

**Visalia Unified School District
Board of Education**

MINUTES

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The March 22, 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.

ATTENDANCE

	<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Leave</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Rodney Elder	5:30	8:22	
Juan R. Guerrero	5:30	8:22	
Larry Jones	5:30	8:22	
Michael Lane	5:30	8:22	
Donna Martin	5:30	8:22	
Jim L. Qualls	5:30	8:22	
Robert Stephenson	5:30	8:22	
Joseph Casillas, Student Representative			X
Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent	5:30	8:22	

Staff Members

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

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Elder then identified the closed session topics listed below:

- 2.1 EXPULSIONS
- 2.2 SUSPENDED EXPULSIONS
- 2.3 REINSTATEMENTS
- 2.4 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE
- 2.5 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
 1. Agency Negotiator: Kay Van Anandel
 2. Employee Organizations
 1. VUTA
 2. CSEA
 3. Management
- 2.6 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR
 1. Property: Demaree/Ferguson
APN: 089-020-006 & 089-020-007
 2. Agency negotiator: Mark Fulmer
 3. Negotiating parties: VUSD/Mangano
 4. Under negotiation: Purchase/Trade
- 2.7 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR
 1. Property: Linwood/Mary
APN 119-030-047
 2. Agency negotiator: Mark Fulmer
 3. Negotiating parties: N/A
 4. Under negotiation: Sale/Trade

Ms. Linda Yost, a teacher at Mt. Whitney High School, addressed the board regarding current budget difficulties and suggested that cuts be made in administration and the district's consultant contracts. She also said that in her particular case, when she plugged in her numbers in the insurance package and proposed salary increase for employees based on her own visits to doctors and what she pays out to co-pays and insurance payments, etc., she is \$300 in the hole "thanks to your raise."

**EARLY BIRD
SESSION**

**REQUEST FOR
CHARTER PETITION
APPROVAL -
VISALIA CHARTER
INDEPENDENT
STUDY**

The Early Bird session was opened at 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Missy Yavasile, teacher on special assignment, Independent Study, and Mrs. Carlyn Lambert provided information regarding the benefits of petitioning the state to have the district's Independent Study Program become a charter school (Encl. No. 1). They reviewed the highlights of the charter proposal, providing a PowerPoint presentation reviewing the history of the Independent Study Program. The board was also provided a 2005-06 budget and a preliminary budget for the next two years, which will be included in the petition application. The charter petition will come back for board approval at the April 12, 2005 board meeting. If approved, the petition application will then be sent to the California State Department in April and then to the State Board of Education in May.

REGULAR SESSION

At 7:00 p.m., the board convened the regular session of tonight's board meeting. There was no action to report from tonight's closed session. Board Member Martin lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC
RECOGNITION/
PROCLAMATIONS/
ACTION**

**ACCEPTANCE OF
DONATION FROM
WELLS FARGO,
INC.**

On a motion by Stephenson and second by Martin, the board gratefully accepted a recent donation from the Wells Fargo Foundation (Encl. No. 2) in the amount of \$1500. The donation will be placed in a fund to begin purchasing library books for Cottonwood Creek Elementary School. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Motion No. 157

**PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MONTH - APRIL
2005**

The board acknowledged April 2005 as Public Schools Month (Encl. No. 3). Public Schools Month has been sponsored and promoted by the Free and Accepted Masons of California since 1920. Communities and schools are encouraged to set aside one week during April as a special time for discussion of public schools and to enlist the support of the general public to the cause of public education.

Motion No. 158

**PUBLIC COMMENT
/ PUBLIC INTEREST
ANNOUNCEMENTS
/ STATUS REPORTS
/ ACTION (as**

**applicable)
2004-05 VUSD
GENERAL FUND
"WORKING"
BUDGET SUMMARY**

Robert Gröeber presented the updated 2004-05 working general fund budget summary and district projections for the 2005-06 budget (Encl. No. 4). In response to comments made during mediation and during the Superintendent's Finance Advisory Committee Meeting, that the spreadsheets were confusing and hard to read, Mr. Gröeber spent additional time clarifying the

UPDATE AND
UPDATED
PRELIMINARY 2005-
06 BUDGET
PROJECTION

information they contained. To add clarification to the spreadsheets, Mr. Gröeber said that footnotes are now being added at the bottom to indicate what has changed since the last time the chart was presented. The updated budget summary for 2004-05 indicated a positive balance after setting aside the money that is needed to meet the current contract negotiated settlements of \$167,000. The previous presentation showed a positive balance of approximately \$265,000. In presenting the projections for the 2005-06 budget, Mr. Gröeber said that the district now has to think of a whole new set of cost increases which will affect the budget in 2005-06. He then “walked” the board and audience through the 2005-06 balanced budget summary as of the March 3, 2005 mediation date. He reported that the next mediation session has been set for early April. Based on the offer that is currently on the table with VUTA, the budget indicated a projected positive balance of \$296,000. Mr. Gröeber said that as part of the agreement with CSEA that if revenues increased significantly, they may want to come back to the table for a portion of the \$296,000. He also stressed that the budget will be affected, depending on P2 and with additional costs the district encounters. An update on the federal budget and how it may impact the district and the Adult Education budget will be presented at the April 12, 2005 board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

**BOARD MEMBER
REPORTS/SUPER-
INTENDENT’S
REPORT**

Board members reported on attending the Tulare County School Boards Spring Conference, Open House at Pinkham Elementary and other school site visits, including reading to students at Ivanhoe Elementary in celebration of Dr. Seuss’ birthday.

