

**Visalia Unified School District
Board of Education**

MINUTES

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The meeting of May 27, 2003, was called to order at 6:00 p.m., by President Jones, 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	6:00	9:50	
Juan R. Guerrero	6:00	9:50	
Larry Jones	6:00	9:50	
Michael Lane	6:00	9:50	
Laura Pace	6:00	9:50	
Jim L. Qualls	6:00	9:50	
Robert Stephenson	6:00	9:50	
Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent	6:00	9:50	
Andrew Pipes, Student Representative	7:00	8:50	

Staff Members

Carlyn Lambert, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Educational Services
Mark Fulmer, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services
Kay Van Andel, 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. REVIEWS-CONTINUED EXPULSIONS
5. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
6. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
 1. Agency Negotiator: Kay Van Andel
 2. Employee Organization
 1. VUTA
 2. CSEA
 3. Management

**RECONVENE IN
OPEN SESSION**

At 7 p.m. the board reconvened in open session. President Jones announced that no action was taken in closed session. Student Representative, Andrew Pipes, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC
RECOGNITION /
PROCLAMATIONS /
ACTION**

President Jones announced a reordering of tonight's agenda. Items 11.1 and 11.2 will be taken following Board Member/Superintendent Reports (Item No. 7).

**RECOGNITION OF
2002-2003 STUDENT
BOARD
REPRESENTATIVES**

Student Representatives to the Board, Renee Hill (Mt. Whitney), Andrew Pipes (Golden West) and Edouard Sonier (Redwood) were recognized for their service during the 2002-03 school year (Encl. No. 1).

**RECOGNITION OF
MT. WHITNEY HIGH
SCHOOL DECA
STUDENTS AND
ADVISOR, STEPHEN
ROGERS - FIRST
PLACE WINNERS AT
THE STATE DECA
CONFERENCE**

Mt. Whitney DECA students, Alexandria Galaviz, Allison Aulick and Scott Smith, were recognized for placing first at the State DECA Conference in Costa Mesa, California, in March and for competing at the National DECA Conference in Orlando, Florida, in April. The students produced an anti-marijuana CD which was showcased in local newspapers and on TV Channels 30 and 26. The students recently traveled to Washington, DC, at the invitation of the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America to present their CD at the group's national leadership forum, the nation's premiere substance abuse conference. The Channel 30 news clip was presented for the board and audience. Miss Galaviz gave a quick overview of the CD and the students' trip to Washington, DC. The CD will be used as part of the curriculum in the district.

**RESOLUTION OF
COMMENDATION
FOR GOLDEN WEST
HIGH SCHOOL
TEACHERS, MR.
MIKE WILSON AND
MR. PAUL RAHEB,
BY MR. BOB LINK
AND THE VISALIA
CITY COUNCIL**

Visalia City Council Member, Bob Link, read resolutions of commendation from City Council members to Golden West teachers, Mr. Paul Raheb and Mr. Mike Wilson, for their outstanding work with students and the community in the areas of choral music and theater production (Encl. No. 3).

**PUBLIC COMMENT
/ PUBLIC INTEREST
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No one addressed the board.

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

Board member Lane expressed his appreciation that healthy fruit drinks are being placed in vending machines throughout the district. Board members reported on visits to open houses, an event held by Latino Mental Health through Kaweah Delta Hospital, last week's Superintendent's Resource Development Committee, the retirement reception held for district employees, chaperoning Grad Night at Disneyland, the Visalia Education Foundation meeting, Portfolio Day at Mt. Whitney, assisting at Mt. Whitney sports physicals and the dedication of playground equipment at River Bend. Board members also spoke of looking forward to next week's graduation ceremonies.

Mr. Carrizosa announced that a newly revised map of the Visalia Unified School District was available on the back table. The map includes El Diamante and the two new elementary school sites.

GENERAL AGENDA

Review / Public Input /

Board Discussion /

ACTION

DISCLOSURE OF
COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING
AGREEMENT
(CERTIFICATED)
Motion No. 204

As required by AB 1200 and Government Code 3547.5, the major provisions of the VUTA collective bargaining agreement with the district for the current 2002-03 school year and the 2003-04 school year were presented for public review and comment (Encl. No. 35). Following Mr. Gröeber's review of the information included in the enclosure, public comment was received. A district teacher, Ellen Dahlenburg, addressed the board concerning the agreement and reiterated that for the past three years, teachers have done "their fair share" in containing health care costs. On a motion by Pace and second by Stephenson, disclosure of the collective bargaining agreement for certificated personnel was accepted. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING
AGREEMENT
BETWEEN VUSD
AND VISALIA
UNIFIED TEACHERS
ASSOCIATION
(VUTA) FOR 2002-
2004
Motion No. 205

On May 15, 2003, a tentative agreement was reached between VUSD and VUTA for the 2002-2004 school years. On May 23, 2003, VUTA membership overwhelmingly approved the tentative agreement, which ratified the amendments to the collective bargaining agreement. Enclosure No. 36 was presented tonight for official ratification by the board. Public comment was called for. There was none. On a motion by Qualls and second by Stephenson, the board ratified the agreement for 2002-2004. Ayes: all. Motion carried. The agreement generates enough savings to restore CSR programs in Grades K-2 and will allow the district to rescind approximately 100 teacher layoff notices.

