

**Visalia Unified School District
Board of Education**

MINUTES

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The April 12, 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	10:30	
Juan R. Guerrero	5:30	10:30	
Larry Jones	5:30	8:35	
Michael Lane	5:30	10:30	
Donna Martin	5:30	10:30	
Jim L. Qualls	5:30	10:30	
Robert Stephenson	5:30	10:30	
Joseph Casillas, Student Representative			X
Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent	5:30	10:30	

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 then identified the closed session topics listed below:

- 2.1 EXPULSIONS
- 2.2 SUSPENDED EXPULSIONS
- 2.3 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE
- 2.4 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT
 - 1. Assistant Principal, El Diamante High School
- 2.5 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
 - 1. Agency Negotiator: Kay Van Andel
 - 2. Employee Organizations
 - 1. VUTA
 - 2. CSEA
 - 3. Management
- 2.6 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR
 - 1. Property: Ferguson/Demaree
APN: 089-020-006 & 089-020-007
 - 2. Agency negotiator: Mark Fulmer

3. Negotiating parties: VUSD/Mangano Homes
 4. Under negotiation: Trade
- 2.7 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR
1. Property: Linwood/Mary
APN 119-030-047
 2. Agency negotiator: Mark Fulmer
 3. Negotiating parties: VUSD
 4. Under negotiation: Trade
- 2.8 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR
1. Property: Property located at the South Side of Highway 216
APN: 103-040-022; 204-220-003
 2. Agency negotiator: Mark Fulmer
 3. Negotiating parties: VUSD/Tom Polly
 4. Under negotiation: Purchase

**EARLY BIRD
SESSION**

**STUDENT
ACHIEVEMENT
AWARDS**

Students receiving recognition for outstanding student achievement and USAV Spring recipients (Encl. No. 1) were: Angelica Barba (Overall Achievement) and Woodrow Wilson (GED) from Visalia Adult School; Christy Himden (English) from Golden West; Monica Grijalva (Overall Achievement), Frank Arano (USAV Spring) and Amanda Darby (USAV Spring) from Sequoia; Amanda Darby (USAV Spring) from Sequoia was unable to attend tonight's meeting; Daniel Aguilar (Overall Achievement) from Charter Alternatives Academy; Blythe Cherney (English), Brennen Brodersen (USAV Spring) and Pang Vang (USAV Spring) from Redwood; Aaron Bronzan (English), Kymber Allen (USAV Spring) and Christopher Klint (USAV Spring) from Mt. Whitney; and Michelle McDowell (English), Sarah Khawaja (USAV Spring) and Brandon Flenory (USAV Spring) from El Diamante.

REGULAR SESSION

Motion No. 166

The regular session was opened at 7:03 p.m. President Elder announced that in closed session, the board unanimously voted to adopt a resolution placing a certificated employee on compulsory unpaid leave of absence. Michael Lane lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**PROCLAMATION
DECLARING MAY
2005 ASIAN PACIFIC
HERITAGE MONTH
Motion No. 167**

Clerk, Jim Qualls, read a resolution declaring May 2005 Asian Pacific Heritage Month (Encl. No. 2). On a motion by Guerrero and second by Lane, the resolution was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION
DECLARING APRIL
26, 2005,**

Mr. Qualls read a resolution declaring April 26, 2005 California School Bus Drivers' Day (Encl. No. 3). On a motion by Stephenson and second by Martin, the resolution was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

CALIFORNIA
SCHOOL BUS
DRIVERS' DAY
Motion No. 167

Katie Avila, transportation supervisor, invited the board to attend a barbecue honoring our bus drivers on Tuesday, April 26 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

PROCLAMATION
DECLARING
TEACHER
APPRECIATION
WEEK - MAY 1-7,
2005 AND
NATIONAL
TEACHER DAY -
MAY 3, 2005
Motion No. 168

Clerk Qualls also read a proclamation declaring Teacher Appreciation Week, May 1 - 7, 2005 and National Teacher Day on May 3 (Encl. No. 4). On a motion by Jones and second by Stephenson, the proclamation was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING THE
3RD ANNUAL HAPPY
HEARTS DAYS
PROGRAM IN
LOVING MEMORY
OF HEATHER
NUGENT FOR
CHILDREN'S
HOSPITAL OF
CENTRAL
CALIFORNIA
*(Handout Available at
Meeting)*
Motion No. 169

