presentation on the English Language Learner’s Program at the June 18 special board meeting. In conclusion, Mr. Lane reported that there is a proposal to create a Children’s Museum of the Sequoias, a hands-on interactive museum. He said that he hopes to obtain support from the board and community for this project. The Executive Director of the project is Angelita Huerta-Reyna. Mr. Lane asked anyone interested in helping with this project to contact him.
Sequoia Leadership Program Goshen Business Roundtable Family Healthcare Network’s Clinic English Language Learner’s Program Presentation Children’s Museum of the Sequoias	
English Language Learners Study Session BOAC Meeting WIB Annual Meeting Set for July 10	Mr. Guerrero commended staff that presented the English Language Learners special study session. He said the session answered some of his concerns regarding our English Learners population. Mr. Guerrero reported that he had attended the recent BOAC meeting where some good discussion took place. He then talked about the Workforce Investment Board Annual Meeting set for July 10. Mr. Barlow, a futurist, will be the featured speaker. He will speak on the need to educate our labor force. Mr. Guerrero said that the district is well represented by Bea Soxman on the WIB. He encouraged attendance at this upcoming meeting.
Education Foundation Fundraiser	Mr. Stephenson acknowledged Jahan Farhang, a board member on the Visalia Education Foundation, in the audience and encouraged everyone who has not already purchased tickets for Beach Blanket Babylon set for September 21, to do so. Mr. Stephenson commended his fellow board members for their involvement in district activities in addition to the time they spend serving on the board. In conclusion, Mr. Stephenson announced that on Sunday, July 14, at 12:30 p.m., on the corner of Akers and Caldwell, there will be a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Miracle Baseball Field for children with disabilities. He encouraged everyone to attend.
Commend Fellow Board Members Miracle Baseball Field Groundbreaking Ceremony on July 14	

Summer School in  
Session  
Education Foundation  
Fundraiser

Mr. Carrizosa thanked staff and administrators who are currently involved in summer school. He then reported that when he met with the Visalia Education Foundation Board earlier this week he was pleased to hear that 40% of the Beach Blanket Babylon tickets had already been purchased. He said the event will be the “ social event of the fall” for Visalia. The proceeds will become part of the revenue for the foundation’s projects for the district. It is hoped that the revenue received for this event will be between \$80,000 to \$100,000.

**ROUTINE ACTION**  
Motion No. 211

Board members pulled Item 8.3 2 (Encl. No. 18) and Item 8.3 7 (Encl. No. 23) for separate votes. On a motion by Elder and second by Jones, the remaining items were approved as follows:

- 8.1. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
  - 1. Warrant List - June 1 through June 15, 2002 (Encl. No. 5)
  - 2. 2001-02 Budget Revision No. 12 (Encl. No. 6)
  - 3. Resolution Supporting Adoption of the State Budget by June 30, 2002 (Encl. No. 7)
  - 4. Vendor Contracts for Various Maintenance and Service Needs (Encl. No. 8)
  - 5. Approval of Bid 4419 - Sale of Obsolete Vehicles (Encl. No. 9)
  - 6. Change Order #4, Sierra Vista HVAC Modernization Project (Encl. No. 10)
  - 7. Substitution of Subcontractor on Green Acres/Divisadero Multi-Use Building Project (Encl. No. 11)
  - 8. Substitution of Subcontractor on Green Acres/Divisadero Multi-Use Building Project (Encl. No. 12)
  - 9. Approval of Bid 4421 - Cafeteria Bakery Products (Encl. No. 13)
  - 10. Approval of Bid 4422 - Cafeteria Dairy Products (Encl. No. 14)
  - 11. Approval of Bid 4424 - Irrigation Design & Installation (Encl. No. 15)
- 8.2. AREA ADMINISTRATOR, K-6 Traditional
  - 1. Nell Soto Parent/Teacher Involvement Program Grant Application (Encl. No. 16)
- 8.3. AREA ADMINISTRATORS, 7-12/Adult
  - 1. Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 17)
  - 2. Lease Agreement Between ABLE Industries and Visalia Adult School (Encl. No. 18)
  - 3. Memorandum of Understanding Between Visalia Adult School and Wittman Village Community Center (Encl. No. 19)
  - 4. Visalia Unified School District (VUSD)/Tulare County Organization for Vocational Education (TCOVE) and Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Training Provider Application (Encl. No. 20)
  - 5. Memorandum of Understanding Between Visalia Adult School and Kaweah Delta Health Care District Foundation to Provide Classes at Club 50 for Older Adults (Encl. No. 21)
  - 6. Amendment to Agreement Between Visalia Adult School and Tulare County for Inmate Education to Extend Terms for FY 02-03 (Encl. No. 22)
  - 7. Agreement Between Proteus and Visalia Adult School for Warehousing, Shipping and Receiving Class (Encl. No. 23)
  - 8. Even Start Parent Education (Encl. No. 24)
  - 9. 2002-2003 Agricultural Vocational Education Incentive Grant (Encl. No. 25)

