

**Visalia Unified School District  
Board of Education**

**MINUTES**

**OPENING BUSINESS**

The meeting of September 10, 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	8:12	
Juan R. Guerrero	5:30	8:12	
Larry Jones	5:30	8:12	
Michael Lane	5:30	8:12	
Laura Pace	5:30	8:12	
Jim L. Qualls	5:30	8:12	
Robert Stephenson	5:30	8:12	
Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent	5:30	8:12	
Edouard Sonier, Student Representative	7:00	8:12	

**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

**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. Reinstatements
3. Reviews-Continued Expulsions

**RECONVENE IN  
OPEN SESSION**

The board reconvened in open session at 6:08 p.m. Mr. Stephenson announced that no action was taken in closed session.

**STUDY SESSION  
NEW BOARD MEMBER  
ORIENTATION -  
PROFESSIONAL  
GOVERNANCE  
STANDARDS**

Mr. Stephenson explained how tonight's informational study session would proceed. He said that the session would be devoted to part of Mrs. Pace's orientation to the board (Encl. No. 1). He asked Mr. Carrizosa to read the board-adopted Professional Governance Standards relative to the Superintendent. Mr. Carrizosa explained the format for this portion of the meeting. He then explained the development of the Governance Standards that have been adopted by the board. He said that the standards divide the role of the board and its interaction with the superintendent. He then read the Superintendent's Governance Standards. As he read the standards, Mr. Carrizosa gave examples of how the district is addressing each.

President Stephenson read the standards as they relate to effective boards. He concluded by giving his perspective of the board's job. Mr. Stephenson gave Mrs. Pace a copy of the "Raising Expectations" news insert from the Times-Delta from several months ago following the board's adoption of the standards. The edition had a large portion of the article dedicated to sharing the Governance Standards with the community.

Mr. Jones read the standards relative to the board and its unity of purpose. Following each point, Mr. Jones gave his perspective of how the board operates effectively.

Mr. Qualls read the standards on how to be an effective trustee. He shared his perspective on each point.

**02-03 DISTRICT GOALS  
& OBJECTIVES -  
UPDATE ON STAFF  
PRIORITIES**

Mr. Carrizosa reviewed the major priorities set by the board for staff as they relate to the VUSD 2002-03 District-Wide Goals and Objectives and the committee work that is underway in accordance with the goals and objectives (Encl. No. 2). A study session on the state budget and how it will impact the district is planned in October. Also included in the enclosure was a list of other items scheduled for upcoming board study sessions that relate to the district goals and objectives.

The final section of tonight's study session was a PowerPoint presentation by Patty Rohman and Myron Sheklian. The presentation included the latest update on some of the district's summer facilities' construction projects. Mr. Carrizosa said that the district will continue collecting pictures of the projects and will share the before and after pictures with various community groups and the media.

Before concluding the study session, Mr. Stephenson presented Mrs. Pace with a picture of her being sworn in by Kay Van Andel at the August 27, 2002 board meeting. The study session concluded at 6:57 p.m.

**OPENING BUSINESS**

The board reconvened in open session at 7:05 p.m. President Stephenson again announced that no action had been taken in tonight's closed session. Juan Guerrero led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Stephenson welcomed student representative, Ed Sonier, to the board dias.

**PUBLIC COMMENT /  
PUBLIC INTEREST  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mrs. Liz Wynn, a Visalia parent, read a statement regarding her position that high school coaches should be allowed to coach club sports.

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

Valley Oak Back-to-  
School  
Thank You

Mr. Qualls reported that he had attended Valley Oak's Back-to-School Night. He thanked Superintendent Carrizosa for making a presentation to the Lion's Club. He said that Mr. Carrizosa did an outstanding job of "getting the information out."

PTA Council  
Sporting Events

Mrs. Pace reported that she had attended the PTA Council Meeting last month. Mr. Carrizosa gave a presentation at the meeting. Mrs. Pace said it was good to see all of the parents in attendance. She further reported that she attended a football game at Mt. Whitney and some volleyball games in the district. Mrs. Pace also attended last night's College Night and commended VUSD parents and staff who participated in the event.

College Night

She said that Visalia has one of the best college nights in the State of California.

