

**Visalia Unified School District  
Board of Education**

**MINUTES**

**OPENING  
BUSINESS**

The meeting of August 13, 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	10:10	
Juan R. Guerrero	5:30	10:10	
Larry Jones	5:30	10:10	
Michael Lane	5:30	10:10	
Jim L. Qualls	5:30	10:10	
Robert Stephenson	5:30	10:10	
Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent	5:30	10:10	
Renee Hill, Student Representative	7:00	10:10	

**Staff Members**

Mark Fulmer, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services  
 Carlyn Lambert, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum/Educational Services  
 Kay Van Anandel, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Development  
 Pam Ryan, Administrative Secretary/Office Manager, Superintendent's Office  
 Karen Kuhn, Executive 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

**RECONVENE IN  
OPEN SESSION**

The board reconvened in open session at 6:15 p.m. Mr. Stephenson announced that no action was taken in closed session.

**STUDY SESSION**

Visalia Community  
Stadium

A public study session was held to provide board members and the community an opportunity to review the preliminary master plan for the new Visalia Community Stadium (Encl. No. 1). The stadium is to be constructed on the northeast corner of the Golden West High School property. A projected construction schedule is set to begin in February 2003, but may be revised. In an effort to receive community and school staff input, district staffs have hosted information meetings that have included the engineers and architects from Teter Consultants, principals, athletic directors, and parent group members from Visalia Unified School District high school campuses. Additional meetings will be held to get input and technical assistance prior to bringing the plan back to the board.

Mr. Stephenson closed the special study session at 7:14 p.m. and opened the regular meeting at 7:20 p.m. Mr. Stephenson lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC  
RECOGNITION /  
PROCLAMATIONS  
/ ACTION  
STUDENT**

**ACHIEVEMENT**  
Redwood High School  
FBLA Student  
Recognition for  
National Competition

Visalia Unified Schoolboard and staff recognized Redwood teacher and FBLA club advisor, Doris Lowe, and students Sapna Solanki, Lisa Komoto, Mindy Yang, Jill Westbrook, Angela Mar, Kern Smith, and Stephen Wilson for earning national recognition at the Future Business Leaders of America National Leadership Conference held in July at Nashville, Tennessee (Encl. No. 2). The Redwood chapter placed first overall at the Central Section level, third overall at the state level, and placed impressively in several competitions at the national level.

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

There was none.

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

Board members commented on attending a "Back-to-School Night" at Willow Glen School, congratulated students and staff that recently completed summer school, and spoke encouragingly to those that will soon begin another school year. Congratulations and thanks were extended to those responsible for the many facilities changes that took place this summer. The duplicating department staff was also recognized for the new binding services that they provide. The Superintendent reported that Cabinet members met with the district's legal counsel early in the day to discuss the training that will be presented to district employees on August 19 and 20. The training is part of the pending consent decree relative to the lawsuit filed by the Gay Straight Alliance and former student, George Loomis.

**FOCUS ON  
STUDENT  
LEARNING**  
Presentation / Public  
Comment / Board  
Discussion / **ACTION**  
Quarterly Progress  
Report for Goshen and  
Houston Schools  
Scholastic Audit

Area Administrators, Myron Sheklian and Doug Bartsch, presented information to the board and audience about the progress that has been made at Goshen and Houston Schools during the last quarter (Encl. No. 3). The two schools are reviewed every three months by separate review teams from the California Department of Education to validate progress toward the recommendations made in a Joint Intervention Agreement approved in January 2002. In the written summary addressed to Superintendent Carrizosa, the California Department of Education reviewers acknowledged that both schools have made major improvements during the first six months of the eighteen-month agreement but stressed that both schools need to continue to make significant gains over the next year. The next validation visit will focus on examining classroom instruction.