- 8.4 CURRICULUM/EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
  - 1. High Priority School Planning Grant Budget - Ivanhoe Elementary School (Encl. No. 26)
  - 2. Middle School Course Outlines: World History & Geography and United States History and Geography: Growth and Conflict/Honors (Encl. No. 27)
  - 3. High School Course Outline: Agribusiness Issues (Encl. No. 28)
  - 4. State Preschool Child Development Contract (Encl. No. 29)
  - 5. Service Agreement Between TCOE Migrant Education Region VIII and VUSD (Encl. No. 30)
  - 6. Middle School Course Outlines: Pre-Algebra, Algebra, Pre-Algebra 21 and Pre-Algebra 22 (Encl. No. 31)
  - 7. Memorandum of Understanding Between Tulare County Bilingual Teacher Training (Encl. No. 32)
  - 8. Memorandum of Understanding: California State University, Fresno, Foundation and National Science Foundation "STEPSS" Project Through Visalia Unified School District (Encl. No. 33)
  - 9. The American Indian Education Program Grant (Encl. No. 34)
  - 10. Special Friends Contract with Tulare County (Encl. No. 35)
- 8.5 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
  - 1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 36)
  - 2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 37)
  - 3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 38)
  - 4. Request to Attend Conference/Workshop (Encl. No. 39)
- 8.6 SUPERINTENDENT
  - 1. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 21, 2002 (Encl. No. 40)

Motion No. 212                    On a motion by Qualls and second by Lane, Item 8.3 2 was approved. Ayes: Elder, Foster, Guerrero, Jones, Lane, and Qualls. Abstain: Stephenson, as he is an employee of ABLE Industries. Motion carried.

Motion No. 213                    On a motion by Jones and second by Lane, Item 8.3 7 was approved. Ayes: Elder, Foster, Jones, Lane, Qualls and Stephenson. Abstain: Guerrero, as he is an employee of Proteus, Inc.

**ADMINISTRATIVE  
PANEL RECOM-  
MENDATIONS**

**EXPULSIONS**  
Motion No. 214                    On a motion by Lane and second by Guerrero, the Administrative Panel Recommendations on Expulsion Case No. 02-87 E, Case No. 02-88 E, Case No. 02-89 E, Case No. 02-90 E and Case No. 02-91 E (Encl. No. 41) were approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**SUSPENDED  
EXPULSIONS**  
Motion No. 215                    On a motion by Foster and second by Lane, the Administrative Panel Recommendations on Suspended Expulsion Case No. 02-13SE (Encl. No. 42) were approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**GENERAL  
AGENDA**

Review / Public Input /  
Board Discussion /

**ACTION**

STAFF  
COLLABORATION  
DAYS FOR 2002-03  
Motion No. 216

Myron Sheklian presented Enclosure No. 43, a request for the board to approve Staff Collaboration Days for 2002-2003. This item had been presented in detail at the June 11, 2002 Board meeting. On a motion by Stephenson and second by Qualls, the item was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

INTERDISTRICT  
TRANSFER REPORT  
2001-2002  
Motion No. 217

Mr. Ralph Lomeli presented the Interdistrict Transfer Report for 2001-2002 (Encl. No. 44). This report comes to the board annually in June. Mr. Lomeli reviewed information from the summary sheet which indicated that the district had 57 more students transfer out of the district compared to last year. On a motion by Elder and second by Guerrero, the report was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

MT. WHITNEY ALL-  
WEATHER TRACK  
Motion No. 218

Mr. Henry Pasquini presented a report on the current status of fundraising efforts that have been taking place at Mt. Whitney. Approximately nine months ago the board gave its approval for the school to raise donations to support the development of an all-weather track (Encl. No. 45). Mr. Pasquini thanked the board for its approval to raise funds and credited Mr. Jim McDonnell for his outstanding efforts with regard to this project. Mr. McDonnell was unable to attend tonight's meeting as he was presenting the plan to a community group and seeking further support for the project. Mr. Pasquini referred to the future master plan for Mt. Whitney on display and described the plans highlighting the track which was included on the plan. To date, the school has approximately \$70,000 in donated services, goods, cash and pledges. The track will meet the regulations for varsity soccer. Mr. Pasquini thanked Dr. Fulmer and Mr. McDonnell for their efforts on behalf of the all-weather track at Mt. Whitney. Mr. Stephenson congratulated Mr. McDonnell for his passion in putting the track together. He added that he appreciates that the track will be open to the community and emphasized the importance of maintaining the track in a "responsible fashion." On a motion by Stephenson and second by Lane, the board directed the district to review available resources and to identify additional funding resources to complete this project. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

