

**Visalia Unified School District
Board of Education**

MINUTES

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The February 8, 2005 Board Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Elder, in the Board Room at the VUSD Educational Office Complex, 5000 West Cypress Avenue, Visalia. A quorum of the board was present.

		<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Leave</u>	<u>Absent</u>
ATTENDANCE	Rodney Elder	5:30	11:00	
	Juan R. Guerrero	5:30	11:00	
	Larry Jones	5:30	11:00	
	Michael Lane	5:30	11:00	
	Donna Martin	5:30	11:00	
	Jim L. Qualls	5:30	11:00	
	Robert Stephenson	5:30	11:00	
	Joseph Casillas, Student Representative	7:00	8:45	
	Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent	5:30	11:00	

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

Mr. Elder identified the closed session topics listed below and called for public comment on the closed session items. There was none.

- 2.1 EXPULSIONS
- 2.2 SUSPENDED EXPULSIONS
- 2.3 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
 - 1. Agency Negotiator: Kay Van Andel
 - 2. Employee Organizations
 - 1. VUTA
 - 2. CSEA
 - 3. Management
- 2.4 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT/ASSIGNMENT
 - 1. Administrator
- 2.5 CONFERENCE WITH PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR
 - 1. Property: Linwood and Mary
APN 119-030-047
 - 2. Agency Negotiator: Mark Fulmer

1. Negotiating Parties: N/A
 2. Under Negotiation: Sale/Trade
- 2.6 CONFERENCE WITH PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR
1. Property: Ferguson/Shirk
APN: 077-100-200
 1. Agency Negotiator: Mark Fulmer
 2. Negotiating Parties: VUSD/McMillan
 3. Under Negotiation: Purchase
- 2.7 CONFERENCE WITH PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR
1. Property: Demaree/Ferguson
 2. Agency Negotiator: Mark Fulmer
 3. Negotiating Parties: VUSD/Mangano
 4. Under Negotiation: Purchase/Trade
- 2.8 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
1. Superintendent's Mid-year Progress Report

REGULAR SESSION The board reconvened in open session at 7:00 p.m. President Elder reported that no action was taken in closed session. He then lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC
RECOGNITION /
PROCLAMATIONS /
ACTION (If
applicable)**

**RECOGNITION OF
VISALIA
EDUCATION
FOUNDATION**

Superintendent Carrizosa thanked the Visalia Education Foundation for their ongoing work throughout the year to support the Arts in the district. The Foundation continues to gain strength and recognition in the community, which has proven to be invaluable in these times of budget cuts. President Elder presented a plaque to John Farhang, president of the Visalia Education Foundation, in appreciation of the group's most recent fund-raising effort in bringing The Doobie Brothers to Visalia. The group performed at the Fox Theater and over \$70,000 was raised. Mr. Farhang recognized members of the Foundation board who were present at tonight's meeting and thanked them for their hard work and dedication. A report on the event will be presented to the board in March.

**ACCEPTANCE OF
DONATED
COMPUTERS FROM
COUNTY OF
TULARE
Motion No. 123**

Enclosure No. 2 was an offer from the County of Tulare to donate 100 computers to the district. The computers have been inspected and assessed by the district's technology staff and found that they will meet our classroom needs. The current estimated value of the computers is \$7,500. Mr. Phil Cox, representing the Tulare County Board of Supervisors, told the board that the county has previously been able to pass on surplus equipment to the district. County Purchasing Agent, Mr. Al Guzman, was commended for the surplus store that he started for the county, which has raised in excess of \$140,000. On a motion by Guerrero and second by Qualls, the board accepted the generous donation from the county. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION
DECLARING
MARCH 7-11, 2005
WEEK OF THE
SCHOOL
ADMINISTRATOR
Motion No. 124

Clerk Qualls read a proclamation declaring March 7-11, 2005 Week of the School Administrator (Encl. No. 3). On a motion by Stephenson and second by Martin, the board approved the proclamation. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT
/ PUBLIC INTEREST
ANNOUNCEMENTS
/ STATUS REPORTS
/ ACTION (as
applicable)

No one came forward for public comment.