**ROUTINE ACTION**  
Motion No. 17

Board members pulled Item 10.1 11 (Encl. No. 14), Item 10.2 1 (Encl. No. 17), Item 10.3 1 (Encl. No. 18), and 10.3 2 (Encl. No. 19) for separate votes. On a motion by Jones and second by Qualls, the remaining items were approved as follows:

10.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Warrant List - July 1 through July 31, 2002 (Encl. No. 4)
2. County Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report (Encl. No. 5)
3. Authorization to Submit J-13A Allowance for Attendance for Visalia Adult School (Encl. No. 6)
4. Student Housing Resolution (Encl. No. 7)
5. tBP/Architecture Additional Professional Service Agreement - 96010.20 - El Diamante High School (Encl. No. 8)

6. Agreement with the City of Visalia for Construction of Public Improvements - Linwood/Ferguson Elementary School (Encl. No. 9)
7. Change Order #1, Divisadero Middle School Modulares (Encl. No. 10)
8. Change Order #1, Washington Elementary School Modular Building Project (Encl. No. 11)
9. Change Order #14, El Diamante High School Project (Encl. No. 12)
10. Vendor Contracts for Various Maintenance and Service Needs (Encl. No. 13)
11. Request to Piggyback for Computer Equipment (Encl. No. 14)
12. Request to Piggyback for School and Office Furnishings (Encl. No. 15)
13. Request to Piggyback for Cabinets (Encl. No. 16)
- 10.2 AREA ADMINISTRATOR, 7-12/Adult
  1. Memorandum of Understanding between Tulare Adult School, Dinuba Adult School and Visalia Adult School (Encl. No. 17)
- 10.3 AREA ADMINISTRATORS, K-6
  1. Memorandum of Understanding Between VUSD and Pro-Youth/HEART (Encl. No. 18)
  2. School Community Policing Partnership Grant Application (Encl. No. 19)
- 10.4 CURRICULUM/EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
  1. Memorandum of Understanding: Fresno Pacific University and National Science Foundation "STEPSS" Project Through Visalia Unified School District (Encl. No. 20)
- 10.5 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
  1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 21)
  2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 22)
  3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 23)
  4. Health Benefits (Medicare Supplement Plan) (Encl. No. 24)
  5. Health Benefits (Classified) (Encl. No. 25)
  6. NBPTS \$20,000 Merit Award(s) for Certified Teachers Committed to Teach at a Low-Performing School for Four Consecutive Years (Encl. No. 26)
  7. MOU with College of the Sequoias for the Teacher Academy Program 2002-03 (Encl. No. 27)
  8. MOU for the Intern Teaching Agreement Program between Chapman and VUSD (Encl. No. 28)
  9. Rejection of Claim No. 020062 (Encl. No. 29)

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Motion No. 18 On a motion by Guerrero and second by Lane, Enclosure No. 14, Item 10.1 11 was approved. Ayes: Elder, Guerrero, Jones, Lane, Qualls and Stephenson. Motion carried.

Motion No. 19 On a motion by Qualls and second by Jones, Enclosure No. 17, Item 10.2 1 was approved. Ayes: Elder, Guerrero, Jones, Lane, and Qualls. Abstain: Stephenson, as he is an employee of ABLE Industries. Motion carried.

Motion No. 20 On a motion by Guerrero and second by Qualls, Enclosure No. 18, Item 10.3 1 was approved. Ayes: Elder, Guerrero, Jones, Lane, Qualls, and Stephenson. Motion carried.

Motion No. 21

On a motion by Guerrero and second by Qualls, Enclosure No. 19, Item 10.3 2 was approved. Ayes: Elder, Guerrero, Jones, Lane, Qualls, and Stephenson. Motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATIVE  
PANEL RECOM-  
MENDATIONS**

**EXPULSIONS**  
Motion No. 22

On a motion by Qualls and second by Lane, the Administrative Panel Recommendations on Expulsion Case No. 03-07 E (Enclosure 30) were approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**GENERAL  
AGENDA**

Review / Public Input /  
Board Discussion /

**ACTION**

Resolution Supporting  
Proposition 47 -  
Kindergarten-  
University Public  
Education Facilities  
Bond Act of 2002  
Motion No. 23

On a motion by Lane, a second by Guerrero, and a unanimous vote, the board adopted a resolution supporting Proposition 47 (Enclosure No. 31), the statewide school facilities bond that will be before the California electorate on the November ballot. Visalia Unified is positioned to benefit from state school construction dollars for new school construction and facilities modernization if voters approve the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2002.

