

**Visalia Unified School District
Board of Education**

MINUTES

OPENING BUSINESS The meeting of October 28, 2003, was called to order at 5:30 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	10:40	
Juan R. Guerrero	6:00	10:40	
Larry Jones	6:00	10:40	
Michael Lane	6:00	10:40	
Laura Pace	6:00	10:40	
Jim L. Qualls	6:00	10:40	
Robert Stephenson	6:00	10:40	
Stephen Wilson, Student Representative	7:00	9:15	
Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent	6:00	10:40	

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

CLOSED SESSION President Jones identified the closed session agenda topics as follows:

1. RECOMMENDED EXPULSIONS
2. RECOMMENDED SUSPENDED EXPULSIONS
3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION -
Government Code Section 54956.9 (c)
Deciding Whether to Initiate Litigation - One Potential Case
4. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
VUTA
CSEA
Management

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION The board reconvened the Early Bird Study Session at 6:30 p.m. No action was reported from closed session.

**EARLY BIRD STUDY
SESSION**

**HIGH SCHOOL
VOCATIONAL
EDUCATION REPORT
ON STUDENT
ACADEMIC
ACHIEVEMENT AND
ALLOCATION
EXPENDITURES FOR
2002-2003**

Area Administrator, Rick Rodriguez, introduced VUSD vocational education partners from the Visalia Economic Development Council, the Visalia Chamber of Commerce and the Tulare County Office of Education School-to-Career (VPIE) Program (Encl. No. 1). Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Bea Soxman, School-to-Career/ROP Coordinator, and Randy Wallace, from the county office, presented tonight's Visalia Partners in Education report on the district's Vocational Education Program. During the 2002-2003 school year, 72 percent, or 4,735 of our high school students participated in vocational and career courses. The attendance rate for students enrolled in vocational classes was around 97 percent, approximately 2.5 percent higher than last year. The average GPA for all high school students for 2002-03 was 2.50; vocational education students' average GPA was 2.39; vocational education completers' average GPA was 2.53 and students enrolled in TCOVE classes with VUSD averaged a 2.54 GPA. Mr. Rodriguez also shared the overall cumulative passing rates for the California High School Exit Exam from March 2001 through May 2003 for the state, VUSD, Vocational Education students and Vocational Education Completers. Mr. Randy Wallace reported on the match side of the partnership with the community and a \$43,000 cash investment for equipment and instructional supplies as well as in-kind contributions to the district. Mrs. Soxman reported on how the \$150,000 that the board allocated for the Vocational Education Departments at all four of our high schools has been used.

**OPEN REGULAR
SESSION**

The board convened the regular open session at 7:12 p.m. Mr. Lane lead the Pledge of Allegiance. No action was reported from closed session.

**PUBLIC RECOGNI-
TION/PROCLAMA-
TIONS/ACTION**

**2003 EXCELLENCE
IN EDUCATION
NOMINEE
RECOGNITION**

VUSD Nominees for this year's Excellence in Education Awards sponsored by the Tulare County Office of Education in conjunction with the Educational Employees Credit Unions were recognized (Encl. No. 2). Teacher of the Year nominee, Shannon O'Dell, School Employee of the Year nominee, Cynthia Pena, and Administrator of the Year nominee, Judy Walston, each received a certificate in recognition of their nominations.

**AMERICAN INDIAN
HERITAGE MONTH -
NOVEMBER 2003**

Motion No. 65

Clerk Lane read a resolution designating November American Indian Heritage Month (Encl. No. 3). On a motion by Guerrero and a second by Qualls, the resolution was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**ACCEPTANCE OF
CONTRIBUTION
TOWARD THE
CENTEX MINERAL
KING BOWL**

Motion No. 66

Wise Engineering, a construction firm in Visalia, was recognized for its donation of labor and materials valued at \$2,500 toward the Centex/Mineral King Bowl (Encl. No. 4). The donation will go toward a new wall along the Mill Creek side of the bowl. On a motion by Stephenson and second by Elder, the board appreciatively received the contribution. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF
CONTRIBUTIONS
TOWARD THE
GROPPETTI
AUTOMOTIVE -
VISALIA
COMMUNITY
STADIUM
Motion No. 67

Enclosure No. 5 was an update on donations received for the Groppetti Automotive-Visalia Community Stadium. To date, monetary donations total \$159,440 in addition to pledges of material and services of \$71,650. Contributions currently amount to \$231,090. On a motion by Qualls and second by Pace, the donations were gratefully accepted. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Mr. Jones announced that tonight's agenda had been reordered. Item 12.3 (Encl. No. 31) will be discussed following Item 9.2 (Encl. No. 7).

