

**Visalia Unified School District
Board of Education**

MINUTES

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The May 10, 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	7:55	
Juan R. Guerrero	5:30	7:55	
Larry Jones	5:30	7:55	
Michael Lane	5:30	7:55	
Donna Martin	5:30	7:55	
Jim L. Qualls	5:30	7:55	
Robert Stephenson	5:30	7:55	
Blythe Cherney, Student Representative			X
Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent	5:30	7:55	

Staff Members

Mark Fulmer, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services
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 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
 - 1. Agency Negotiator: Kay Van Anandel
 - 2. Employee Organizations
 - 1. VUTA
 - 2. CSEA
 - 3. Management
- 2.4 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EVALUATION
 - 1. Superintendent

**EARLY BIRD
SESSION**

**STUDENT
ACHIEVEMENT
AWARDS**

The early bird session opened at 6:28 p.m. Students receiving academic achievement awards tonight (Encl. No. 1) were: Anna-Marie Torres (Consumer & Family Studies) and Andrew Grassel (Social Science) from Golden West; Julie Trigleth (Consumer & Family Studies) from Redwood, who was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Her mother accepted the award for her; Frank Trejo (Consumer & Family Studies) and Leonila Rivera (Social Science) from Mt. Whitney; Chris Agundez (Overall Achievement) from Sequoia Alternative; Kyle Powers (Overall Achievement) from Charter Alternatives Academy - Independent Study; and Kelsey Weeks (Social Science) from El Diamante.

**RECOGNITION OF
GOLDEN WEST
HIGH SCHOOL
FHA -HERO STATE
FINALISTS**

Golden West Principal, Bob Cesena, asked FHA-HERO state final winners to step forward along with their adviser, Mrs. Carol Delap. Mrs. Delap was recognized for her leadership to the FHA-HERO group (Encl. No. 2). She introduced state final winners Anna-Marie Torres, 4th place in Teaching Careers; Shaunda Maddox and Holli Burdge, 1st place in Chapter Activities Manual; Bobbi Rutkowski, 1st place in Consumer Education; and Amanda Walker and Vanessa Flores, 2nd place in Energy & Resource Conservation. Bobbi Rutkowski will go on to the National Competition in San Diego on July 3, 2005. Her PowerPoint presentation is on Gastric Bypass Surgery. Mrs. Delap also recognized Mr. Cesena, a speaker at the state meeting, for "a great job." Mrs. Delap and Mrs. Penny Niadna will accompany Miss Rutkowski to Nationals. Miss Torres and Miss Burdge will also accompany Miss Rutkowski for support.

**REGULAR
SESSION**

At 7 p.m. the board convened the regular meeting. President Elder announced that no action was taken in closed session. He then pulled Enclosure No. 5 as the committee members being recognized were unable to attend tonight's meeting. The item will be placed on the May 24, 2005 board meeting agenda.

Mr. Jones lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC
RECOGNITION /
PROCLAMA-
TIONS / ACTION**

(If applicable)

**CLASSIFIED
SCHOOL
EMPLOYEE WEEK
- MAY 15-21, 2005
Motion No. 193**

Clerk Qualls read a resolution declaring May 15-21, 2005 Classified Employee Week (Encl. No. 3). On a motion by Stephenson and second by Qualls, the proclamation was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**COMMUNITY
ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
RECOGNITION
NOMINATIONS**

As noted above, Enclosure No. 4 was pulled until the May 24, 2005 board meeting.

**EDUCATION
COALITION
BUDGET
AGREEMENT
RESOLUTION
Motion No. 194**

Mr. Qualls read a resolution by the board asking the Governor and legislature to honor their agreement with the Education Coalition by appropriating the \$1.4 billion in additional revenues owed to schools this year under Proposition 98 (Encl. No. 5). On a motion by Martin and second by Guerrero, the resolution was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING
THE MONTH OF
MAY 2005 AS
NATIONAL
FOSTER CARE
MONTH AND MAY
20, 2005 AS
ASPIRA FOSTER**

Clerk Qualls read a resolution recognizing May 2005 as National Foster Care Month and May 20, 2005 as Aspira Foster Parent Appreciation Day. On a motion by Guerrero and second by Stephenson, the resolution was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

