

**Visalia Unified School District  
Board of Education**

**MINUTES**

**OPENING  
BUSINESS**

The meeting of April 22, 2003, was called to order at 5:30 p.m., by Clerk, Michael Lane, 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	10:30	
Juan R. Guerrero	5:30	10:30	
Larry Jones	5:30	10:30	
Michael Lane	5:30	10:30	
Laura Pace	5:30	10:30	
Jim L. Qualls	5:40	10:30	
Robert Stephenson	5:30	10:30	
Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent	5:30	10:30	
Andrew Pipes, Student Representative	7:00	8:15	

**Staff Members**

Carlyn Lambert, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Educational Services  
Mark Fulmer, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services  
Kay Van Anandel, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Development  
Liz Parker, Administrative Assistant, Superintendent's Office

**CLOSED SESSION**

Clerk Jones identified the closed session agenda topics as follows:

1. EXPULSIONS
2. SUSPENDED EXPULSIONS
3. REINSTATEMENTS
4. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE
5. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
  1. Agency Negotiator: Kay Van Anandel
  2. Employee Organization
    1. VUTA
    2. CSEA
    3. Management

As there was no public comment, the board convened into closed session.

**CONVENE  
EARLY BIRD  
STUDY SESSION**

At 6:30 p.m., the board convened the Early Bird Study Session. President Jones announced that no action was taken in closed session.

**SPONSORSHIP  
AGREEMENT FOR  
THE FUTURE  
VISALIA  
COMMUNITY  
STADIUM BETWEEN  
VISALIA UNIFIED  
SCHOOL DISTRICT  
AND SHEL-DON,  
INC.**

Motion No. 175

Dr. Mark Fulmer discussed the schedule for the community stadium project which will be located at the Golden West High School site, as well as the sources for funding the project. Dr. Fulmer explained the project schematic on display. Robert Thornton, designer of the Winter Olympic Stadium in Utah, will be the principal architect for the stadium. The district is also working with the City of Visalia in planning the stadium to best meet the needs of the community. It was announced that the district's first sponsorship for the stadium will be Mr. Don Groppetti, representing Shel-Don, Inc., in the amount of \$75,000 (Encl. No. 1). The sponsorship will be for a seven-year period. Stadium construction is expected to begin in the next few months. On a motion by Qualls and second by Stephenson, the sponsorship agreement between VUSD and Shel-Don, Inc. was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried. The community stadium will be referred to as Groppetti Automotive - Visalia Community Stadium for the term of the agreement. President Jones presented Mr. Groppetti with a plaque in appreciation of his support of the district. Mr. Carrizosa said that he hopes that Mr. Groppetti's sponsorship sets the standard for other community corporate sponsors to follow. Mr. Bill Bettencourt and Mr. Dean Glass will be leading a more extensive fund raising effort to seek community contributions for the stadium. A flyer, which lists different levels of contributions available to the community, will soon be used in the effort. Mr. Carrizosa also announced that the architect for the project has sponsored an advertisement that will be shown throughout the summer at the local Signature Theaters. The ad will list contact numbers and opportunities for community donations to the project. A short recess was called.

**OPEN REGULAR  
SESSION**

At 7 p.m., the board reconvened into the regular session. Mr. Stephenson lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC  
RECOGNITION /  
PROCLAMATIONS /  
ACTION**

**RECOGNITION OF  
GOLDEN WEST  
HIGH SCHOOL AND  
MT. WHITNEY HIGH  
SCHOOL STUDENTS  
AS FINALISTS AT  
THE CALIFORNIA  
STATE DECA  
CONFERENCE**

Mrs. Maria Montemagni, teacher and FHA advisor at Mt. Whitney High School, was recognized as the FHA-HERO Region 8 STAR Advisor. Mr. Jones presented Mrs. Montemagni with a plaque from the board and district in recognition of her outstanding accomplishments (Encl. No. 2). Nine students from Golden West and Mt. Whitney were recognized for receiving awards ranging from 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> place at the California State DECA Conference held in Costa Mesa March 6-9, 2003. The students will represent California DECA at the National Conference in Orlando, Florida in April. DECA Advisors, Rex Robertson from Golden West and Stephen Rogers from Mt. Whitney were also recognized for their leadership in DECA.