“Work Illustrated”

Michael Lane publicly acknowledged receipt of “Work Illustrated” and thanked Bob Tiemens, staff and students for the “beautiful publication.” He said it is helpful to see some of the students and the projects they worked on this summer. He said that this is a work opportunity program in conjunction with SEE and Company, the WIB and VUSD.

Policeman’s Ball  
DARE Program  
150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Mr. Guerrero reported that he and his wife had attended the Policeman’s Ball this past Friday. The district has a partnership with the City of Visalia for the DARE Program, and Mr. Guerrero said that we need to show our support for our people in uniform. He said the event was well attended by school district staff. Mr. Guerrero also participated in the 150<sup>th</sup> Visalia Anniversary. He said that “good things are happening there.” He concluded by stressing the importance of partnerships in the district.

Partnerships

Mr. Elder said that as an assistant principal at Sanger High School, his district struggles with getting the kinds of partnerships that VUSD has going so well. He commended this community for working together with the district to accomplish “what is good for our students.” Tomorrow being 9/11, Sanger will be holding an event in remembrance of that day. Mr. Elder said that this will be an opportunity to “celebrate this country and what we stand for.” He added that “we have the right to freedom, the pursuit of happiness and to be all that we can be.” In conclusion, Mr. Elder said, “This country was built on values that have made this country great.”

9/11

Great Country

9/11

Student representative, Ed Sonier, said that ASB members have been talking about the 9/11 tragedy and the impact it had on the school. He said that many students want to have the day off, but the ASB decided that the true meaning of the day would be forgotten if there was no school. Mr. Sonier concluded by saying that “it’s all about moving forward, remembering what happened in the past, and values we hold close to us.”

Moving Forward

Hispanic Chamber  
September Mixer

Mr. Stephenson announced that this Thursday the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce will be holding its September mixer at El Diamante High School. He said that he hopes a lot of the community will come and take a tour of the new high school.

Golden West  
Business/Educational  
Luncheon  
Visalia Partners in  
Education

Today Mr. Carrizosa attended the Business and Education Luncheon at Golden West High School. He reminded everyone that the district has the Visalia Partners in Education Program. The district augments this program for our vocational education programs annually. Mr. Carrizosa said that staff has been working hard to compile the annual report on the impact of those dollars and on the significance of that program. The report will come to the board in October. Mr. Carrizosa reported that in the last few weeks he has met with the PTA Council; has made a presentation at the Lions Club; next Tuesday he will be making a presentation at County Center Rotary Club; on September 15 he will attend the Assembly of God’s Education Appreciation event; and on September 25 he will be joining Chief Barker in making a presentation to the “No Name Fellowship”. Mr. Carrizosa further reported that he has visited Mt. Whitney, Union, and will visit Fairview tomorrow. He also attended the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for Visalia, the Policeman’s Ball and College Night. He said that he is enjoying being out among the community.

PTA Council, Various  
Presentations  
School Visitations  
150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Policeman’s Ball  
College Night

Upcoming Meeting with  
City

Concluding tonight’s report, Mr. Stephenson announced that the next meeting with the Visalia City Council will be in October. He said that the partnerships the district has

made with the City and the cooperation have been tremendous. He said that the district continues to look forward “to discussing joint ventures and opportunities that we can make for the students and citizens of this community.”

**FOCUS ON STUDENT  
LEARNING**

Presentation/

Public Comment/ Board

Discussion/ ACTION

**BOARD RESOLUTION -  
SUPERINTEN-DENT’S  
INTER-LEAGUE  
COUNCIL POSITION  
STATEMENT**

Motion No. 38

Mr. Carrizosa presented Enclosure No. 3. He said that as the fall season gets underway and interscholastic athletics begin at all of our high schools, he wanted to tell the board about an organization that has formed over the last two years. The group is called the Inter-League Council of Superintendents and is comprised of superintendents from Kings and Tulare Counties who represent school districts in the three primary divisions in our athletic competitions - the Sierra, the Sequoia, and the Yosemite. The 15 superintendents meet monthly to address issues related to athletics and the impact that athletic and extracurricular programs have on our school districts. Mr. Carrizosa was elected to chair the organization this year. The group formed a position statement that was presented to the CIF Executive Committee. CIF asked that each of the respective school districts represented by superintendents on the Inter-League Council consider passing a resolution that sets forth the primary interests that they have in keeping a balance between the demands on our students, teachers, coaches, and instructional program staff. Enclosure No. 3 was the resolution developed by the Inter-League Council. Mr. Carrizosa asked the board to consider adopting the resolution. On a motion by Qualls and second by Guerrero, the resolution was adopted. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**ROUTINE ACTION**