Michael Lane read a resolution in memory of Heather Nugent and in support of Children's Hospital of Central California. Mrs. Joanna Nugent, grandmother of Miss Nugent, a former VUSD student who was killed three years ago in October, three days before her 18th birthday, addressed the board. She explained how her family was helped during the tragedy of losing Heather and then the blessing they received in having her organs donated. In order to continue supporting the hospital, the month of April has been designated by Mrs. Nugent's son, who owns Best Buy Market in Visalia and Simply Food in Hanford, to raise money by selling Happy Hearts icons in various grocery stores and through other venues and the proceeds go to Children's Hospital of Central California. Also, on May 14, Mrs. Nugent and her son will be accepting donations for the hospital at Best Buy Market. Five percent of the sales generated May 14 are also given to Children's Hospital. The first year of the event, the family raised \$23,000 and last year raised \$43,000. Also, sixth grade students write essays on why helping gives you a happy heart, like George the Giraffe, and how you can do something for your community. This year 24 sixth grade classes submitted over 500 essays. Mrs. Nugent's sister, Sharon Rice, reads the essays and picks around 200 winners. The winners are given the opportunity to work one hour at Best Buy Market, learning to stock shelves, box groceries, check out groceries, stack the milk, restock the produce, and work in the bakery, a favorite. The winning essays are also posted in the market on May 14.

On a motion by Lane and second by Martin, the resolution was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

DONATION TO
VUSD DIRECTED
TOWARD STARTUP
LIBRARY BOOKS
FOR
COTTONWOOD
CREEK
Motion No. 170

On a motion by Qualls and second by Martin, the board gratefully accepted an anonymous donation of \$1500 to use in purchasing startup books for the district's new elementary school, Cottonwood Creek (Encl. No. 5). Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT
/ PUBLIC INTEREST
ANNOUNCEMENTS
/ STATUS REPORTS
/ ACTION (as
applicable)
VUSD GENERAL
FUND UPDATED
PRELIMINARY 2005-
06 BUDGET
PROJECTION**

Robert Gröeber reviewed the 2005-06 general fund balanced budget projection summary included in Enclosure No. 6. The district budget is currently \$165,000,000, but with the increased costs expected for 2005-06, the budget will be approximately \$176,000,000. Following his review of the increased costs and the various projected revenues, Mr. Gröeber stated that the challenge for the district is that expenses are growing faster than revenues. The budget summary reflected a projected outstanding balance of \$788,726.00, but Mr. Gröeber reminded the board that as per the agreement with CSEA, if revenues or expenditures changed significantly, the group could come back to the table to determine what portion of that balance would be theirs. This agreement was made because CSEA made cuts beyond what they needed to fully pay for their portion of health care cost increases, step and column and their 4% raise after all of the state revenues have been applied. Mr. Gröeber included a review of the various management position reductions which were made to help balance the budget. He also summarized the report received by the board on consultant and contracted services.

Board member Stephenson requested that the superintendent and staff review the cuts the district has made in the past several years that are starting to challenge some of the operational efficiencies in the district or are affecting the instructional environment.

Mr. Carrizosa reminded the board and audience that a study session on the budget will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2005. He said that this will be another opportunity to look at the budget in a more final state following the governor's May revision. He encouraged everyone's attendance and questions at the study session.

**CERTIFICATED
STAFFING UPDATE
FOR 2005-06
SCHOOL YEAR**

Cindi Costa presented a brief update on certificated staffing for the 2005-2006 school year (Encl. No. 7). Handouts were provided to the board and audience. There are currently 976 regular education teachers on staff in the district. Special education teachers, teachers on special assignment, members of PE or music teams or teachers assigned to a charter program are not included in the count. A growth in ADA of 418 students is projected for the 2005-06 school year. Most of the growth is expected to take place at the high school level. Mrs. Costa reported on the Tulare-Kings Teacher Fair held March 5 at the Visalia Convention Center. VUSD screened approximately 350 candidates and of those, approximately 80 candidates were sent to a second in-depth interview. The district's goal is to fill teaching positions in all regular classrooms by May 15. Mrs. Costa said that the state average for fully-credentialed teachers stands at about 91%, VUSD historically hires 99% of its staff as fully-credentialed. An increase in ADA in VUSD is being predicted for the fifth consecutive year.

