

**Visalia Unified School District
Board of Education**

MINUTES

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The meeting of August 27, 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	9:14	
Juan R. Guerrero	5:30	9:14	
Larry Jones	5:30	9:14	
Michael Lane	5:30	9:14	
Jim L. Qualls	5:30	9:14	
Robert Stephenson	5:30	9:14	
 Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent	 5:30	 9:14	
Renee Hill, Student Representative	7:00	9:14	

Staff Members

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

- 2.1 IDENTIFY CLOSED SESSION TOPICS OF DISCUSSION
 - 1. EXPULSIONS
 - 2. REINSTATEMENTS
 - 3. REVIEWS-CONTINUED EXPULSIONS
 - 4. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
 - 1. Agency Negotiator: Kay Van Andel
 - 2. Employee Organizations
 - 1. VUTA
 - 5. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT
 - 1. Assistant Principal - Golden West High School
 - 6. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR
 - 1. Property: Properties already owned by the district
 - 2. Agency Negotiator: Dr. Mark Fulmer, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services

**RECONVENE IN
OPEN SESSION**

At 7:00 p.m. the board reconvened in open session. President Stephenson announced that no action was taken in closed session. Miss Hill led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE

Laura Pace, Provisional Appointment for Trustee Area Five (5)

Mr. Stephenson welcomed Laura Pace, the new school board member appointed to fill the vacancy in Trustee Area 5 (Encl. No. 1). Mrs. Van Andel administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Pace. Mrs. Pace joined the other board members at the dias. She introduced her family and thanked the board and community for the opportunity to represent the community and our children.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION / PROCLAMATIONS / ACTION

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
Recognition of Conyer Elementary School Student

Conyer Principal, Anne Rudig, introduced Katie Walkowiak, a statewide winner last year in a poster contest relative to California missions (Encl. No. 2). Mrs. Rudig also introduced Katie’s parents and Katie’s fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Frantz. The poster depicted a day in the life at a mission. From over 4,300 entries, 21 winners were chosen. The winners were given the privilege of hanging their posters at the state capitol. Each of the posters will then be hung at one of California’s 21 mission sites. Katie received \$100, her teacher received \$200 and Conyer received \$500.

Recognition of Mt. Whitney High School DECA Chapter and Advisor Stephen Rogers - Winners of State Commendation

Principal, Henry Pasquini, asked DECA Advisor, Stephen Rogers, to step forward for tonight’s presentation. Mr. Pasquini praised Mr. Rogers for taking the “extra effort to do a first-class job” during his many years at Mt. Whitney. President Stephenson also commended Mr. Rogers for his leadership and the values he has instilled in DECA students over the years. He then presented Mr. Rogers with a certificate of appreciation in recognition for his valuable contributions, leadership and dedication to the Mt. Whitney DECA Chapter, winners of state commendation (Encl. No. 3). Mr. Rogers thanked the board and superintendent for tonight’s recognition. He said that over the last ten years, the DECA Chapter at Mt. Whitney has had more national winners than any chapter in California. He said that he was honored to be an advisor of so many “quality” students. He thanked the board and administration for their support through the years.

STAFF/PARENTS/ COMMUNITY

Resolution Commemorating the Anniversary of September 11, 2001 Motion No. 29

Clerk, Larry Jones, read a resolution commemorating the anniversary of September 11, 2001 (Encl. No. 4). The resolution called for a district-wide moment (30 seconds) of silence and flying all flags at half-staff on September 11, 2002. The District will also commemorate the anniversary by holding appropriate school activities on that day to promote national pride, unity and patriotism. On a motion by Qualls and second by Guerrero, the resolution was adopted. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC INTEREST ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Stephenson opened the session to public comment. Mr. Mel Pyatt spoke in opposition to a recent court settlement by the district regarding discrimination.