Motion No. 39

Superintendent Carrizosa asked that 9.6.1 (Encl. No. 19) be pulled for a separate vote. Mr. Guerrero asked that 9.5.3 (Encl. No. 16) and 9.5.5 (Encl. No. 18) be pulled for further discussion. On a motion by Elder and second by Guerrero, the remaining Routine Action Items were approved as follows:

9.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Warrant List - August 16 through August 30, 2002 (Encl. No. 4)
2. Authorization to Increase the Balance of Revolving Cash (Encl. No. 5)
3. Approval of 2001-02 Unaudited Actuals (Encl. No. 6)
4. Change Order #1 - Hurley Elementary School Relocatable Project (Encl. No. 7)
5. Change Order #1 - Linwood Elementary School Relocatable Project (Encl. No. 8)
6. Change Order #2 - Washington Elementary School Relocatable Project (Encl. No. 9)
7. Change Order #3 - Highland Elementary School Relocatable Project (Encl. No. 10)

9.2 AREA ADMINISTRATOR, Elementary

1. Houston School 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant Application - HEART Program (Encl. No. 11)

9.3 AREA ADMINISTRATOR, 7-12/Adult

1. Student Field Trip Request(s) (Encl. No. 12)

9.4 CURRICULUM/EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. High School Course Outline: Cisco Computer Networking 3 & 4 (Encl. No. 13)

- 9.5 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
  - 1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 14)
  - 2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 15)
  - 3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 16)
  - 4. Resolution for Self Insurance for Worker's Compensation (Encl. No. 17)
  - 5. MOU for the Student Teaching Program Between Fresno Pacific University, Graduate School and VUSD (Encl. No. 18)
- 9.6 SUPERINTENDENT
  - 1. Mt. Whitney Track Project (Encl. No. 19)
  - 2. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 25, 2002 (Encl. No. 20)
  - 3. Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of June 27, 2002 (Encl. No. 21)
  - 4. Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of July 2, 2002 (Encl. No. 22)

Motion No. 40 Mr. Guerrero asked that an agenda item be brought to the board regarding the possibility of hiring a consultant or having a staff person to search out grants for the district. The superintendent was so directed by the board. On a motion by Guerrero and second by Lane, the board approved Item 9.5.3 (Encl. No. 16). Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Motion No. 41 Mr. Guerrero said that he wanted to ensure that our principals are allowing our teachers to participate in any programs for acquiring their credentials. Mr. Carrizosa responded that the district wants to offer staff every opportunity to be able to grow professionally and/or complete their requirements for their credentials or advanced degrees. There are, however, contractual guidelines that must be addressed, along with the balance needed to have staff serve in the classroom and the district to be able to acquire substitutes for them. He said that this is often a challenge. With regard to Item 9.5.5 (Encl. No. 18), Mr. Carrizosa explained that this item was an MOU for the district to have a student teacher instructional partnership with Fresno Pacific. He said these courses happen after hours. He said that the difference with regard to what Mr. Guerrero was referring to was in the balance between staff who take advanced course work after hours versus staff who may want to be able to advance their own education but have to leave their work assignment. On a motion by Guerrero and second by Qualls, the board approved Enclosure No. 18. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Motion No. 42 Mr. Carrizosa explained that Enclosure No. 19 was a request to place monies received through fundraising efforts into a special account to support the construction of the Mt. Whitney Track project. Mr. Pasquini presented the district with \$17,273.34 to deposit in the special account. He thanked everyone involved in the fundraising efforts. He also thanked the board for their support of this project. On a motion by Qualls and second by Elder, this item was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried. President Stephenson asked Mr. Pasquini to let everyone know when the groundbreaking event will take place.