PURCHASE OF  
FIVE NEW CNG  
SCHOOL BUSES  
Motion No. 219

Dr. Fulmer presented Enclosure No. 46. He said that the district continues to face the need to replace older less efficient gas and diesel buses with newer more reliable and cleaner running compressed natural buses. He said that there is also a need to expand our bus fleet to service our students. This year there are additional bus runs for Ivanhoe as well as runs to support El Diamante and several other schools. Dr. Fulmer said that Mr. White has been working on ways to address these needs and is now asking the board to approve a plan to enter into a lease-purchase for five new compressed natural gas buses. This would be done on a piggyback bid with the Waterford Unified School District. A-Z Bus Sales provided the piggyback bid. Mr. White is recommending that the district enter into a five-year lease/purchase plan. Currently \$70,000 is allocated annually for school bus replacement. \$50,000 of this would be used each of the next five years for each bus. This will allow the district to use dollars already budgeted and will also be able to release dollars tied up in bus maintenance to buy new buses. Dr. Fulmer said that each of the five buses that would be replaced costs about \$10,000 more in repair and maintenance than our other buses. In response to a question from the board, Dr. Fulmer said that the district aggressively applies for funds when they are available through the Energy Commission. Dr. Fulmer reiterated that this request is within the current operational budget for transportation and that no additional resources are being requested. On a motion by Jones and second by Guerrero, the board approved the five-year lease/purchase of five new CNG school buses. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

ENTER INTO  
AGREEMENT WITH  
LINDSAY UNIFIED  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dr. Fulmer reported that some months ago staff brought a proposal to the board to look at ways of improving resources available for our students through some entrepreneurial activities. One of the services that the district is able to do exceptionally well is home-to-school transportation. Dr. Fulmer said that our size requires that we maintain a very high

**TO PROVIDE  
HOME-TO-SCHOOL  
TRANSPORTATION  
Motion No. 220**

level of maintenance including a large number of shops, and that we have the capacity to service additional buses. Enclosure No. 47 was a recommendation for approval to enter into an agreement with Lindsay Unified School District to provide home-to-school transportation. This would in turn generate revenues of approximately \$375,000 for our district and would pay all of the costs of providing all of these services to Lindsay Unified. In addition, this would increase the funding for our own maintenance staff and allow us to add mechanics to strengthen our own ability to service our buses. The employees from Lindsay Unified affected by this agreement will be brought into VUSD on a probationary status. The draft of the agreement included in the enclosure had been reviewed by County Counsel. On a motion by Stephenson and second by Foster, the agreement was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**ENTER INTO  
AGREEMENT WITH  
LIBERTY  
ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TO PROVIDE  
HOME-TO-SCHOOL  
TRANSPORTATION  
Motion No. 221**

Dr. Fulmer explained that Enclosure No. 48 was also a recommendation to enter into an agreement with Liberty Elementary School District to provide home-to-school transportation. Annual revenue to VUSD would be \$67,000 at a base with approximately \$10,000 in reserve to build in for future effort. On a motion by Guerrero and second by Elder, the agreement was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS  
AUTHORIZING THE  
SALE OF THE  
REMAINING \$10  
MILLION OF  
MEASURE G  
BONDS**

Mr. Darryl Pyle reported that during the May 21, 2002 board meeting, the board directed staff to prepare documents necessary to initiate the sale of Series C, the remaining \$10 million of Measure G general obligation bonds to allow for the construction of the northwest elementary school (Encl. No. 49). He asked the board to defer action on the resolutions enclosed in this item until the July 16 board meeting as there are some minor modifications that staff would like to make before the documents are finalized. This will not interfere with the construction schedule for the school. Lori Raineri and Kathy Dominico from Government Financial Strategies attended tonight's meeting as well as the special study session on May 9 for the purpose of discussing the sale of the remaining Measure G Bonds. Ms. Raineri said that the remaining bonds will be issued for a 15-year term and will include a competitive bid sale. She explained the process for offering the remaining bonds for sale.

**EMPLOYMENT  
AGREEMENT:  
THREE (3)  
ASSISTANT  
SUPERINTEN-  
DENTS  
Motion No. 222**

Enclosure No. 50 was a recommendation that the board adopt and ratify the employment contracts for the three assistant superintendents. The contracts will be effective for three years, from July 1, 2002, to June 30, 2005. Mr. Carrizosa outlined the key revisions or changes in the contracts. Board members extended their commendations and continued support to the assistant superintendents. On a motion by Lane and second by Guerrero, the agreements were ratified. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**EMPLOYMENT  
AGREEMENT:  
SUPERINTENDENT  
Motion No. 223**

The board has been working for the past few weeks on the employment agreement for the superintendent. Enclosure No. 51 was a recommendation that the agreement, as developed by the board, be approved. Mrs. Van An del highlighted the revisions or changes in the contract. Board members expressed their pleasure in supporting the contract as presented and commended Mr. Carrizosa for his leadership. The length of the contract is for three years, from July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2005. On a motion by Jones and second by Stephenson the employment agreement was ratified. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Stephenson adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be July 16, 2002 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the VUSD Educational Complex located at 5000 West Cypress Avenue, Visalia.

Respectfully submitted,

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Larry Jones  
Clerk

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Stan A. Carrizosa  
Superintendent/Secretary