2005-06 STATE
BUDGET AND 2004-
05 VISALIA UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT
GENERAL FUND
“WORKING”
BUDGET SUMMARY
UPDATE

Robert Gröeber reported on the Governor’s budget proposal for 2005-06, as released in January, and also reviewed the district’s general fund working budget summary for the current year 2004-05 (Encl. No. 4). A PowerPoint presentation of slides from the School Services Seminar held in Sacramento and attended by district staff last month on the Governor’s budget proposals was used in tonight’s report. The board had also received copies of the slides at their Board President’s Study Session in January. Slides from a recent ACS seminar held locally were also shown. Mr. Gröeber stated that it is not Proposition 98 that has caused the state’s structural budgeting problem, but the balance of the state programs that have grown by 40%. Since 2001-02, the education budget in California has been cut by \$9.8 billion. As he has done at each of our board meetings, Mr. Gröeber walked the board through the district’s 2004-05 working general fund budget summary as it has been revised to show additional costs as well as increased revenues to the district. Mr. Gröeber said that staff will bring the district’s proposed budget for 2005-06 to the board in June, using the best information we have.

STATUS OF
CONSTRUCTION
AND
MODERNIZATION
PROJECTS

Mrs. Patty Rohman presented a status report on the La Jaya modular project, projects at Golden West, El Diamante and the Days Street Elementary School Site (Encl. No. 5). Mr. Joe Haley also updated the board on projects at Mt. View and Crestwood.

NAMING OF NEW
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL

Mr. Myron Sheklian reported that the district has been working on naming the district’s 23rd elementary school scheduled to open August 2006 (Encl. No. 6). Mr. Sheklian explained the process for bringing forth tonight’s recommendations for naming the school following Board Policy 7310. Close to 100 different names were submitted by the community. Board action is planned for the February 22, 2005 board meeting. The Ad Hoc Committee recommendations were: Citrus Grove, Crystal Creek and Cottonwood Creek. Citrus Grove received the most votes from the committee.

BOARD MEMBER
REPORTS/SUPER-
INTENDANT’S
REPORT

President Elder introduced student representative to the board from Golden West, Joseph Casillas, who reported on activities currently taking place and upcoming events planned at each of our high schools. Mr. Casillas also provided a handout to the board outlining the activities. Joseph was commended for his report. Mr. Guerrero thanked Bea Soxman for her

participation in the California Workforce Association Conference in Garden Grove two weeks ago. Part of the presentation at the conference was on the VPIE program administered at VUSD. Mr. Guerrero also reported on a week he spent in Washington, D.C. at an education conference. One of the topics at the conference was the Options Program, for students who do not pass the High School Exit Exam, and Mr. Guerrero asked for more information on this program. Mr. Guerrero also requested a Federal Budget update. Mr. Stephenson congratulated Fairview Principal, Frank Ohnesorgen, and his staff and students who have been participating in numerous community races and supporting good physical activity through the years. Mrs. Martin commended the board and city council for their joint meetings. She also commended the district technology department, directed by Mr. Jerry Walkowiak, for a website it has put together along with the city where you can find our district boundaries by looking up your address. She said that this will be a wonderful tool for new families moving into the community. Mrs. Martin also thanked Mr. Gröeber for answering budget questions she may have. Mr. Lane announced that the legislative analyst today put an outstanding overview of Proposition 98 on her website at [www.http://lao.ca.gov/](http://lao.ca.gov/). Mr. Elder extended Kudos to the Redwood Girls Basketball Team and Terese Lane and the Mock Trial students.

Superintendent Carrizosa reported on last week's Comité review of the district's English Learner Program. In 2002, the district entered into a cycle of compliance review that was the most comprehensive review that a school district could come under. As soon as items of noncompliance were identified, the district was able to resolve some items as the review cycle was beginning. During the review cycle in 2002-03, the district was able to make additional compliance corrections in identified areas as listed by the superintendent. In 2004-05, the district continued to address noncompliance issues. The final cycle took place this past Wednesday and the review committee visited district schools that were representative of system changes that they could verify at all middle schools and high schools throughout the district. In 2005, when the exit interview was held with our reviewers, the district was able to successfully check off all of the originally identified noncompliant areas. Superintendent Carrizosa commended district staff who were responsible for the significant efforts and accomplishments in having the district come through the cycle review process and being able to report that full compliance has been met. The district is back in cycle for a normal CCR next year and are very confident that the systems we now have in place will continue to do the best we can to serve the needs of our second language learners. Board member Guerrero acknowledged and thanked staff and parents that attend the DELAC meetings and asked that they be recognized publicly for their efforts.