Supplemental  
Information for the  
Expansion of  
Operations I,  
Transportation Facility

Terry White, Director of Administrative Services, presented additional information to the board that was requested regarding the expansion of the Operations I and Transportation Facility located at 801 N. Mooney (Enclosure No. 32). Mr. White and consultants assisting his department addressed the concerns regarding the proximity of a gasoline, diesel, and compressed natural gas (CNG) fueling facility near a school facility. Statistics were shared to support the safety aspects of using CNG as a fuel.

Several options to increase the physical size of the proposed Operations facility were also examined. No action was taken following the informational presentation.

Notice of Intent to  
Employ Certificated  
Personnel and  
Approval of Variable  
Term Waiver Request  
Motion No. 24

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Development, Kay VanAndel, requested that the board approve a Variable Term Waiver Request to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (Enclosure No. 33) to allow her to submit the request to the Commission in order to hire two Speech and Language teachers for the coming year. Both individuals hold BA degrees in Communicative Disorders and will work toward completion of their Clinical or Rehabilitation Credentials. On a motion by Stephenson and second by Guerrero, the request was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Pre-College MESA  
Program/Redwood and  
Mt. Whitney  
Motion No. 25

Area Administrator, Rick Rodriguez, outlined a new cooperative program between the College of the Sequoias and the Visalia Unified School District (Enclosure No. 34). The College of the Sequoias will be assisting interested students on the Redwood and Mt. Whitney campuses in mathematics, engineering and science through a new program referred to as High School MESA. Under the agreement, science and mathematics tutoring will be provided by COS students for our high school students needing supplemental instruction. The agreement will also provide motivational speakers to assist high school staff in informing students of educational and career opportunities and provide high school students a chance to attend College of the Sequoias MESA activities, lectures and field trips. On a motion by Guerrero and second by Lane, the request was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

California State  
Agriculture Grant  
Motion No. 26

Redwood High School Agriculture Department requests approval to apply for a one-time Extended California State Agriculture Grant (Enclosure No. 35). The grant will enhance the TIG welding lab with additional equipment and supplies enabling the school to provide

students with the foundation skills necessary to maximize their chances of employment in the private sector. On a motion by Qualls and second by Elder, the request was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Outside Food Vendor  
Contract - Little  
Caesars and Subway  
Motion No. 27

Food Services Director, Jeri Wheaton, presented information to the board outlining an agreement between the district and two vendors to provide a variety of food items to El Diamante, Golden West, Mt. Whitney, and Redwood High Schools for the 2002-03 school year (Enclosure No. 36). Little Caesars and Subway will provide a la carte items that students may choose to buy under the terms of the agreement. On a motion by Qualls and second by Jones, the agreement was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Procedural Outline for  
Board Appointment  
Motion No. 28

Board members took one last opportunity to clarify detailed procedures for the Special Board Meeting Agenda for August 19, 2002 to be held at 6:00 p.m. at the Rotary Theater (Enclosure No. 37). Following the discussion, staff was directed to communicate the final agenda format to all eligible candidates as they prepare for their participation in this coming Monday's special meeting. The board will take action to appoint a new member to fill the vacancy in Trustee Area Five at the close of the special meeting. The newly appointed board member will serve for the full time remaining on the elected term of office which expires on the first Friday in December 2003. The provisional appointee will be issued the Oath of Office and duly sworn in at the regularly scheduled meeting of the board on August 27, 2002. On a motion by Qualls and second by Elder, the procedural outline for board appointment was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Stephenson adjourned the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be September 10, 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