**RECOGNITION OF  
GOLDEN WEST  
HIGH SCHOOL,  
REDWOOD HIGH  
SCHOOL AND MT.  
WHITNEY HIGH  
SCHOOL STUDENTS  
AS FINALISTS AT  
THE STATE FHA-  
HERO LEADERSHIP  
MEETING**

Students from Golden West, Mt. Whitney and Redwood were recognized as award recipients in Competitive Recognition Events at the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual State Leadership Meeting of the California Association FHA-HERO organization held in Fresno on March 29-April 1, 2003 (Encl. No. 3). Advisors, Mrs. Carole Delap and Mrs. Penny Niadna from Golden West, Mrs. Maria Montemagni and Mrs. Burke from Mt. Whitney, and Mrs. Debbie Richardson and Mrs. Pam McGowan from Redwood were also acknowledged for their efforts towards the students' successes. Maribel Torres from Golden West and Heather Winnett from Mt. Whitney will be representing VUSD at the national competition in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 6-10, 2003.

**PROCLAMATION  
DECLARING MAY  
2003 ASIAN PACIFIC  
HERITAGE MONTH  
Motion No. 176**

Clerk Lane read a resolution declaring May 2003 Asian Pacific Heritage Month (Encl. No. 4). On a motion by Elder and second by Guerrero, the resolution was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried. (Encl. No. 4)

**PROCLAMATION  
DECLARING  
TEACHER  
APPRECIATION  
WEEK - MAY 5-11,  
2003  
Motion No. 177**

Board member Stephenson read a resolution declaring Teacher Appreciation Week May 5-11, 2003 (Encl. No. 5). On a motion by Stephenson and second by Pace, the resolution was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT  
/ PUBLIC INTEREST  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A parent read a letter she had written requesting that the district investigate a district elementary teacher for what she alleged to be inappropriate behavior. Mr. Carrizosa asked that the parent provide a copy of her letter to the board and administration, along with any additional information she wished to provide in writing, in order for the district to work through the board-adopted complaint procedure.

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

The student representative and board members spoke of the great success of Golden West's production of *Les Miserables*. The choral departments at Mt. Whitney, Golden West and Redwood will be presenting their spring shows soon. Golden West ASB will be honoring students for their outstanding achievements at a spring assembly. Schools are beginning to hold Open Houses. Board members reported on attending the Public Schools Night held at the Masonic Lodge honoring district school employees for their outstanding work. Board members also said that they are looking forward to fruitful negotiations and reiterated their hope that cost containment strategies will result in no staff layoffs. Board members have also taken part in the committees working to make recommendations to the board for naming the new elementary schools. It was announced that Mr. Craig Wheaton, a district employee at tonight's meeting, had just returned from running in the Boston Marathon yesterday. A fundraiser for Valley Children's Hospital is being sponsored by the Nugent family in remembrance of their daughter, Heather, who died last year in a traffic accident. The community was encouraged to go by Visalia's Best Buy Market to find out how to participate in the fundraiser. The annual district-wide music program will be held next week at the Assembly of God Church on Caldwell Avenue. This Friday night, the PTA-sponsored Hall of Fame will be recognizing 39 district employees for their contributions; four employees will be inducted into the Hall of Fame. The reception begins at 6 p.m., and the program begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10. It was also announced that the district is working with a community representative from Charter Oak School who is interested in helping support the school in formulating a new petition. There is, however, no indication that Charter Oak wants to submit a new petition through VUSD, and the district continues to work to bring proper closure to the existing status of the school.

**PUBLIC  
HEARING/ACTION  
RESOLUTION  
AUTHORIZING  
DEDICATION OF**

A Public Hearing was opened on a resolution to dedicate an easement to the City of Visalia at Houston Avenue and McAuliff Road in preparation of the construction of the community stadium at Golden West High School (Encl. No. 6). The board approved a resolution declaring the intention to dedicate the easement at the April 8 meeting. As there was no

**EASEMENT TO THE  
CITY OF VISALIA,  
HOUSTON AVENUE  
AND MCAULIFF  
ROAD**

Motion No. 178

public comment on this item, the Public Hearing was closed. On a motion by Lane and second by Pace, the resolution was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF  
RESOLUTION  
AUTHORIZING  
DEDICATION OF  
EASEMENTS TO  
SOUTHERN  
CALIFORNIA  
EDISON; LINWOOD  
AND FERGUSON  
STREETS**

Motion No. 179

A Public Hearing was opened on a resolution authorizing dedication of easements to Southern California Edison for Linwood and Ferguson Streets (Encl. No. 7). The easement will allow SCE to provide power to the site of the new Northwest elementary school. As there was no public comment on this item, the Public Hearing was closed. On a motion by Lane and second by Stephenson, the resolution was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**SALE OF PROPERTY  
- BEECH STREET**