STATUS
REPORT/PUBLIC
COMMENT
FISCAL YEAR 2003-
04 STATE BUDGET
UPDATE

Mr. Robert Gröeber presented a PowerPoint which included an update on the 2003-04 State Budget and its potential impact on the district (Encl. No. 6). Governor-elect Schwarzenegger will take office in November and has pledged no further cuts to education. Mr. Gröeber announced that Former Governor Davis had vetoed AB457, the CalPers Retirement Incentive discussed at the previous board meeting. Mr. Gröeber reviewed projections made by legislative analysts relating to the 2004-05 budget. There is a possibility that the district may be facing mid-year cuts because of a projected state budget deficit of between \$8B and \$20B. Costs in the district continue to rise with salaries, workers compensation and insurance. The district is working for ways to help fund the potential increases and is trying to establish a process early in the discussion with our labor groups to try and avoid a crisis if mid-year cuts become necessary. Mr. Gröeber will present a report to the board at the November board meeting on the potential impacts on the 2004-05 budget and will propose a conceptual framework for addressing the potential budget reductions.

The session was opened to public comment. No one came forward.

PUBLIC COMMENT
/ PUBLIC INTEREST
ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL HUMAN
RESOURCES
DEVELOPMENT
REPORT TO THE
GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE VISALIA
UNIFIED SCHOOL
DISTRICT

Mrs. Kay Van Andel presented the 2nd Annual Human Resources Development Report. Five years of data was collected for tonight's report (Encl. No. 7). As of October 1, 2003 (CBEDS Day), VUSD has 25,309 K-12 students enrolled. The district has experienced a 6% enrollment growth in Grades K-12 over the past five years. There are currently 51% Hispanic students enrolled in the district, 38% White students and 11% other. There are 51% males compared to 49% female students in the district. Also included in the presentation was information on the ratio of students to teachers, staffing formulas for hiring teachers, student and staff demographics, hiring data and other pertinent information relative to district personnel.

Mrs. Van Andel reported that all but four of the 164 teachers who were given layoff notices in the spring have been reinstated. The four employees were offered positions, but declined the offers.

**RESOLUTION FOR
ORDERING
ELECTION TO
AUTHORIZE
ISSUANCE OF
SCHOOL BONDS
Motion No. 68**

Tonight's discussion of Enclosure No. 31 included information shared at previous board study sessions relative to a recommendation by the Superintendent's Facilities Advisory Committee to initiate the issuance of a school bond. A resolution was included in the enclosure ordering an election to authorize the issuance of school bonds in the amount of \$25,600,000, establishing specifications of the election order, and requesting consolidation with other elections occurring on March 2, 2004. Also included was the full text of the ballot measure and a list of the specific school facilities projects that the bond would address.

A district parent spoke in support of the El Diamante Olympic-size Community Pool included on the bond project list. Principal at El Diamante, Drew Sorensen, also voiced his support of the pool being included on the bond ballot. On a motion by Stephenson and second by Lane, the board approved the resolution and exhibits as included in Enclosure No. 31. Ayes: all. Motion carried. The community will now be asked to assist the school district in obtaining approximately \$16 million in currently approved State matching funds through the passage of this bond measure.

**BOARD MEMBER
REPORTS/SUPER-
INTENDENT'S
REPORT
(School Visits/School
Events/School Issues)**

Mr. Wilson reported that Golden West students are planning the winter formal dance scheduled for December 13; the Homecoming game and festivities were a success with student and parent support; this Thursday the Golden West Link Crew leaders will be teaching freshmen lessons on the use of school resources; Golden West is anticipating the groundbreaking ceremony for the Gropetti Automotive Community Stadium on November 7; Mt. Whitney students are making preparations for the November 7 Cowhide Game; the students at Mt. Whitney held a "Charlie's Angels" Rally last Friday; on Saturday Mt. Whitney held the Harvest Dance with great success; the El Diamante marching band placed third in parade and field show competitions at the annual Visalia Band Review; the fall sport season is beginning to wind down with the El Diamante girls' tennis team, water polo, volleyball and cross-country teams finishing a successful season; Redwood is getting ready for the Cowhide Game against Mt. Whitney; to kick off the Cowhide festivities, the students have planned a Black Light Assembly with a "Cowhide Electrified" theme—the event will be held on November 7; Redwood is having dress-up days in celebration of Red Ribbon Week—the week will end with "Scare Away Drugs" on Halloween; Redwood's cross-country team will be racing Golden West and Mt. Whitney tomorrow at Mooney's Grove Park; and finally, congratulations to the girls' golf team on winning the WYL Title.