PARENT
APPRECIATION
DAY

Motion No. 195

**PUBLIC
COMMENT /
PUBLIC
INTEREST
ANNOUNCE-
MENTS / STATUS
REPORTS /
ACTION** (as
applicable)

VUSD GENERAL
FUND UPDATED
PRELIMINARY
2005-06 BUDGET
PROJECTION

Robert Gröeber answered questions raised at the April 26, 2005 board meeting. Regarding student representative Joseph Casillas' question as to whether the district has an open account at The Depot Restaurant, Mr. Gröeber explained that several restaurants in town are on the district's vendor list, which facilitates taking a VUSD purchase order to pay for an event. The events are typically paid for from categorical money or repaid by site or student body money. He said the last event held at The Depot was a WASC accreditation meeting in March 2002 paid for from categorical funds. There have also been staff and student appreciation events held there prior to the Year 2000. Regarding the question on the year 4 staffing plan for El Diamante High School, Mr. Gröeber said that there are 4 administrative positions authorized for the 2005-06 school year, .4 for a nurse and 4 singletary teacher positions for a total of 8.4 positions. Mr. Gröeber then shared some of the "best guesses" about the Governor's May Revise. He said that the district's General Fund continues to grow as well as over \$11 million in new costs to the General Fund. Mr. Gröeber went through the budget summary showing the new revenues and new costs. Also included in the board packet were potential restorations which were discussed at the April 12, 2005 board meeting and which will be dependent upon the final state budget.

President Elder called for public comment on this item. Adair Vasilovich asked to clarify that between 40% and 45% of district teachers are not receiving step and column.

GENERAL PUBLIC
COMMENT

A number of family members of district teachers expressed their support of a fair contract settlement for teachers. A packet of letters received by VUTA expressing this support was provided to each of the board members and superintendent.

Karl Kildow expressed his disapproval of the format used for the 2005-06 teacher contracts. He asked that a "real contract" be given the teachers.

David Carmen, lead negotiator for VUTA, expressed his support of a contract that is fair for teachers.

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

Board members reported on the events they had participated in during the past two weeks. Among the events were the PTA Hall of Fame event held a week ago Friday. The board members thanked the PTA for sponsoring the event and also congratulated the inductees into the Hall of Fame, as well as other district staff recognized at the event. Board members also congratulated district staff who are retiring this year and wished them a "happy retirement." Other events in which board members participated were the joint VUSD Board and City of Visalia meeting, the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, and an Agriculture Advisory Meeting. President Elder

announced that the Adult School will hold their Multi-Cultural Day on Friday, and Mt. Whitney will hold their Portfolio Day on May 19th.

**PUBLIC
HEARING/
ACTION**

**HIGH PRIORITY
SCHOOLS GRANT
PROGRAM (HPSG):
ACHIEVEMENT
GROWTH REPORT
FOR HOUSTON
ELEMENTARY
AND FAIRVIEW
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOLS**

Craig Wheaton reported that Enclosure No. 8 was a Public Hearing regarding Fairview and Houston Schools, based on their Academic Performance Index results published in the fall. Dr. Wheaton said that both schools, among other VUSD schools, participated in the High Priority Schools Grant Program and had implemented a plan for improvement over the past two years. The schools did meet their API in 2003, but as a condition of accepting the High Priority Schools Grant, must make progress on their API each year. Both schools did make progress, but they did not make their target growth. The schools are required to hold a Public Hearing to ensure that the public is aware that they have not made the adequate progress. The schools have also completed an Academic Program Survey to assess elements in their school plans that will help them improve. The results of the survey will be incorporated into a Corrective Action Plan. The Public Hearing was opened. No one addressed the board. The Public Hearing was closed.

**FOCUS ON
STUDENT
LEARNING**

Presentation / Public
Comment/Board

Discussion /

ACTION (as
applicable)

**SUMMER SCHOOL
/ EXTENDED YEAR
2005**

Mr. Rick Rodriguez reported on this year's district Extended Year Program (Encl. No. 9). Summer School/Extended Year will begin on June 13 and end on July 21. The basic concentration for the program is on grades 7-12 students who are at risk of failing the California High School Exit Exam. Other students who have failed some of their course work will also have an opportunity to make up those units. Green Acres will host Valley Oak, Divisadero will host La Joya, the El Diamante and Redwood session will be held at Redwood and the Mt. Whitney and Golden West session will be at Golden West. Principals have been appointed to run each program. Breakfast and brunch will be provided to middle school students, and high school students will be provided brunch. To be cost effective, classes will begin at 7:10 a.m. and will end at 12:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. July 4th is a holiday, so students will attend Tuesday through Friday that week. Transportation will be provided to the outlying locations of Goshen, Linnell Camp and Ivanhoe. Students will also receive counseling and psychological support as needed. A report on the results of the program will be presented to the board in the fall.