Motion No. 180

A Public Hearing was opened to receive public comment regarding the proposed sale of district-owned property on Beech Street (Encl. No. 8). All public agencies were provided notification of the proposed sale and given 60 days to communicate their interest in purchasing the property. As no public agencies responded, private entities were invited to submit sealed bids for the purchase of the property. The district received one sealed bid. Fair market value of the approximate 7 acres of property had been set at \$42,000 per acre or \$294,000. Additional sealed bids were called for at this point in the meeting. None were received. The sealed bid was opened and it was noted that the bid was from Hidden Oak Development in the amount of \$42,300 per acre for a total of \$296,100. The board called for oral bids. There were none. Public comment was called for. There was none. Mr. Lane read a resolution, which was provided at the meeting, to accept the high bid for the Beech Street property from Hidden Oak Development. On a motion by Qualls and second by Elder, the resolution was accepted. Ayes: Elder, Guerrero, Jones, Lane, Pace and Qualls. Abstain: Stephenson.

**SALE OF PROPERTY  
- BURKE STREET**

Motion No. 181

Enclosure No. 9 was a Public Hearing on the sale of district owned property on Burke Street. No sealed or oral bids were received on this property nor was there any public comment. On a motion by Stephenson and second by Lane, the board authorized staff to initiate and process the sale of the Burke Street property. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**FOCUS ON  
STUDENT  
LEARNING**

Presentation/Public  
Comment/Board  
Discussion

**ACCEPTANCE OF  
DONATION FROM  
WELLS FARGO**  
Motion No. 182

On a motion by Elder and second by Stephenson, the board accepted \$5000 from Wells Fargo Bank's Annual Corporation Foundation Donation Program (Encl. No. 10). The foundation, recognizing the district's current financial crisis, has asked that district Cabinet determine the best use for the donation.

**DISTRICT-WIDE  
GOALS FOR 2003-04**

Mr. Carrizosa explained the process used to draft the proposed district-wide goals for 2003-04 included in Enclosure No. 11. He reviewed the changes/additions to the 2002-03 goals, which were italicized. He invited board input on the proposed goals, which will be presented for a second reading and board action at the May 13 board meeting.

**ROUTINE ACTION  
Motion No. 183**

Board member Jones pulled Routine Action Item No. 11.3.1. (Encl. No. 16) for a question. On a motion by Qualls and second by Pace, the remaining items were approved as follows:

11.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. 2002-03 Budget Revision No. 10 (Encl. No. 12)
2. Resolution Declaring Intention to Dedicate Easements to the State of California - Department of Transportation; Goshen Elementary School (Encl. No. 13)
3. Vendor Contracts for Various Maintenance and Service Needs (Encl. No. 14)

11.2 AREA ADMINISTRATOR, K-6; 7-12/Adult

1. Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 15)

11.3 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 16)
2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 17)
3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 18)

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Motion No. 184

Following clarification of the Classified Personnel report with regard to how the former Charter Oak School's secretary salary was paid/processed, on a motion by Elder and second by Qualls, Enclosure No. 16 was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATIVE  
PANEL RECOM-  
MENDATIONS**

**EXPULSIONS  
Motion No. 185**

On a motion by Qualls and second by Lane, the Administrative Panel Recommendations on Expulsion Case No. 03- 64 E, Case No. 03- 65 E, Case No. 03- 66 E, Case No. 03- 67 E and Case No. 03- 68 E (Encl. No. 19) were approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**SUSPENDED  
EXPULSIONS  
Motion No. 186**

On a motion by Stephenson and second by Elder, the Administrative Panel Recommendations on Suspended Expulsion Case No. 03-15 SE, Case No. 03-16 SE and Case No. 03-17 SE (Encl. No. 20) were approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**REINSTATEMENTS  
Motion No. 187**

On a motion by Lane and second by Pace, the Administrative Panel Recommendations on Reinstatement Case No. 03-38 R (Encl. No. 21) were approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**GENERAL AGENDA  
Review / Public Input /  
Board Discussion /  
**ACTION****

**AUTHORIZATION  
TO ISSUE TAX**

On a motion by Stephenson and second by Qualls, the board approved a resolution authorizing the district to issue Tax Revenue Anticipation Notes (TRANs), for 2003-04.