**GENERAL PUBLIC
COMMENT**

Karl Kildow thanked the board for passing the resolution for Teacher Appreciation Week and Day of the Teacher. Mr. Kildow extended an opportunity for board members and district administrators to take a VUTA chartered bus to participate in a rally in Sacramento on May 25. The rally will be held to oppose the elimination of Proposition 98 funding guarantees. Mr. Kildow asked that our board consider a resolution to support the efforts to oppose "the agendas that are threatening education and putting students at risk."

Mr. Bill Goodreau addressed the board and audience and again encouraged VUTA and the district bargaining team to consider all of the ramifications of the action that they take. He reminded the teachers and district that "we are here in a sense of partnership" and asked that "in our next round of negotiations, that the offer that is being tendered, be accepted by VUTA

and the board.” In conclusion, Mr. Goodreau asked that the financial impacts to the district and to our children be kept in mind when making the “tough decisions.”

Derrick Marsh, a teacher at Linwood Elementary School, addressed the board. In reference to Mr. Gröeber’s presentation on the 2005-06 district budget projections, he stated that none of the cuts taken in administration have begun to affect his classroom. He encouraged more cuts in administration. President Elder thanked Mr. Marsh for his comments and responded that “you do not want to find out what will happen if you cut the administration to the point that it does affect your classroom.”

Armita Picon, a teacher at Mineral King School, spoke in support of the VUTA leadership and its members.

Debbie Scroggins, a teacher at Veva Blunt, in response to a continuing comment made by Mr. Goodreau concerning VUTA not backing Measure P, said that she resented that she was not given credit as an individual to decide what was in the best interest of her family, but because she is a member of VUTA, she must not have supported the measure. She also asked for clarification on how many of the 52 teaching positions that the district is looking at next year, are temporary. In response to an earlier question raised by Mr. Qualls, Mrs. Scroggins said that in 2003-04, CSR Grade 3 was cut by \$822,000.

John Segler, a district teacher, said that “one can simply not have it both ways and flog that mean old VUTA while extolling the virtues of those teachers, because after all, VUTA is us and we are VUTA.”

Mr. Elder stated that he did not know anyone at the board table that does not appreciate VUTA. He thanked the teachers for attending tonight’s meeting and encouraged their attendance at more board meetings.

VUSD STATUS UPDATE: PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT (PI)

Dr. Wheaton reported on the district’s designation as a Program Improvement District under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. He said that a system was organized in California in 2002 in order to designate districts that were under Program Improvement and needed additional assistance. He explained the way in which IP schools are identified. September of 2004 was the first year that the state was required to designate districts under the NCLB Act. In California, fourteen districts were identified as PI. In November 2004, the federal government did its first compliance review for California and determined that it was not satisfied with the California system to identify districts under Program Improvement. California was notified that it needed to change its system and several weeks of negotiations took place. The disagreement was resolved on March 9, 2005 and VUSD was notified that it was one of the 150 districts in California to be identified as PI districts.

Dr. Wheaton explained the new district criteria using a two-step process in identifying PI districts. He said that there are 42 ways a district can be designated Program Improvement. In 2003, VUSD met thirty-nine of the forty-two criteria, but missed English Learners in Language Arts, students with disabilities subgroup in Language Arts and also in Mathematics. As a result of missing three targets, NCLB required the CDE to identify VUSD as a Program Improvement district. In 2004, the same three targets were not met. Dr. Wheaton described

the next requirements and timeline that VUSD must follow as an PI district. The district will rewrite the plan that will be used next year and bring it to the board in late June.

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

Board member Stephenson reported that he had participated in a two-day "Ethics in the Workforce" training with Michael Josephson, the developer of Character Counts! He said that as a public institution, it is critical to give high priorities to ethics, which is included in one of the annual district goals. He then read a prepared statement regarding teacher respect and fair compensation. He stated that as he has listened to the comments over the past several board meetings, what has left him frustrated is "the twisting of the facts and the blatant information that the VUTA constituency has and continues to put forward." He then gave several "case in point" examples of comments made by VUTA members. He expressed his respect for teachers, but added that the district will be on a path to insolvency if costs cannot be controlled. He said that health premiums must be controlled "if we are to remain a fiscally viable district for the future." He applauded CSEA and the VUSD Management Team for their recently completed negotiations. Mr. Stephenson restated his position that he "will not further cut any programs or services that directly impact students we serve." In conclusion, Mr. Stephenson said that "when times are good, he will go to bat for teachers and all the staff of this district," but this is a time to pull together. He said that negotiations are continuing and the "offer on the table" is reasonable and fair.