**FOCUS ON
STUDENT
LEARNING**

Presentation/Public

Comment/Board

Discussion/ACTION

(as applicable)

**2005-06 SCHOOL
CALENDAR UPDATE**

Myron Sheklian handed out additional statistical data relative to Enclosure No. 7, which included the proposed school calendar (Encl. No. 7). He explained the process and timeline used to develop the calendar for the board's review and adoption. Using data gathered from 6,490 district surveys returned by parents, teachers, support staff and administrators, the

calendar reflected a three-week winter break and denoted that spring break and Thanksgiving break will remain as they have been. Attendance data was also compared to last year's two-week winter break with this year's three-week winter break.

The data showed that attendance was better this year by 274 students. The calendar will come back for board adoption at the February 22 board meeting.

REVIEW CSBA
REVISION TO BP
0520.2 - TITLE I
PROGRAM
IMPROVEMENT
SCHOOLS - FIRST
READING

Enclosure Nos. 8 through 14 were a series of board policy revisions that have gone through the Board Policy Committee. They were presented tonight for a first reading and will come back for board approval at the February 22 board meeting. Superintendent Carrizosa gave a brief overview of the revisions.

BP 0520.2 explains how program improvement schools are identified and contains new notes regarding the identification of program improvement districts scheduled to begin August 2004. The updated reorganized regulation expands definitions and delineates corrective/restructuring actions that boards may take in year three and beyond of program improvement.

REVIEW STAFF
REVISION TO
MANDATED AR
4161.9 -
CATASTROPHIC
LEAVE PROGRAM -
FIRST READING

Enclosure 9 defined the eligibility credits and criteria in establishing a Catastrophic Leave Program. Shaded areas indicated proposed changes to current policy.

REVIEW STAFF
REVISION TO
MANDATED AR 5121
- HIGH SCHOOL
GRADES/EVAL-
UATION OF
STUDENT
ACHIEVEMENT -
FIRST READING

Enclosure No. 10 reflected changes bringing the AR up to date with changes in technology and moved to terminology like "No Measurable Achievement" in place of the "No Mark" (NM) on high school grade reports. The A-F requirements for the UC and Cal State system eligibility were also changed to A-G subject requirements. The changes keep the terminology consistent and accurate.

REVIEW CSBA'S
RECOMMENDA-
TION TO DELETE BP
5145.1 - PRIVACY -
FIRST READING

The recommendation on Enclosure No. 11 was to delete BP 5145.1 as it is redundant. It is covered in BP and AR 5022.

REVIEW STAFF
REVISION TO BP
6146.1 - HIGH
SCHOOL
GRADUATION
REQUIREMENTS /

Revision to BP 6146.1 (Encl. No. 12) will bring our current policy into alignment with what our current credit and unit requirements are for seniors who will be graduating this year. Additional changes in this policy relative to high school requirements for next year's incoming freshmen will come back to the board for adoption.

STANDARDS OF
PROFICIENCY -
FIRST READING

REVIEW CSBA
REVISION TO
MANDATED BP/AR
6171 - TITLE I
PROGRAMS - FIRST
READING

Revisions to BP/AR 6171 (Encl. No. 13) mandate new regulation changes that include new sections on school-wide programs on targeted assistance schools and on participation of private school students in public school services regarding No Child Left Behind.

REVIEW CSBA
REVISION TO BP
6179 -
SUPPLEMENTAL
INSTRUCTION -
FIRST READING

BP 6179 deals specifically with the new federal law and requirements for supplemental educational services for students in Title I schools that fail to make adequate yearly progress for more than three consecutive school years (Encl. No. 14).