REVENUE  
ANTICIPATION  
NOTES (TRAN) FOR  
THE 2003-04 FISCAL  
YEAR

Motion No. 188

TRANS are a short-term debt instrument that allows public agencies to meet their anticipated cash flow needs during the fiscal year (Encl. No. 22). The amount the district may borrow will not exceed \$15,000,000. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

EL DIAMANTE HIGH  
SCHOOL VISALIA  
OLYMPIC POOL  
COMMITTEE

Motion No. 189

Mr. Jeff Karr, president of the El Diamante High School Olympic Pool Committee, spoke of the committee's efforts to have a pool at the EDHS site (Encl. No. 23). He spoke of visiting sites throughout the Valley that have Olympic facilities and the advantages, not only to El Diamante, but also to the community, in having a facility to hold state, regional and national events. On behalf of the committee, Mr. Karr asked for the board's public support in going forward to the community to advocate for an Olympic pool in Visalia. Copies of the formal letter that the pool committee presented to Superintendent Carrizosa were provided to the board. On a motion by Pace and second by Stephenson, the committee was encouraged to move forward in gathering information which will be used in considering the pool. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

STANDARDS FOR  
APPROVAL OF  
INTERDISTRICT  
TRANSFERS

Motion No. 190

Enclosure No. 24 was a recommendation that the board adopt a standard to deny all new interdistrict transfer requests, K-4, for 2003-2004. This recommendation came about because of overcrowding in the district. The program at Charter Home School Academy would be the only exception to this across-the-board standard. It was also advised that the district look at this standard on a year-by-year basis. On a motion by Qualls and second by Guerrero, the recommendation was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

MANAGEMENT  
EMPLOYEE HEALTH  
INSURANCE

Motion No. 191

The board was asked to consider a resolution by management staff to contribute \$30 monthly as a fixed premium offset applied toward the annual costs of health insurance premiums effective July 1, 2003 (Encl. No. 25). This action was taken by management as a separate action apart from whatever the impact might be from the collective bargaining process. On a motion by Lane and second by Elder, the resolution was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION IN  
SUPPORT OF THE  
KINDERGARTEN-  
UNIVERSITY  
PUBLIC  
EDUCATION  
FACILITIES BOND  
ACT OF 2004

Motion No. 192

On a motion by Qualls and second by Stephenson, the board approved a resolution supporting a statewide school bond measure which would provide \$12.3 billion in bonds to relieve overcrowding, reduce class size and repair and upgrade California's elementary, middle and high schools, community colleges and universities (Encl. No. 26). This resolution was the second half of the Proposition 47 package that was approved by California voters in 2002 and continues the work to offer a better learning environment for our students. On a motion by Qualls and second by Stephenson, the resolution was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION FOR  
CLASSIFIED  
REDUCTIONS /  
LAYOFFS FOR 2003-  
04

Motion No. 193

Enclosure No. 27 was a resolution for reductions of classified services due to an existing lack of funds. On a motion by Elder and second by Stephenson, the resolution was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

STATUS  
REPORT/PUBLIC  
COMMENT

**CLUB SPORTS**

Enclosure No. 28 included the review that the Grand Jury did regarding all high schools in Tulare County and their findings and recommendations regarding club sports. Also included in the enclosure were pages from the CIF constitution, which included two bylaws regarding interscholastic sports and schools' participation in club sports, and the district's Board Policy 6145 and accompanying regulations regarding athletic competition. The board policy and regulations were revised earlier this year during the normal course of review. The district is in the process of formulating its response to the Grand Jury Report. Mr. Carrizosa said that CIF has clearly stated that they feel that the articles and bylaws they have in place are sufficient to address the involvement in club sports as it is related to CIF. He added that CIF has not, nor will it, take any steps to impose hiring restrictions for school districts with regard to what coaches in their sports can and cannot do.

**ENERGY  
CONSERVATION  
UPDATE**

Dr. Fulmer presented a PowerPoint on the work that administrative staff has done to address the high cost of energy usage in the district (Encl. No. 29). In an effort to continue conservation methods to contain costs and allow resources to be redirected to priorities identified by the board, a number of guidelines for implementation were reviewed. The energy conservation program will run through August 18, 2003. Following board discussion and concerns voiced regarding classrooms becoming too uncomfortable if air conditioning is turned off early, the consensus of the board was that the air conditioning be left on in classrooms until students are dismissed. Mr. Carrizosa said that staff will revise the plan to demonstrate the change in potential cost savings and will work to make that savings up somewhere else.

It was announced that a special study session on the district's Local Assessment Plan Report and Standards Based Report Card will be held this Thursday night at 6:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be May 13, 2003 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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Michael D. Lane  
Clerk

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Stan A. Carrizosa  
Superintendent/Secretary