Board member Martin reported that she had attended last week's Open House at Union and saw "the good things" that teachers were doing there. She also enjoyed the Mt. Whitney and Redwood Open Houses. Mrs. Martin attended a forum last week on "Childhood Obesity" presented by Supervisor Connie Conway. She said that she will be sharing information on the forum at the next Joint VUSD Board/City Council Meeting. Mrs. Martin also referenced an article in today's Porterville Recorder concerning a Gang Forum held there. She brought a copy of the article to share with the board members and superintendent. In conclusion, Mrs. Martin cautioned the board against further administrative cuts. She said that in Fresno Unified it was found the district did not have sufficient leadership in the district office and in their administration to carry out the requirements and the programs and to make sure that things were fiscally sound because they had cut so deeply. In closing, Mrs. Martin said that her automobile premium is going up, and so she is going to raise her deductible.

Mr. Elder thanked Mr. Stephenson and Mrs. Martin for their comments and asked to go on record "as agreeing whole heartedly with those comments." He said that the district has worked very hard to get accurate information on the budget out to everyone and encouraged everyone to "do their homework and come prepared" so that the information they bring forward to the board is based on solid evidence and facts. Mr. Elder spoke of the importance of a fiscally sound district to attract good teachers. He concluded that he feels that what is "on the table right now" is a fair offer and asked those who do not believe the same to "give him the definition of fair."

Mr. Carrizosa reminded everyone that tomorrow evening the local chapter of the Masons has invited the board to an Education Recognition Night at the Masonic Temple at 7 p.m.

**PUBLIC
HEARING/ACTION**

RESOLUTION AND
SALE AGREEMENT
OF PROPERTY
LOCATED ON THE
SOUTH SIDE OF
HIGHWAY 216
Motion No. 171

Enclosure No. 9 was a resolution and sale agreement for the purchase of real property and for the close of escrow for property located on the South side of Highway 216. The property purchase has been approved by the district property committee for an elementary school site. The CDE has given preliminary approval for the purchase of the property. The property was appraised at \$376, 808 for 13.59 acres. Developer fees will be used for the purchase of the property. A Public Hearing was opened. There was no public comment. The Public Hearing was closed. On a motion by Guerrero and second by Qualls, the board approved the purchase and resolution accepting the Grant Deed. Ayes: Elder, Guerrero, Lane, Martin, Qualls and Stephenson. Absent: Jones. Motion carried.

**FOCUS ON
STUDENT
LEARNING**

Presentation/Public

Comment/Board

Discussion/ACTION

(as applicable)

ENGLISH LEARNER
INSTRUCTIONAL
GUIDE (MASTER
PLAN)

Motion No. 172

Craig Wheaton commended Mimi Bonds for leading the district through the Comité process successfully and for continuing to establish a program that will meet the needs of English Learners and ultimately provide an avenue for the district to get out of Program Improvement. Ms. Bonds provided a copy of the entire English Learner Instructional Guide (Master Plan) for each board member (Encl. No. 10). The guide was originally developed by the Curriculum Department during the course of the last CCR process. She commended the creators of the foundational document completed during the 2001-2002 CCR cycle and said that it was used to develop the guide presented tonight. The guide contains all information, practices and protocol for the implementation of the district's English Learner Program. It is reviewed and revised annually to ensure that current practices are in compliance with state and federal regulations. The guide is provided to all sites in the first and second round with revised copies as well. All certificated staff have also received copies in some form of staff development. Ms. Bonds commended Isabelle Beltran, Claudia Duarte and Sheila Quesada for their work with her on the guide.

Board member Guerrero expressed his concern about the lack of assessment tools for English learners. He said that there needs to be discussion on assessment tools or any educational tools including supplemental materials available to work to raise the English learners to the level they should be in terms of their grade levels. Mr. Guerrero said that he would like to see how Lindsay Unified is working with their EL students to determine whether they are correct in their approach. Mr. Guerrero also requested a report on consultant services for parental education formats. He wants to know how many parents are attending those workshops, how many are being targeted, how many have actually shown up, if there is a pre- and post-test, and if the parents are getting the information that the consultant is presenting. Mr. Guerrero said he feels that much of what goes on with students and their education depends on their parents' ability to work with the teachers or schools. He said he thinks our staff does a good job of reaching out. Mr. Guerrero said that he would like to see our standards posted in native languages.

On a motion by Guerrero and second by Martin, the English Learner Instructional Guide was adopted. Ayes: Elder, Guerrero, Lane, Martin, Qualls and Stephenson. Absent: Jones. Motion carried.