ROUTINE ACTION
Motion No. 125

Board members pulled Item 8.4 1(Encl. No. 21) and Item 8.4 2 (Encl. No. 22) for questions. On a motion by Lane and second by Guerrero, the remaining Routine Action Items were approved as follows:

8.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Warrant List - January 14 through January 21, 2005 (Encl. No. 15)
2. 2004-05 Budget Revision No. 10 (Encl. No. 16)
3. Visalia Civic Facilities Authority Use Contracts (Encl. No. 17)
4. Vendor Contracts for Various Maintenance and Service Needs (Encl. No. 18)

8.2 AREA ADMINISTRATORS, K-6; 7-12/Adult

1. Student Field Trip Request(s) (Encl. No. 19)

8.3 AREA ADMINISTRATOR, K-6

1. School Community Policing Partnership Grant Application (Encl. No. 20)

8.4 CURRICULUM/EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. New High School Course Offerings for the 2004-2005 School Year - Dairy Processing, Exercise Physiology, and Advanced Pre-Vet Science (Encl. No. 21)
2. New High School Course Offerings for the 2004-2005 School Year - Desktop Publishing/Image Imprinting, Web Graphics and Media, Digital Film Production and Philosophy Literature (Encl. No. 22)
3. Renewal of Contracts with First Five of Tulare County for School Readiness Grant Programs at Houston, Ivanhoe and Goshen Schools (Encl. No. 23)

8.5 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 24)
2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 25)
3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 26)

4. Certification of Coach List for 2004-05 Winter-Spring Sports (Encl. No. 27)

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Motion No. 126

With regard to Enclosure No. 21 and Enclosure No. 22, Mrs. Stacey Curshman explained that the course offerings are brought forward through a systematic process and said that many of the courses are fulfilling specific needs at particular school sites. In lieu of having each school develop its own separate courses, curriculum staff review them as possibilities for any school to offer. Mr. Carrizosa added that typically elective courses are not eliminated but that there are course choices left out if there is not enrollment to support the class. Mrs. Curshman responded to a question regarding the process used for courses that are brought forward for review. Mrs. Lambert also stated that she will include a flowchart showing the process of adopting a new course in the board's Friday packet. On a motion by Martin and second by Stephenson, both Routine Action Items were approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
PANEL
RECOMMENDATIONS / ACTION**

EXPULSIONS

Motion No. 127

President Elder announced that Expulsion Case No. 05-60E would be excluded from tonight's vote. On a motion by Lane and second by Martin, the Administrative Panel Recommendations on Expulsion Case No. 05-52 E, Case No. 05-53 E, Case No. 05-54 E, Case No. 05-55 E, Case No. 05-56 E, Case No. 05-57 E, Case No. 05-58 E, Case No. 05-59 E, Case No. 05-61 E and Case No. 05-62 E (Encl. No. 28) were approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**SUSPENDED
EXPULSIONS**

Motion No. 128

On a motion by Qualls and second by Lane, the Administrative Panel Recommendations on Suspended Expulsion Case No. 05-08 SE, Case No. 05-09 SE, Case No. 05-10 SE, Case No. 05-11 SE and Case No. 05-12 SE (Encl. No. 29) were approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

GENERAL AGENDA

Review / Public Input /
Board Discussion /

ACTION (as
applicable)

**REQUEST TO USE
STORM DRAIN
BASIN AT HURLEY
SCHOOL**

Motion No. 129

Enclosure No. 30 was a request by Westland Development Company, LLC to drain storm water from a proposed subdivision into the existing storm drain basin, just north of Hurley Elementary School. This will be a temporary use until the storm drain is completed on Shirk Avenue north of Hurley. On a motion by Lane and second by Guerrero, the request was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**LEASE AGREEMENT
CONTRACT**

Motion No. 130

Enclosure No. 31 was a 36-month agreement to rent a 11,000 square foot facility located in North Visalia on Murray. Leasing this facility will give the district an opportunity to bring a number of programs under one roof and to lower our annual rental costs. On a motion by

Stephenson and second by Guerrero, the lease agreement was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:08 p.m., the board reconvened in closed session. At 11:00 p.m., the board reconvened in open session to announce that no action had been taken in the closed session. The meeting was then adjourned.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be February 22, 2005, 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,

Jim L. Qualls
Clerk

Stan A. Carrizosa
Superintendent/Secretary