Mrs. Margaret Navarrete spoke regarding a meeting held this morning to discuss the classified retiree health benefit plan changes. She said that many retirees were upset about a cost increase in health care costs. Mrs. Navarrete felt that the retirees were not represented in negotiations with the district with regard to these changes. Mr. Carrizosa said that the district is committed to the collective bargaining process. He said that the district appreciates the concern and impact on the retirees, as well as the unit members as a whole regarding the contract that was negotiated with CSEA. Mr. Carrizosa then suggested that Mrs. Navarrete share her concerns with her CSEA representative. He said that the CSEA

representative had indicated to him earlier today that a letter would be going out to their members with more information.

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

School in Session	Miss Hill said that she is excited about school being back in session.
El Diamante Ribbon-Cutting	Mr. Elder reported that he had attended the El Diamante Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony on Friday. He said that he was impressed with the school, the staff and students. He commended Drew Sorensen, Nancy Powell and staff for doing a great job. Referring to Mr. Sorensen, Mr. Elder said that the district “got the best guy for the job.” He then commended the Music Director, John Silver, for “that kind of polish” in the performance for the event. In conclusion, Mr. Elder extended his best wishes to all of the schools “for a great year.”
Commend Staff Musical Presentations	
El Diamante Opening	Mrs. Pace said that the opening of El Diamante was very exciting. She said that she had worked on all of the bond campaigns and on the Bond Oversight Advisory Committee. Mrs. Pace said to see something “come out of the efforts that this community has put forth to build the school” was really exciting. She also commended the El Diamante staff. Mrs. Pace also reported that she has visited Mt. Whitney High School and that things seem to be going well there.
Visit to Mt. Whitney	
Selection of New Board Member El Diamante Opening Visit to Pinkham	Mr. Jones said that the last few weeks have been exciting with the process of selecting a new board member. Mr. Jones said that the El Diamante opening was a wonderful occasion. He reported that he visited Pinkham Elementary today and toured the school with George Lange. He commended Principal Lange and the staff at Pinkham for “doing a great job.”
Congratulations to Mrs. Pace El Diamante Ribbon-Cutting	Mr. Qualls congratulated Mrs. Pace on her appointment to the board. He said that he was pleased to “be a part of history” by participating in the ribbon-cutting ceremony at El Diamante. He enjoyed seeing community people and former board members “who helped get us to where we are today” at the event. Mr. Qualls commended the staff at El Diamante for their enthusiasm and credited Principal Sorensen for their selection.
Willow Glen Assembly Thank you for Support	Mr. Lane visited the Willow Glen Student Assembly today. He thanked Principal Nave and her staff for their hospitality. He said that he appreciated the work that the staffs do at our schools in handling the complexities involved with year-round, multi-track schedules. Mr. Lane thanked everyone for their “good will and support” during the past couple of months as the board dealt with the board vacancy. He congratulated Mrs. Pace on her appointment and said that he looked forward to working with her. Mr. Lane said that he was very pleased with the job that Drew Sorensen, Nancy Powell, Greg Flenory and staff have done to get the school opened. He spoke of the tentative agreement with VUTA on tonight’s agenda and said that it is “very good news.” He concluded by saying that the district is poised “to make real progress from this point on.”
Commend El Diamante Staff VUTA Agreement	
Congratulate Mrs. Pace Musical Presentation at El Diamante	Mr. Guerrero said that he has had an opportunity to work with Mrs. Pace on the Bond Oversight Advisory Committee. He congratulated her on being appointed to the board. He then commended district staff for the success of the event held to fill the vacancy. Mr. Guerrero enjoyed the musical presentation at the ribbon-cutting at El Diamante. He said that he “thinks we have a good thing going on” at El Diamante. Mr. Guerrero said that he hopes to have a student representative from El Diamante and Sequoia serve on the board also. He then talked about when Little League had split and YSB was formed. He said that “opened
Student Representatives	

Commend Players in Cal Ripken Tournament

up the opportunity for more kids to have more things to do.” He commended the players participating in the Cal Ripken World Series. He said that “it says a lot to what our community does and it also says a lot for partnerships.”

