

**Visalia Unified School District
Board of Education**

MINUTES

OPENING BUSINESS The February 24, 2004 board meeting was opened at 5:30 p.m. by President Lane, in the Board Room at the VUSD Educational Office Complex, 5000 West Cypress Avenue, Visalia. A quorum of the board was present.

ATTENDANCE

	<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Leave</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Rodney Elder	5:30	8:50	
Juan R. Guerrero	5:30	8:50	
Larry Jones	5:30	8:50	
Michael Lane	5:30	8:50	
Donna Martin	5:30	8:50	
Jim L. Qualls	5:30	8:50	
Robert Stephenson	5:30	8:50	
Kaitlin Morgan, Student Representative	7:00	8:05	
Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent	5:30	8:50	

Staff Members Mark Fulmer, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services
Carlyn Lambert, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum/Educational Services
Kay Van Andel, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Development
Liz Parker, Administrative Assistant, Superintendent's Office

CLOSED SESSION President Lane identified the closed session topics listed below:

1. RECOMMENDED EXPULSIONS
2. RECOMMENDED SUSPENDED EXPULSIONS
3. RECOMMENDED REINSTATEMENTS
4. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
 1. Agency Negotiator: Kay Van Andel
 2. Employee Organization
 1. VUTA
 2. CSEA
 3. Management
5. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE REPLACEMENT
 1. Director, Human Resources Development

**RECONVENE IN
OPEN SESSION**
Motion No. 148

The board reconvened in open session at 7:00 p.m. President Lane announced that in closed session, on a motion by Qualls and second by Guerrero, and a unanimous vote of the board, Cindy Costa was appointed Director, Human Resources Development, effective July 1, 2004.

Mrs. Costa will replace Jim Pitkin, who was recently appointed Principal at Four Creeks Elementary School.

Juan Guerrero lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC
RECOGNITION/
PROCLAMATIONS/
ACTION**

ACCEPTANCE OF
GRANT FROM
CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF
FORESTRY AND FIRE
PROTECTION
Motion No. 149

Brian Kemp, from Urban and Community Forestry, and Dave Hillman and Darla Mills, from the California Department of Forestry, presented the district with a grant in the amount of \$46,625 from the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Encl. No. 1). The grant will provide 500-600 trees to be planted on approximately ten of our school sites.

ACCEPTANCE OF
CONTRIBUTIONS
TOWARD THE
GROPETTI
AUTOMOTIVE -
VISALIA
COMMUNITY
STADIUM
Motion No. 150

On a motion by Elder and second by Jones, the board gratefully accepted additional donations to the community stadium (Encl. No. 2). To date, total contributions amount to \$254,615. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION
DECLARING MARCH
2004 WOMEN'S
HISTORY MONTH
Motion No. 151

Clerk Elder read a resolution declaring March 2004 Women's History Month (Encl. No. 3). On a motion by Martin and second by Stephenson, the resolution was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION
DECLARING MARCH
2004 ARTS
EDUCATION MONTH
Motion No. 152

Clerk Elder also read a resolution declaring March 2004 Arts Education Month (Encl. No. 4). On a motion by Qualls and second by Elder, the resolution was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT
/ PUBLIC INTEREST
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The session was open to public comment. Mr. Bill Goodreau, a district parent and PTA Council President, extended the PTA Council's support of Measure P. He said that the council believes that the best way our children can have a quality education is when conditions are not overcrowded and learning takes place in modern classrooms. Mr. Goodreau added that many community members also support passage of the bond measure. He spoke of his concern that VUTA had chosen a neutral position and had offered no support for Measure

P. He said that he felt that this decision by VUTA was counter-productive to the mission that we are striving for—a quality education for our children. He said that if Measure P does not pass, the district will lose out on \$15 million in matching funds. He said that “when we choose to not unite all of our talents, efforts and capabilities, the only people that will lose are our children.”

Karl Kildow, VUTA president, spoke of the “Democratic process” and said that under his leadership, the association represents the will of the teachers. He said that the association does support the passage of Propositions 55, 56, 57 and 58. Mr. Kildow said that district teachers from Willow Glen and Linwood represented by one spokesperson, would address the board tonight. Each spoke of their support of the VUTA bargaining team and their efforts to secure a fair contract. Teachers from other sites will also be coming to subsequent board meetings to address the board.

FISCAL YEAR 2003-04 STATE BUDGET UPDATE AND BUDGET SAVINGS PROCESS REVIEW FOR 2004-05

Robert Gröeber provided two handouts with information updated today regarding the State budget. He also explained the budget savings process for 2004-05 which summarized the expected revenues to come to the district from the State if the Budget Deal holds and Propositions 57 and 58 pass. Mr. Gröeber said that if the propositions pass and the Governor’s Budget Deal holds, the district could balance its budget with minimal layoffs. The district “will continue to plan for the worst and hope for the best.” March 3, following the outcome of the March 2 election, is “when real negotiations will begin.”