FOCUS ON STUDENT LEARNING

Presentation/Public

Comment/Board

Discussion/ACTION

(Where applicable)

STAFF
COLLABORATION
DAYS FOR 2003-04
Motion No. 206

Enclosure No. 4 was a second review of the proposed staff collaboration days for the 2003-04 school year as presented at the May 13 board meeting. President Jones asked for public comment. VUTA President, Fred Speckman, expressed concerns presented to him by traveling team teachers with regard to the staff development days being scheduled primarily on Mondays. Mr. Speckman suggested that a time may come when elementary and high schools could have different staff collaboration days. On a motion by Elder and second by Pace, the board approved the 2003-04 staff collaboration days. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

NAMING OF NEW
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOLS
Motion No. 207
Motion No. 208

Mr. Myron Sheklian presented for review the committee recommendations for naming the two new elementary schools (Encl. No. 5). The recommendations were first presented to the board at the May 13, 2003 board meeting. On a motion by Stephenson and second by Qualls, the board approved naming the new northwest school Oak Grove. Ayes: all. Motion carried. Mr. Jones moved to name the new northeast school Patriot, one of the names considered by the committee. The motion failed for lack of a second. On a motion by Qualls and second by Lane, the committee's preferred recommended name, Four Creeks, was approved for the northeast school. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**INDEPENDENT
STUDY PROGRAM
REPORT
CENTRALIZATION
FOR 2003-04**

Mr. Rick Rodriguez presented a PowerPoint which included the rationale for centralizing the district's independent study program for 2003-04 (Encl. No. 6). Also included was the staffing recommendation and facility placement for the program. The primary rationale for centralizing the program is accountability to minimize the revenue lost through program operations. No net increase in costs for this proposal is expected as existing expenditures would be reallocated as needed. This item was presented for information only.

**ROUTINE ACTION
Motion No. 209**

Board members pulled Routine Action Items 9.14 (Encl. No. 10) and 9.15 (Encl. No. 11) for further clarification. On a motion by Qualls and second by Elder, the remaining items were approved as follows:

9.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Warrant List - May 1 through 15, 2003 (Encl. No. 7)
2. 2002-03 Budget Revision No. 11 (Encl. No. 8)
3. Resolution Setting the Public Hearing for the 2003-2004 Proposed Budget (Encl. No. 9)
4. Acceptance of Donation from Visalia Ceramic Tile, Inc. (Encl. No. 10)
5. Resolution Approving and Adopting of a Labor Compliance Program (Encl. No. 11)
6. Approval of Bid #4467 - Mt. Whitney Modernization - Phase II (Encl. No. 12)
7. Renewal of Tulare County Department of Education Food Service Agreement for Mid-County Community School, Occupational Training Program, Services for Education and Employment (Encl. No. 13)
8. Renewal of Tulare County Department of Education Food Service Agreement for Child Care Programs (Encl. No. 14)
9. Renewal for Liberty School District's Food Service Agreement (Encl. No. 15)
10. Vendor Contracts for Various Maintenance and Service Needs (Encl. No. 16)
11. Request to Piggyback for Office and Classroom Furniture (Encl. No. 17)

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

1. Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 18)
2. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Services for Education and Employment (SEE) and Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Summer School Program at Redwood, Mt. Whitney and Golden West High Schools (Encl. No. 19)
3. Eligible Training Provider Contract Between Tulare County Workforce Investment Board and Visalia Adult School (Encl. No. 20)

9.3 CURRICULUM

1. Bilingual Teacher Training Program (BTTP) (Encl. No. 21)
2. Memorandum of Understanding - Pro-Youth/HEART (Encl. No. 22)

9.4 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 23)
2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 24)
3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 25)
4. Notice to Employ Certificated Personnel for Extended Year/Middle School and High School (Encl. No. 26)
5. Request to Attend Conference/Workshop (Encl. No. 27)

9.5 SUPERINTENDENT

1. 2003-04 California School Boards Association (CSBA) Membership Renewal (Encl. No. 28)
2. Adoption of Resolution for Governing Board Elections on November 4, 2003 (Encl. No. 29)
3. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 22, 2003 (Encl. No. 30)

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Motion No. 210 With regard to Item 9.1- 4, the board was asked to accept a donation valued at \$38,535 from Visalia Ceramic Tile, Inc. to the future Visalia Stadium that will be constructed at Golden West High School. On a motion by Stephenson and second by Qualls, the board accepted the generous donation from Visalia Ceramic Tile, Inc. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Motion No. 211 Mr. Stephenson asked for clarification of Item 9.1-5. Dr. Fulmer explained that public agencies are obligated to bid and fund projects with prevailing wage, a set of wage structures that are provided by the State of California that govern the minimum wages employers working for the district under contract must pay to their employees to provide that work. This is an attempt to ensure that the same wage rates are paid for public works projects throughout various regions of the state. On a motion by Stephenson and second by Qualls, the item was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
PANEL RECOM-
MENDATIONS**