New Teacher Luncheon

Mr. Stephenson reported that for the past couple of years he has had the opportunity to attend the new teacher luncheon. He said that he is always pleased to see the new teachers and wishes them the best as they begin their first year of teaching. Last week Mr. Stephenson traveled to Sacramento, along with Dr. Fulmer and community people, to lobby on behalf of Visalia, VUSD, business, etc. Secretary of State, Bill Jones, Assemblyman, Roy Ashburn, and the President of the California Chamber of Commerce spoke. Mr. Stephenson said that “things just don’t look good up there, folks.” He said that we need to “hang in there and hope that the interests of our schools in this state will remain high in the minds and actions of the legislature.” The group took a tour of the Golden State Museum. He said that it was a wonderful opportunity to see so much of the history of California. Mr. Stephenson again thanked Superintendent Carrizosa’s staff for the work they had done in putting the event together for appointing the new board member. Mr. Stephenson concluded by saying that he felt honored to be able to address the students at the opening of El Diamante. He said he really enjoyed the event.

Lobbying in Sacramento

Golden State Museum Staff Commended for Event to Appoint Board Member El Diamante Opening

Alert from Mr. Carrizosa re SIP Funds

Mr. Carrizosa alerted the board and staff that there is a proposed strategy in the state department to balance this year’s budget that appears to have significant momentum. He said that it has to do with the deferral of allocation of some categorical money that comes to local schools. The funds referred to are School Improvement Program Funds, a primary source of discretionary money that schools have to implement their school plans. For VUSD, that would be approximately \$1.5 million of categorical state money. There will be a meeting tomorrow with principals to share the district’s strategies for addressing this possible shortage. Mr. Carrizosa said that he would keep the board fully apprised.

ROUTINE ACTION
Motion No. 30

Mr. Stephenson asked that the Routine Action section of tonight’s meeting be moved forward to this point. Mr. Guerrero asked that Enclosure No. 11 be pulled for discussion. On a motion by Jones and second by Qualls, the remaining items were approved as follows:

9.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Warrant List - August 1 through August 15, 2002 (Encl. No. 8)
2. 2002-03 Budget Revision No. 01 (Encl. No. 9)
3. 2001-02 Actual Attendance Report (Encl. No. 10)
4. Approval of Bid 4432 - Cafeteria Canned Goods (Encl. No. 11)
5. Approval of Bid 4433 - Cafeteria Frozen Goods (Encl. No. 12)
6. Approval of Bid 4434 - Cafeteria Paper Products (Encl. No. 13)
7. Vendor Contracts for Various Maintenance and Service Needs (Encl. No. 14)
8. Change Order #2 - Houston/Highland Elementary School Modulars (Encl. No. 15)
9. Agreement with Lindsay Unified School District to provide Home-To-School Transportation (Encl. No. 16)
10. Approval of DBA, Do Business As, Name for All Transportation Services (Encl. No. 17)

9.2 AREA ADMINISTRATORS, K-6

1. Memorandum of Understanding Between VUSD and Pro-Youth/HEART (Encl. No. 18)
2. SCICON Week Contract for Sixth Grade (Encl. No. 19)
3. SCICON Day Contract for Fifth Grade (Encl. No. 20)

9.3 AREA ADMINISTRATORS, 7-12/Adult

1. Agreement between Visalia Adult School and Tulare Adult School for Job Club at SEE Company (Encl. No. 21)

2. Submission of Proposition 10 Proposal to Tulare County Children & Families Commission (Encl. No. 22)
- 9.4 CURRICULUM/EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
1. Data to Desktop (Encl. No. 23)
 2. School Plans: La Joya, Linwood, Mountain View, Veva Blunt, Golden Oak and Sequoia (Encl. No. 24)
 3. Memorandum of Understanding - Tulare County Office of Education Child Care Program (Encl. No. 25)
 4. Athletic Drug Testing Contract with Recovery Resources (Encl. No. 26)
- 9.5 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 27)
 2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 28)
 3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 29)
 4. Request to Attend Conference/Workshop (Encl. No. 30)
 5. Certification of Coaches - Fall Sports (Encl. No. 31)
 6. MOU for the Student Teaching Program between National University and VUSD (Encl. No. 32)
 7. MOU for the Pre-Intern Teaching Program Between Tulare County Office of Education and VUSD (Encl. No. 33)