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/SUPER-INTENDENT’S REPORT

Miss Morgan reported on activities taking place at the comprehensive high schools. At Redwood, students have been participating in a blood drive, preparing for the Sadie’s Dance, boys soccer, girls soccer and boys basketball made it to the CIF playoffs, and new science portables are being built; Mt. Whitney’s Multi-Cultural Food Fair is being planned, they are working on the Prom, and the dedication of the new track; tonight is the Winter Athletic Awards Night at El Diamante, the Character Counts Luncheon will be held this Friday, the Academic Letters will be handed out on Tuesday, March 2, and FFA Activities Week will be observed next week; Golden West recently held its Multi-Cultural Food Day, a “scary” Friday the 13th assembly, today held a break-dancing exhibition at lunch and the Blazer Choir will compete tomorrow in Las Vegas. Tennis, swimming, baseball, softball and track have begun.

Board member Guerrero reported that this past week he was at the California Workforce Association’s meeting, sponsored by the Tulare County Workers Investment Board Youth Council, where there was a lot of discussion regarding youth programs. He said that the major topic was vocational training and certification for the training. He also reported that a former Redwood athlete, Aaron Alafa, is in the box-off this Friday and Saturday. If he wins, he will represent Visalia at the Olympics.

Mr. Elder reported that he had attended the Visalia Chamber of Commerce Appreciation Luncheon and was impressed with the group’s vitality and commitment to education.

Mr. Lane reported that he had visited Charter Alternatives Academy - Packwood with Mr. Rodriguez and visited with Rudy Soleno and staff. He said it was a very inspirational opportunity. He asked that as the district does its monthly student awards, that a Packwood student be recognized as a student of the month.

**PUBLIC
HEARING/ACTION**

CSEA INTERESTS
FOR CLASSIFIED
NEGOTIATIONS
Motion No. 153

CSEA originally presented their contract proposal at the February 10, 2004 board meeting. The document has been available for public review in Human Resources Development since that meeting. Tonight a public hearing was opened on this item (Encl. No. 6). No one addressed the board. The public hearing was closed. On a motion by Stephenson and second by Qualls, the board acknowledged receipt of CSEA's "interests." Ayes: all. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION -
MITIGATED
NEGATIVE
DECLARATION FOR
THE SOUTHEAST
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
Motion No. 154

The district previously called for comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed new elementary school located on Pinkham Street south of Walnut Avenue. No comments were received. Tonight a public hearing was called for comments. There were none. The public hearing was closed. On a motion by Guerrero and second by Jones, the board approved the mitigated negative declaration, included in Enclosure No. 7. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING
DEDICATION OF
RIGHT OF WAY TO
THE CITY OF
VISALIA; HOUSTON
AVENUE AND
WOODLAND
Motion No. 155

A resolution declaring intention to dedicate a right of way to the City of Visalia was adopted at the January 27 board meeting. Enclosure No. 8 included the resolution authorizing that dedication of right of way at the site for the new Transportation and CNG Fueling facility. A public hearing was opened for comments. None were received. The public hearing was closed. On a motion by Qualls and second by Martin, the board approved the resolution. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**FOCUS ON
STUDENT
LEARNING**
Presentation/Public
Comment/Board
Discussion/ACTION (as
applicable)

SPECIAL TESTING
SCHEDULE FOR THE
CALIFORNIA HIGH
SCHOOL EXIT EXAM

Dr. Todd Oto explained a proposal for a special testing schedule for the administration of the High School Exit Exam beginning with the March 2004 test date (Encl. No. 9). Assistant principals and staff at each respective site worked together to develop the schedule. Only 10th grade students will be tested this year. The purpose of the schedule is to provide

(CAHSEE)
Motion No. 156

students an opportunity for success on the test by providing an optimum testing environment. On a motion by Elder and second by Guerrero, the testing schedule was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

ROUTINE ACTION
Motion No. 157

Prior to the board taking action on the Routine Action Items, Dr. Fulmer announced that a second document was inadvertently left out of Enclosure No. 12. He provided the board with a copy of the enclosure to be considered. On a motion by Elder and second by Guerrero, the Routine Action Items, including the addendum to Enclosure No. 12 were approved as follows:

9.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Warrant List - January 24 through February 6, 2004 (Encl. No. 10)
2. 2004-2005 Budget Calendar (Encl. No. 11)
3. Use Agreement - City of Visalia, Visalia Oaks (Top of the Third, Inc.) and Redwood High School (Encl. No. 12)
4. Start-up and Expansion Breakfast Grant Application (Encl. No. 13)
5. Change Order #7 - Green Acres/Divisadero Middle Schools Multi-Use Building Projects (Encl. No. 14)
6. Notice of Completion - Mt. Whitney High School Modernization Project (Encl. No. 15)
7. Request to Piggyback for Furniture and Equipment (Encl. No. 16)
8. Vendor Contracts for Various Maintenance and Service Needs (Encl. No. 17)

9.2 AREA ADMINISTRATORS, 7-12/Adult

1. Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 18)
2. Approval of Agreement Between Visalia Unified School District (VUSD) and Tulare County Organization for Vocational Education (TCOVE) for 2003-2004 (Encl. No. 19)
3. Memorandum of Understanding Between Tulare County Office of Education, Special Services Division and Visalia Unified School District/Visalia Adult School (Encl. No. 20)

9.3 CURRICULUM/EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. Child Development Instructional Materials Contract (Encl. No. 21)
2. Child Development Facilities Renovation and Repair Contract (Encl. No. 22)
3. Memorandum of Understanding, Turning Point of Central California (Encl. No. 23)
4. Request to Attend Conference/Workshop (Encl. No. 24)

9.4 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 25)
2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 26)
3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 27)
4. Certification of Coach List for Spring Sports (Encl. No. 28)

9.5 SUPERINTENDENT

1. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 27, 2004 (Encl. No. 29)

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
PANEL RECOM-
MENDATIONS/
ACTION**

EXPULSIONS
Motion No. 158

On a motion by Martin and second by Qualls, the Administrative Panel Recommendations on Expulsion Case No. 04-61 E, Case No. 04-62 E, Case No. 04-63 E, Case No. 04-64 E, Case No. 04-65 E, Case No. 04-66 E and Case No. 04-67 E (Encl. No. 30) were approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

SUSPENDED
EXPULSIONS
Motion No. 159

On a motion by Qualls and second by Jones, the Administrative Panel Recommendations on Suspended Expulsion Case No. 04-21 SE (Encl. No. 31) were approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

REINSTATEMENTS
Motion No. 160

On a motion by Martin and second by Guerrero, the Administrative Panel Recommendations on Reinstatement Case No. 04-36 R (Encl. No. 32) were approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

GENERAL AGENDA

Review / Public Input /
Board Discussion /

ACTION (as applicable)

PROPOSED
CUTS/SAVINGS IN
CENTRALIZED
ADMINISTRATION/
SERVICES FOR 2004-
05 BUDGET
PLANNING

As previously requested by the board, district management staff has worked for the past several weeks to try to find up to a 5 percent cost cut or savings in reduction or elimination of services and/or expenses. Superintendent Carrizosa went through each of the proposed cuts/savings included in Enclosure No. 33. The proposal will come back for formal action in conjunction with whatever remaining cuts might need to be made. Further study will be done on the proposal at the special study session scheduled for March 3. The board will consider taking action on this item at the March 9 board meeting.

Mr. Guerrero requested a report on the business plan for areas of growth and potential revenue in the district, i.e., the CNG fueling station, food services, and the separate transportation entity where we provide service to other school districts. He also asked for an update regarding last year's change in the district warehouse. Superintendent Carrizosa assured the board that the requested reports would be forthcoming. He also said that staff is gathering an overall cost analysis of the change in the warehouse and will be presenting that information at an upcoming meeting.

**SALE OF PROPERTY
- PINKHAM AVENUE
AND K ROAD**
Motion No. 161

As authorized by the board on October 14, 2003, the district initiated the sale of district-owned property, Assessor's Parcel Nos. 12612005 and 12612006, approximately 6.3 acres, on Pinkham Avenue and K Road for sale to a public entity. No bids were received. The property was advertised for sale to private entities and no bids were received. Tonight's session was opened to receive oral bids on the property. Fair market value of the property was determined to be \$50,000 an acre. Following a series of oral bids by two developers, on a motion by Jones and second by Stephenson, the board approved a resolution to sell the property to the highest bidder, Mr. Andy Mangano, of Mangano Homes, for \$72,500 an acre, or \$456,750. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**CSBA DELEGATE
ASSEMBLY MEMBER
ELECTION**
Motion No. 162

On a motion by Stephenson and second by Jones, the board voted to support the two CSBA Delegate Assembly incumbents, Patricia "Jean" Miller (Schiro) and Mr. Richard Morris, in their bid for reelection to the assembly (Encl. No. 35). Ayes: Elder, Jones, Lane, Martin and Stephenson. No: Guerrero and Qualls. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be March 9, 2004, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the VUSD Educational Complex located at 5000 West Cypress Avenue, Visalia (unless otherwise posted).

Respectfully submitted,

Rodney Elder
Clerk

Stan A. Carrizosa
Superintendent/Secretary