Board members commended district staff and students on the tremendous progress that has been made on the API scores; spoke of their visits to various school sites throughout the district and how attractive the sites are being kept; an upcoming documentary planned for PBS on the San Joaquin Valley; a presentation on a California Master Plan for Education and request that the presentation be brought to an upcoming board meeting; attending the Visalia Education Forum, Mt. Whitney's Career Fair; accompanying the Mt. Whitney ensemble to CSU, Fresno, for a musical festival; the importance of supporting Fine Arts in our community; participating in "Make a Difference Day;" attending an FFA Advisory Meeting and attending

various athletic events and the Excellence in Education Breakfast. Mrs. Pace stated that she would be unable to attend the November 18 board meeting and shared some of her feelings about the months she has served on the board. Board members also expressed their appreciation for Mrs. Pace's service to the district and shared that she would be missed. Mr. Carrizosa told the board that Mrs. Pace will attend the December 16 board meeting for a proper farewell.

ROUTINE ACTION
Motion No. 69

Board member Qualls pulled Item 10.5 3 for further clarification. On a motion by Guerrero and second by Qualls, the remaining Routine Action Items were approved as follows:

- 10.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
 - 1. Warrant List - October 4 through October 17, 2003 (Encl. No. 8)
 - 2. 2003-04 Budget Revision No. 06 (Encl. No. 9)
 - 3. Agreement - Bowie, Arneson, Wiles & Giannone (Encl. No. 10)
 - 4. Request to Enter into a Lease Agreement (Encl. No. 11)
 - 5. Change Order #1 - Mt. Whitney High School Infrastructure Project (Encl. No. 12)
 - 6. Change Order #2 - Crestwood, Mt. View Elementary & Valley Oak Modernization Project (Encl. No. 13)
 - 7. Change Order #3 - Conyer Elementary Modernization Project (Encl. No. 14)
 - 8. Change Order #6 - Green Acres/Divisadero Middle Schools Multi-Use Building Projects (Encl. No. 15)
 - 9. Request to Piggyback for Office and Classroom Furniture & Audio Visual Equipment (Encl. No. 16)
- 10.2 AREA ADMINISTRATORS, K-6; 7-12/Adult
 - 1. Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 17)
- 10.3 AREA ADMINISTRATOR; 7-12/Adult
 - 1. Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Grant Section 131 (Encl. No. 18)
 - 2. Community-Based English Tutoring (CBET) 2003-2004 Apportionment (Encl. No. 19)
 - 3. Carl Perkins Vocational Education Application/Plan for Funding 2003/04 (Encl. No. 20)
 - 4. Certification of Acceptance for 2003-04 Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment (BTSA) Grant (Encl. No. 21)
- 10.4 CURRICULUM/EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
 - 1. Request to Attend Conference/Workshop (Encl. No. 22)
- 10.5 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
 - 1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 23)
 - 2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 24)
 - 3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 25)
- 10.6 SUPERINTENDENT
 - 1. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 9, 2003 (Encl. No. 26)

Motion No. 70

Following discussion of a consultant request included in Item 10.5.3, on a motion by Qualls and second by Stephenson, the item was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
PANEL RECOM-
MENDATIONS**

EXPULSIONS

Motion No. 71

On a motion by Lane and second by Elder, the Administrative Panel Recommendations on Expulsion Case No. 04-13 E, Case No. 04-14 E, Case No. 04-15 E, Case No. 04-16 E, Case No. 04-17 E and Case No. 04-18 E (Encl. No. 27), were approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

SUSPENDED

EXPULSIONS

Motion No. 72

On a motion by Stephenson and second by Qualls, the Administrative Panel Recommendations on Suspended Expulsion Case No. 04-05 SE and Case No. 04-06 SE, (Encl. No. 28) were approved.

GENERAL AGENDA

Review / Public Input /

Board Discussion /

ACTION (as applicable)

APPROVAL OF BID

#4482 - GROPPETTI

AUTOMOTIVE/

VISALIA

COMMUNITY

STADIUM PROJECT

Motion No. 73

Enclosure No. 29 was a request to award Bid #4482 to Oral E. Micham, Inc. The apparent low bid was in the amount of \$2,509,820. On a motion by Qualls and second by Pace, the item was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION -

PHASE I

ENVIRONMENTAL

STUDY OF THE

DANS LANE

ELEMENTARY

SCHOOL

Motion No. 74

The resolution included in Enclosure No. 30 included additional wording mandated by the state. On a motion by Pace and second by Elder, the resolution was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**BOARD MEMBER
REQUESTS**

Discussion took place regarding the reasons for tonight's placement of this item on the agenda. Board President Jones will consider the points shared regarding the placement and determine its order on future board meeting agendas.

**RECONVENE IN
CLOSED SESSION**

At 9:35 p.m., the board reconvened into closed session to continue discussion on the closed session agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:40 p.m., the board reconvened in open session and announced that no action had been taken in closed session. The meeting was adjourned.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be November 18, 2003, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the VUSD Educational Complex located at 5000 West Cypress Avenue, Visalia.

Respectfully submitted,

Rodney Elder
Clerk

Stan A. Carrizosa
Superintendent/Secretary