Motion No. 31

Mr. Guerrero asked if staff would look into doing away with soft drinks at our schools. He asked that a report be brought back to the board with regard to what types of soft drinks, juices, etc. are being offered to our students. He would also like the report to include what appropriate measures the district would need to take to discontinue the sale of soft drinks on our school sites. Mr. Carrizosa responded that if the board as a whole has an interest in this topic, the district will bring the item back on an agenda for information and discussion. Following discussion on the item, staff will ask for direction from the board before proceeding. The consensus of the board was to bring a report for a subsequent meeting. On a motion by Guerrero and second by Elder, Item 9.1.4 (Encl. No. 11) was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Mr. Stephenson recognized the new Assistant Principal at Golden West High School, Steven Martinez. He then read a brief bio on Mr. Martinez. The board and audience extended welcoming applause to Mr. Martinez.

FOCUS ON
STUDENT
LEARNING
Presentation/Public
Comment/Board
Discussion/**ACTION**
Preliminary Report of
District-Wide Results
on 2002 STAR
Assessment

Mrs. Karen Rowe presented a PowerPoint preliminary report of the “unofficial” results of the 2002 STAR Assessment results (Encl. No. 5). Information has been sent to parents on the student report forms and preliminary information has been provided to administrators and teachers at school sites. Mrs. Rowe introduced Hizkia Gunawan, Research Specialist, and recognized him for his expertise in transferring data provided by Harcourt Educational Measurement, into charts and graphs contained in tonight’s report. Mrs. Rowe said that official STAR results will be available on the CDE website on August 29. Official 2002 API results will be released by the state at the end of October. Mrs. Rowe reported that 22 of our schools are above the 500 mark, which is considered to be the mid-point between 200 and 800. 800 is the target that the California State Board of Education has set for our schools to meet. The median score for the State of California is 679. Mrs. Rowe said that if the data is correct, Houston and Goshen met their school-wide and subgroup API targets. She further reported that 16 of 27 schools that have Hispanic students as a significant subgroup, met their subgroup growth target; 4 of 4 schools that have Asian students as a

significant subgroup, met their growth target; and 16 of 27 schools made positive growth toward their API target. Schools making significant growth through the past two years ranging from 35 points to 57 points were: Goshen, Highland, Houston, Linwood, Union, Washington and Willow Glen. Mrs. Rowe also noted that it appears that, based on the data gathered, La Joya missed its target growth by one point. Mrs. Rowe added that in this case, she hopes the data is incorrect and that La Joya actually did meet its target growth. Additional information was shared with the board and public regarding the district's focus on content standards. Mrs. Rowe concluded tonight's report by saying that, in general, our students performed better on the Stanford 9 or norm referenced test. She added that the California Content Standards are some of the most rigorous in the nation and that the Stanford 9 is based on less rigorous standards. Mrs. Rowe then addressed questions from the board.

**PUBLIC HEARING/
ACTION**

**RESOLUTION
REGARDING
COMPLIANCE
WITH EDUCATION
CODE SECTION
60119 (Pupil Textbook
and Materials Incentive
Program Grades K-12)
Motion No. 32**

President Stephenson opened the session to a Public Hearing. Scott Smith reported that Education Code 60119 requires the district to hold a public hearing to adopt a resolution stating that each child in our district has or will have sufficient textbooks for instructional materials in each subject consistent with the state-adopted content cycles by the end of the year (Encl. No. 6). Mr. Smith verified this to be true. He said that over \$3 million has been spent on textbooks over the past two years. When asked if there was any public comment on this item, no one came forward. The public hearing was closed. Following a brief discussion by the board, on a motion by Lane and second by Jones, the resolution was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**TENTATIVE
COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING
AGREEMENT
BETWEEN VUSD
AND THE VISALIA
TEACHERS
ASSOCIATION
(VUTA) AND
DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT FOR
PUBLIC REVIEW**