**ADMINISTRATIVE  
PANEL  
RECOMMENDATIONS**

**EXPULSIONS**  
Motion No. 43

On a motion by Guerrero and second by Lane, the Administrative Panel Recommendations on Expulsion Case No. 03-10 E (Encl. No. 23) were approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

REINSTATEMENTS  
Motion No. 44

On a motion by Elder and second by Pace, the Administrative Panel Recommendations on Reinstatement Case No. 03-16 R, Case No. 03-17 R, Case No. 03-18 R, Case No. 03-19 R, Case No. 03-20 R and Case No. 03-21 R (Encl. No. 24) were approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

REVIEWS-CONTINUED  
EXPULSIONS  
Motion No. 45

On a motion by Qualls and second by Guerrero, the Administrative Panel Recommendations on Review-Continued Expulsion Case No. 03-09 RCE, Case No. 03-10 RCE, Case No. 03-11 RCE, Case No. 03-12 RCE and Case No. 03-13 RCE (Encl. No. 25) were approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

GENERAL AGENDA  
Review / Public Input /  
Board Discussion /

**ACTION**

DONATION OF \$20,000  
TO MT. WHITNEY  
HIGH SCHOOL  
BASEBALL PROGRAM  
Motion No. 46

Mr. Pasquini and Mr. Irwin presented Enclosure No. 26. Mr. Pasquini announced that Mr. Jeff Black, a Mt. Whitney alumni, had graciously donated \$20,000 to be used toward solid block dugouts for the baseball program there. Any money remaining following the dugout project will also go toward the baseball program. On a motion by Elder and second by Pace, and on behalf of the district, the board gladly accepted Mr. Black's generous donation. Ayes: all. Motion carried. The board and superintendent extended its thanks to Mr. Black.

AWARD OF BID #4438 -  
NORTHWEST  
ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL  
Motion No. 47

Mrs. Patty Rohman reported that on August 15, 2002, the district received six bids for the northwest elementary school project (Encl. No. 27). The bids were reviewed by Parish Consulting, architect on the project, and the district recommended award of the bid. Mr. Scott Parish said that out of the six bids submitted, KH Construction submitted the low bid of \$6,970,200. Mr. Parish said that this was a very competitive bid among the six bidders. He recommended award of the bid. It was reported at the September 24 board meeting, that two bid protests had been received. Mr. Mike Smith, of Lozano and Smith Law Firm, was present tonight to address the board regarding the protests. Mr. Smith said that there is nothing extraordinary about a bid protest occurring in this setting. During the past two weeks, the district has ensured that there was full participation from all of the contractors and that they were given the opportunity to be heard. He explained the process for awarding bids and said that there is not a valid bid protest in this case. Mr. Smith said that the recommended bid could be lawfully awarded. The session was opened for public comment on this item. Patrick Kelly, attorney for KH Construction, reiterated that the company had submitted a bid clearly responsive to the contract. Further discussion by the board ended with a motion by Lane and second by Qualls to award the bid to KH Construction. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT FOR  
PUBLIC REVIEW IN  
THE MATTER OF THE  
COLLECTIVE  
BARGAINING  
AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN VISALIA  
UNIFIED SCHOOL  
DISTRICT AND  
VISALIA UNIFIED  
TEACHERS

Mrs. Van Anandel presented Enclosure No. 28. The disclosure had been presented as a public hearing item at the August 27, 2002 board meeting. Mrs. Van Anandel said that VUTA ratified the contract on September 4. There were 851 "Yes" votes and 31 "No" votes. Mrs. Van Anandel said that the disclosure statement should be approved separately from the agreement included in the next enclosure. The disclosure statement clarifies that even with the financial implications, the unrestricted reserve meets all state minimum requirements. On a motion by Pace and second by Guerrero, the disclosure statement was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

ASSOCIATION (VUTA)  
Motion No. 48

COLLECTIVE  
BARGAINING  
AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN VUSD AND  
VISALIA UNIFIED  
TEACHERS  
ASSOCIATION (VUTA)  
FOR 2001-2002  
Motion No. 49

Mrs. Van Andel said that she was pleased to bring this item forth after eight months of negotiations (Encl. No. 29). She recognized and thanked those staff people involved in the negotiations process and thanked everyone for reaching the contract agreement. On a motion by Qualls and second by Guerrero, the agreement was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Stephenson adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

A special study session to review policy and procedures for student discipline will be held on September 17 at 6 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be September 24, 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 C. Jones  
Clerk

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Stan A. Carrizosa  
Superintendent