**PROGRAM
EVALUATION
REPORT - ENGLISH
LEARNER
PROGRAM**
Motion No. 173

Ms. Bonds said that the English Learner Evaluation Report (Encl. No. 11) is a compliance issue that we had in the past and is now an annual requirement as included in the compliance agreement the district had with the state during the EL review. One of the purposes of this report is to evaluate district programs and services and to look at the action plan that has been developed by district staff. She reviewed the process used in developing the report. Ms. Bonds reviewed the report findings, one of which found that English Learners are making progress in English Language Development demonstrated by the higher percentages of students making California English Learners Development Test growth more than ever before. Additionally, the data indicated that academic achievement does improve as the level of language proficiency improves. Ms. Bonds then reviewed things the district has been doing and is proposing to do over the next year or so in assisting EL students. The report presented tonight assisted in the successful completion of the State Review process. Following tonight's report, Mr. Guerrero asked for attendance information on the ELAC meetings. He reiterated that he feels the parents are a key factor in their child(ren)'s academic performance. On a motion by Guerrero and second by Martin, the board accepted the English Learner Program Evaluation Report and Findings. Ayes: Elder, Guerrero, Lane, Martin, Qualls and Stephenson. Absent: Jones. Motion carried.

ROUTINE ACTION
Motion No. 174

Jim Qualls pulled Enclosure No. 26 as he was absent from the March 8, 2005 meeting and asked to abstain from the vote. On a motion by Qualls and second by Stephenson, the remaining Routine Action Items were approved as follows:

1. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
 1. Warrant List - March 18 through March 24, 2005 (Encl. No. 12)
 2. 2004-05 Budget Revision No. 11 (Encl. No. 13)
 3. Resolution Setting the Public Hearing for the 2005-2006 Proposed Budget (Encl. No. 14)
 4. Change Order #3 - La Joya Middle School Relocatable Classrooms Project (Encl. No. 15)
 5. Notice of Completion - La Joya Middle School Relocatables Project (Encl. No. 16)
 6. Vendor Contracts for Various Maintenance and Service Needs (Encl. No. 17)
2. AREA ADMINISTRATORS, K-6; 7-12/Adult
 1. Student Field Trip Request(s) (Encl. No. 18)
3. CURRICULUM/EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
 1. Request to Attend Conference/Workshop (Encl. No. 19)
4. HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
 1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 20)
 2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 21)
 3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 22)
 4. Certification of Coach List for 2004-05 Fall-Spring Sports (Encl. No. 23)

5. SUPERINTENDENT

1. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 8, 2005 (Encl. No. 24)
2. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 22, 2005 (Encl. No. 25)
3. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 8, 2005 (Encl. No. 26)

Ayes: Elder, Lane, Martin, Qualls and Stephenson. Absent: Jones. Mr. Guerrero was out of the room for the vote. Motion carried.

Motion No. 175

On a motion by Martin and second by Lane, Enclosure No. 26 of the Routine Action Items was approved. Ayes: Elder, Lane, Martin, Qualls and Stephenson. Abstain: Qualls. Absent: Jones. Mr. Guerrero was out of the room for the vote. Motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
PANEL RECOM-
MENDATIONS /
ACTION**

EXPULSIONS

Motion No. 176

On a motion by Lane and second by Qualls, the Administrative Panel Recommendations on Expulsion Case No. 05-91 E, Case No. 05-92 E, Case No. 05-93 E and Case No. 05-94 E (Encl. No. 27) were approved. Ayes: Elder, Lane, Martin, Qualls and Stephenson. Absent: Jones. Mr. Guerrero was out of the room for the vote. Motion carried.

SUSPENDED

EXPULSIONS

Motion No. 177

On a motion by Lane and second by Martin, the Administrative Panel Recommendations on Suspended Expulsion Case No. 05-17 SE, Case No. 05-18 SE, Case No. 05-19 SE and Case No. 01-20 SE (Encl. No. 28) were approved. Ayes: Elder, Lane, Martin, Qualls and Stephenson. Absent: Jones. Mr. Guerrero was out of the room for the vote. Motion carried.