A Public Hearing was opened on Enclosure No. 7, the tentative agreement the district reached with Visalia Unified Teacher Association on August 21, 2002. Mrs. Van Anandel said that prior to entering into a negotiated agreement, the board must disclose at a public meeting the major provisions of the agreement, including the monetary impact on the district's budget for this year as well as two subsequent years. Mr. Pyle reported that the agreement includes a 2.8% increase to the salary schedule for 2001-2002 effective July 1, 2001, and language changes in the area of transfers. Funding was set up as a reservation of fund balance in the 2002-2003 budget. Mrs. Van Anandel then reviewed the language changes in the agreement. President Stephenson called for public comment. As there was none, the Public Hearing was closed. The results of the vote on the tentative agreement will be announced on September 4, 2002. If it is ratified by VUTA, Mrs. Van Anandel will bring the agreement to the September 10, 2002, board meeting for action.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
PANEL RECOM-
MENDATIONS**

**EXPULSIONS
Motion No. 33**

On a motion by Qualls and second by Guerrero, the Administrative Panel Recommendations on Expulsion Case No. 03-08 E and Case No. 03-09 E (Encl. No. 34) were approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**REINSTATEMENTS
Motion No. 34**

On a motion by Jones and second by Elder, the Administrative Panel Recommendations on Reinstatement Case No. 03-09 R, Case No. 03-10 R, Case No. 03-11 R, Case No. 03-12 R, Case No. 03-13 R, Case No. 03-14 R, and Case No. 03-15 R (Encl. No. 35) were approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**REVIEWS
CONTINUED
EXPULSIONS
Motion No. 35**

On a motion by Elder and second by Guerrero, the Administrative Panel Recommendations on Reviews-Continued Expulsion Case No. 03-07 RCE and Case No. 03-08 RCE (Encl. No. 36) were approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

GENERAL

AGENDA

Review / Public Input /

Board Discussion /

ACTION

**APPROVAL TO
PURCHASE
PROPERTY FOR
THE EXPANSION
OF THE
OPERATIONS I,
TRANSPORTATION
FACILITY**

Motion No. 36

Terry White presented two options for the purchase of property for the expansion of Operations I, Transportation Facility (Encl. No. 37). Option I was to purchase 15.36 acres (14.69 usable acreage) at a cost of \$614,440. Option II was to purchase 17 acres (approximately 16 usable acres) at a cost of \$680,000, property to the east of Woodland Street extension and west of Operations 1 and Green Acres. Mr. White said that the 17 acres would better allow for future growth and relocation of Operations II. Mr. Pyle explained the plan for the district to purchase up to \$680,000 in real property to allow for the expansion of the Transportation Facility without incurring any district debt. The primary source of funding would come from the sale of district property that has been deemed surplus and Transportation Department revenues. Following discussion of the two options, on a motion by Qualls and second by Elder, Option 2 was approved. Ayes: Elder, Guerrero, Jones, Lane, Pace, and Qualls. No: Stephenson. Motion carried. Dr. Fulmer said that with tonight's action, the district will proceed with the formal process of an appraisal and will enter into negotiations. A proposed contract will then be brought to the board for review and approval.

**AWARD OF BID
#4438 -
NORTHWEST
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL**

Motion No. 37

Architect, Scott Parish, reported that two bid protests have been received on this item (Encl. No. 38). The protests involve questions about a product that was bid by the low bidder. He recommended that award of the contract be deferred so that all parties would have a chance to review the information. Mr. Parish said that he will then be able to bring a recommendation to the board. On a motion by Guerrero and second by Qualls, the item was tabled until the next board meeting. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 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,

Larry C. Jones
Clerk

Stan A. Carrizosa
Superintendent/Secretary