

**Visalia Unified School District  
Board of Education**

**MINUTES**

**OPENING  
BUSINESS**

The special board meeting of June 27, 2002, was called to order at 6 p.m. in the Board Room, VUSD Educational Office Complex, 5000 West Cypress Avenue, Visalia. Mr. Stephenson lead the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was present.

**ATTENDANCE**

	<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Leave</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Rodney Elder	6:00	7:05	
Niessen Foster	6:00	7:05	
Juan R. Guerrero	6:00	7:05	
Larry Jones			X
Michael Lane	6:00	7:05	
Jim L. Qualls	6:00	7:05	
Robert Stephenson	6:00	7:05	
Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent	6:00	7:05	

**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

**DISCUSSION/  
ACTION**

Interdistrict Transfer  
 Appeals  
 Motion No. 224

Superintendent Carrizosa welcomed parents attending tonight's meeting. He outlined the process that would be used to allow parents to address the board to appeal the district's denial of an interdistrict transfer request for their child/children. He explained the work done by district staff and board members to address the impacted enrollment conditions which currently exist in the district as well as the projected enrollment conditions the district faces next year.

Mr. Carrizosa reviewed the information contained in the packets provided the parents tonight. He explained that on May 7 the board discussed and acted on an item entitled "Standards for Approval of Interdistrict Transfers." Based on information provided at a special study session examining multiple strategies the district would implement next year in order to manage the increasing enrollment conditions in our district, the board approved a standard of denying interdistrict requests in Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2002-2003 school year where our enrollment growth is currently impacted and will continue to be impacted based on projected enrollment growth. Mr. Carrizosa stressed that the first legal responsibility of the district is to serve the students who reside within the legal parameters of the school district. He then highlighted an article prepared by Carol L. Laird, Deputy County Counsel, that referenced Attorney General rulings and a new law that became effective January 1, 2002, which gives districts additional authority to deny transfers of students into their district if they can demonstrate that their enrollment is impacted. A PowerPoint presentation on the enrollment analysis of the district was then shown. This presentation has been shared with the board, the community and district staff over the last several months. Mr. Carrizosa

ensured the parents wishing to appeal the denial of their interdistrict request that staff in their first round of review and denial of the requests were in no way standing in judgment of the parents' validity of their reasons or rationales for the requests.

Parents presented their appeals to the board in addition to any other information they felt would be valuable for the board to consider. Board members took notes as each parent spoke and asked questions if needed of the parents for further clarification. Following the parent appeals, the board discussed the action they had taken at the May 7 board meeting and the reasons for that action. On a motion by Qualls and a second by Lane, the board denied the appeals presented tonight. Ayes: Elder, Foster, Guerrero, Lane, Qualls and Stephenson. Absent: Jones. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

Unless otherwise determined, the next regular Board Meeting will be July 16, 2002, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the VUSD Educational Office Complex located at 5000 West Cypress Avenue, Visalia.

Respectfully submitted,

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Larry C. Jones  
Clerk

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Stan A. Carrizosa  
Superintendent/Secretary