GENERAL AGENDA

Review / Public Input /

Board Discussion /

ACTION (as
applicable)

**FEDERAL BUDGET
UPDATE AND 2005-
06 PROPOSED
BUDGET FOR
ADULT EDUCATION**

Dr. Craig Wheaton and Mrs. Jill Rojas, Adult School principal, spoke on the proposed federal budget impacts, reviewed Adult School Funding relative to the impacts and reported on the school's preparation for 2005-06. Mr. Wheaton said that the proposed federal funding cuts are based on the President's proposed budget and will affect the 2006-07 school year. He said that next year's funding will flow similar to this year and that if cuts do occur, the district would have one year to adjust to the cuts. Following Dr. Wheaton's review of the proposed federal budget cuts, Mrs. Rojas reviewed the source of Adult School funding and the timing constraints the school must follow if cuts are required. She also reviewed the school's plan for 2005-06.

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

On a motion by Qualls and second by Lane, the board approved the request for Charter Independent Study to petition to become a charter school. Ayes: Elder, Guerrero, Lane, Martin, Qualls and Stephenson. Absent: Jones. Motion carried.

INDEPENDENT
STUDY - SECOND
AND FINAL
READING (*Handout
Available at Meeting*)
Motion No. 178

RECOMMENDA-
TION TO
ELIMINATE /
REDUCE
PARTICULAR KINDS
OF CLASSIFIED
SERVICE:
CLASSIFIED
POSITIONS
Motion No. 179

Enclosure No. 30 was the recommendation to eliminate or reduce particular kinds of classified positions. On a motion by Stephenson and second by Martin, the board approved the recommendation included in Enclosure No. 30 and the resolution included in Enclosure No. 31. Ayes: Elder, Guerrero, Lane, Martin, Qualls and Stephenson. Absent: Jones. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION TO
ELIMINATE /
REDUCE
PARTICULAR KINDS
OF CLASSIFIED
SERVICE:
CLASSIFIED
POSITIONS
Motion No. 179

(Encl. No. 31)

STANDARDS FOR
APPROVAL OF
INTERDISTRICT
TRANSFERS
Motion No. 180

Enclosure No. 32 was a recommendation that the board adopt a standard to deny all new 4interdistrict transfer requests, K-6th grade, for the 2005-2006 school year. The recommendation was made because of overcrowded conditions at all district elementary schools. The only exception to this standard would be for requests for placement in the Charter Home Schooling Program. Those requests would be approved specific to that program. On a motion by Lane and second by Qualls, the recommendation was approved. Parents have the right to individually appeal a denial directly to the board. If their appeal is denied, the parent can appeal to the County Board of Education. Ayes: Elder, Guerrero, Lane, Martin, Qualls and Stephenson. Absent: Jones. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BID
#4552 - REDWOOD
HIGH SCHOOL
MODERNIZATION
AT SIERRA VISTA
Motion No. 181

Enclosure No. 33 was a request to award Bid #4552 - Redwood High School Modernization Project at Sierra Vista to Travis Construction in the amount of \$266,000. The project will ensure our universal design standards are met. The interior pathway will be changed to make it ADA compliant, a wheelchair lift at the stage area, and on the classroom side, door hardware will be changed and a few modifications will be made to the restrooms. On a motion by Lane and second by Guerrero, the bid was awarded. Ayes: Elder, Guerrero, Lane, Martin, Qualls and Stephenson. Absent: Jones. Motion carried.

**FACILITY
STANDARDS
Motion No. 182**

Dr. Fulmer reported that the assessment and review of facility standards is ongoing through the Superintendent's Facilities Advisory Committee. The board previously directed staff to move ahead with preliminary planning for new elementary schools, potentially a new middle school and a new high school. In 2003, the board adopted facility standards for the construction of new schools. The standards were taken to the Facilities Advisory Committee on March 31 for review. Recommended modifications to the school facility design standards were made as included in Enclosure No. 34. On a motion by Stephenson and second by Qualls, the board approved the revised facility standards. Ayes: Elder, Guerrero, Lane, Martin, Qualls and Stephenson. Absent: Jones. Motion carried.

**PROPERTY
EXCHANGE -
VISALIA UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT /
MANGANO HOMES,
INC. RESOLUTION
AND AGREEMENT
Motion No. 183**

Enclosure No. 35 was a recommendation to approve an exchange of property proposed between VUSD and Mangano Homes, Inc. This property exchange has been reviewed in several previous closed sessions. On a motion by Lane and second by Martin, the board approved the exchange as reviewed. Ayes: Elder, Guerrero, Lane, Martin, Qualls and Stephenson. Absent: Jones. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be April 26, 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