EXPULSIONS
Motion No. 212 On a motion by Qualls and second by Pace, the Administrative Panel Recommendations on Expulsion Case No. 03-77 E, Case No. 03-78 E, Case No. 03-79 E, Case No. 03-80 E, Case No. 03-81 E, Case No. 03-82 E and Case No. 03-83 E (Encl. No. 31) were approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

SUSPENDED
EXPULSIONS
Motion No. 213 On a motion by Stephenson and second by Elder, the Administrative Panel Recommendations on Suspended Expulsion Case No. 03-19 SE (Encl. No. 32) were approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

REINSTATEMENTS
Motion No. 214 On a motion by Pace and second by Qualls, the Administrative Panel Recommendations on Reinstatements Case No. 03-39 R (Encl. No. 33) were approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

REVIEWS-
CONTINUED
EXPULSIONS
Motion No. 215 On a motion by Stephenson and second by Qualls, the Administrative Panel Recommendations on Reviews-Continued Expulsion Case No. 03-27 RCE (Encl. No. 34) were approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

GENERAL AGENDA
Review / Public Input /
Board Discussion /
ACTION

LOCAL
EDUCATIONAL Mr. Craig Wheaton presented a brief overview of the district's Local Educational Agency Plan (LEA) (Encl. No. 37). The LEA is a federal requirement of the No Child Left Behind

AGENCY (LEA)
PLAN
Motion No. 216

Act of 2001. The purpose of the LEA is to gather together all of the state and federal programs in the district into a plan focused on student achievement and to align all of the single school plans in the district to state performance target goals. The district's LEA Plan is a five-year plan that will be updated annually to continue the focus of raising academic performance for all students. On a motion by Stephenson and second by Guerrero, the plan was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried. The LEA Plan will be sent to the State June 6.

THREE (3) TRANSIT
SCHOOL BUSES
AND ONE (1)
WHEEL CHAIR
SCHOOL BUS
Motion No. 217

Enclosure No. 38 was a request to go to bid for the purpose of three transit school buses and one wheel chair bus. The transit buses will be purchased and used by Mid-Valley Transportation for contracting purposes servicing VUSD and other area districts. The wheel chair school bus will replace an existing wheel chair school bus that will be modified and sent to Operation II to replace a custodial bus. Grants for approximately \$25,000 per bus will come from the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District and from Cal Trans. The buses will be lease purchased and the funds generated from field trips will be used to make the yearly payment for the buses. Any difference owing that may occur will be covered by Mid-Valley Transportation. There will be no cost to the district general fund. On a motion by Qualls and second by Guerrero, the approval to go to bid was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

REVIEW REVISION
TO BP 0420 -
SCHOOL
PLANS/SITE
COUNCILS -
SECOND AND
FINAL READING
Motion No. 218

On a motion by Guerrero and second by Elder, Enclosures 39 through 44 were approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried. These policies were presented for a first reading at the May 13, 2003 board meeting.

REVIEW REVISION
TO BP 3541.1 -
SCHOOL-RELATED
TRIPS - SECOND
AND FINAL
READING
Motion No. 218

(Encl. No. 40)

REVIEW NEW
MANDATED CSBA
BP/AR 5022 -
STUDENT AND
FAMILY PRIVACY
RIGHTS - SECOND
AND FINAL
READING
Motion No. 218

(Encl. No. 41)

REVIEW NEW
MANDATED BP/AR
5121.1 - K-6
EVALUATION OF
STUDENT

(Encl. No. 42)

ACHIEVEMENT -
SECOND AND
FINAL READING
Motion No. 218

REVIEW NEW BP/AR (Encl. No. 43)
5123.1 - K-6
PROMOTION/
ACCELERATION/
RETENTION -
SECOND AND
FINAL READING
Motion No. 218

REVIEW NEW BP (Encl. No. 44)
6154.1 - K-6
HOMEWORK/MAKE
UP WORK -
SECOND AND
FINAL READING
Motion No. 218

**STATUS
REPORT/PUBLIC
COMMENT**

CITY OF VISALIA/
VISALIA UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT
JOINT POWER
AUTHORITY
PROPOSAL

Dr. Fulmer updated the board on where the district is in discussions with city staff regarding the Visalia Public Building Authority (VPBA) (Encl. No. 45). City and district staffs are proposing that work be done on a continued joint power authority relationship that is very much streamlined from the current outdated agreement. Dr. Fulmer explained the actions that must be taken by the board and city to develop the new joint powers agreement. The major function of the proposed Visalia Civic Facilities Authority would be the management and oversight of performing arts venues, initially LJ Williams Theater, Rotary Theater and El Diamante Theater. The lead agency in the proposed JPA would be the Visalia Unified School District. The necessary resolutions and agreements to accomplish the proposed action will be brought to the board in June.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Unless otherwise determined, the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be June 10, 2003, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the VUSD Educational Complex located at 5000 West Cypress Avenue, Visalia.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Lane
Clerk

Stan A. Carrizosa
Superintendent/Secretary