Mr. Carrizosa noted that he had placed a copy of the Mid-Term WASC Accreditation for Mt. Whitney High School at each of the board member’s place. The school is scheduled for a revisit in April. Mt. Whitney is in the middle of a six-year accreditation term. He also reported that at last week’s Resource Development Meeting it was announced that the committee, which had applied for a federal community challenge grant to target prevention of teen pregnancy in Tulare County, had been successful in receiving the grant. Proteus served as the lead agency and partnered with VUSD, Boys and Girls Club, City of Visalia, HEART, Pro-Youth, etc. The grant is for \$210,000 per year for the next five years.

**FOCUS ON
STUDENT
LEARNING**

Presentation/Public
Comment/Board

Discussion/ACTION

(as applicable)

**DISTRICT-WIDE
GOALS FOR 2005-06
Motion No. 159**

On a motion by Stephenson and second by Qualls, the board adopted the 2005-06 District-Wide Goals (Encl. No. 5). The goals were presented for a first reading at the March 8 board meeting and included suggestions made by board members at that meeting. The changes were noted in italics. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**ROUTINE ACTION
Motion No. 160**

On a motion by Martin and second by Guerrero, the Routine Action Items were approved as follows:

9.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Warrant List - March 4 through March 11, 2005 (Encl. No. 6)
2. Property Advisory Committee - Appointment (Encl. No. 7)

3. Visalia Civic Facilities Authority Use Contracts (Encl. No. 8)
 4. Notice of Completion - Visalia Learning Center Relocatable Projects (Encl. No. 9)
 5. Change Order #6 - Visalia Learning Center Relocatable Project (Enc. No. 10)
- 9.2 AREA ADMINISTRATORS, K-6; 7-12/Adult
1. Student Field Trip Request(s) (Encl. No. 11)
 2. California Department of Education Child Development Contract Amendment (Encl. No. 12)
 3. First Five of Tulare County Contract Extension (Encl. No. 13)
- 9.3 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 14)
 2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 15)
 3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 16)
 4. Certification of Coach List for 2004-05 Spring Sports (Encl. No. 17)
 5. Rejection of Claim No. 050033 (Encl. No. 18)
 6. Rejection of Claim No. 050034(Encl. No. 19)

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
PANEL RECOM-
MENDATIONS /
ACTION**

EXPULSIONS
Motion No. 161

On a motion by Qualls and second by Lane, the Administrative Panel Recommendations on Expulsion Case No. 05-79 E, Case No. 05-80 E, Case No. 05-81 E, Case No. 05-82 E, Case No. 05-83 E, Case No. 05-84 E, Case No. 05-85 E, Case No. 05-86 E, Case No. 05-87 E, Case No. 05-88 E, Case No. 05-89 E and Case No. 05-90 E (Encl. No. 20) were approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

SUSPENDED
EXPULSIONS
Motion No. 162

On a motion by Lane and second by Guerrero, the Administrative Panel Recommendations on Suspended Expulsion Case No. 05-15 SE and Case No. 05-16 SE (Encl. No.21) were approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

REINSTATEMENTS
Motion No. 163

On a motion by Stephenson and second by Martin, the Administrative Panel Recommendations on Reinstatement Case No. 05-48 R (Encl. No. 22) were approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

GENERAL AGENDA

Review / Public Input /
Board Discussion /

ACTION (as
applicable)

RECOMMENDA-
TION TO

Enclosure No. 23 was the recommendation to reduce or eliminate particular kinds of services provided by classified employees due to a reduction in work or funds. The list included in the

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enclosure were categorically funded positions that are determined at the site level through school site council approval.

**RESOLUTION TO
ELIMINATE/
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OF CLASSIFIED
SERVICE:
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POSITIONS**
Motion No. 164

On a motion by Lane and second by Qualls, the resolution included in Enclosure No. 24 regarding the recommendations included in Enclosure No. 23 were approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION TO
ESTABLISH SALARY
AND BENEFITS FOR
DISTRICT
MANAGERS
EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
2005**
Motion No. 165

On a motion by Lane and second by Stephenson the resolution included in Enclosure No. 25 was approved. Information regarding the resolution was presented at the March 8 board meeting for a first consideration. The resolution will provide district management staff a 3% pay increase effective July 1, 2005. Effective October 1, 2005, management staff health benefits will be covered under a SISC plan 80/20 with a \$20 office co-pay, \$200 per person/\$500 per family deductible, \$500 per person/\$1500 per family maximum out-of-pocket cost and a \$50 emergency room co-pay. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**CLOSED SESSION
CONTINUED
ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:15 p.m. the board convened back into closed session. At 8:22 p.m. the board then reconvened in open session. President Elder announced that no action was taken in the closed session. The meeting was adjourned.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be April 12, 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