**ROUTINE
ACTION**

Motion No. 196

Board member Qualls pulled Enclosure No. 12 for further discussion. On a motion by Lane and second by Martin, the remaining Routine Action Items were approved as follows:

10.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Warrant List - April 15 through April 22, 2005 (Encl. No. 10)
2. 2004-05 Budget Revision No. 13 (Encl. No. 11)
3. Williams Resolution (Encl. No. 12)
4. Memorandum of Understanding - Fresno Pacific University and Visalia Unified School District (Encl. No. 13)
5. Yearly Purchasing Calendar (Encl. No. 14)

6. Change Order #1 - Cottonwood Creek (Dans Street) Elementary School (Encl. No. 15)
7. Approval of Bid 4551 - Paving at CNG Fueling Facility (Encl. No. 16)
8. Vendor Contracts for Various Maintenance and Service Needs (Encl. No. 17)
9. Deem Salvage Items Obsolete (Encl. No. 18)
- 10.2 AREA ADMINISTRATORS, 7-12/Adult
 1. Student Field Trip Request(s) (Encl. No. 19)
 2. Community-Based English Tutoring (CBET) Program Notification of Intent to Participate for 2005-06 (Encl. No. 20)
- 10.3 CURRICULUM/EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
 1. Contract Tulare County Health Services & Visalia Unified School District Immunization Clinics (Encl. No. 21)
 2. Request to Attend Conference/Workshop (Encl. No. 22)
- 10.4 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
 1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 23)
 2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 24)
 3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 25)
 4. Extended Year Principal Assignments (Encl. No. 26)
 5. 2005-2006 Certificated Tenure (Encl. No. 27)
- 10.5 SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE
 1. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 12, 2005 (Encl. No. 28)

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Motion No. 197

Regarding Enclosure No. 12, Mr. Qualls asked if the board will receive a report on the conditions of our schools, relative to the Williams Resolution. Mrs. Lambert said that, as soon as all of our schools are visited, a report on the findings will be brought to the board, probably in late June or in July. Mr. Guerrero asked about funding for items that are found to need improvement. Mrs. Lambert responded that the district will receive funding for any instructional materials that we are lacking. Dr. Fulmer responded that there is no additional funding provided for facilities' needs. He said that the state feels that the issue should be addressed by funding deferred maintenance through state bonds. Mr. Carrizosa added that funding for materials is formula driven and based on our enrollment and is targeted for schools in Deciles 1, 2 and 3, although there is no funding for Decile 3 schools. On a motion by Qualls and second by Guerrero, Enclosure No. 12 was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS / ACTION

EXPULSIONS
Motion No. 198

On a motion by Lane and second by Stephenson, the Administrative Panel Recommendations on Expulsion Case No. 05-101 E, Case No. 05-102 E, Case No. 05-103 E, Case No. 05-104 E, Case No. 05-105 E and Case No. 05-106 E (Encl. No. 29) were approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

SUSPENDED
EXPULSIONS

On a motion by Qualls and second by Guerrero, the Administrative Panel Recommendations on Suspended Expulsion Case No. 05-23 SE, Case No. 05-24 SE, Case No. 05-25 SE, Case No.

Motion No. 199

05-26 SE and Case No. Case No. 05-27 SE (Encl. No. 30) were approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

GENERAL

AGENDA

Review / Public Input /

Board Discussion /

ACTION (as

applicable)

REVIEW CSBA

REVISION TO BP
1312.3 - UNIFORM
COMPLAINT

PROCEDURES -
SECOND AND
FINAL READING

Motion No. 200

Enclosure Nos. 31 through 37 were a series of board policies presented for a first reading at the April 26, 2005 board meeting. On a motion by Stephenson and second by Qualls, the revisions were approved as presented. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

REVIEW NEW
CSBA SAMPLE
FOR MANDATED

AR 1312.4 -

WILLIAMS

UNIFORM

COMPLAINT

PROCEDURES -

SECOND AND

FINAL READING

Motion No. 200

(Encl. No. 32)

REVIEW CSBA
REVISION TO BP

1325 -

ADVERTISING

AND PROMOTION

- SECOND AND

FINAL READING

Motion No. 200

(Encl. No. 33)

REVIEW CSBA
REVISION TO BP

4113 -

ASSIGNMENT -

SECOND AND

FINAL READING

Motion No. 200

(Encl. No. 34)

REVIEW STAFF

REVISION TO BP

(Encl. No. 35)

4118 -
SUSPENSION /
DISCIPLINARY
ACTION -
SECOND AND
FINAL READING
Motion No. 200

REVIEW CSBA (Encl. No. 36)
REVISION TO BP
4331 - STAFF
DEVELOPMENT -
SECOND AND
FINAL READING
Motion No. 200

REVIEW CSBA (Encl. No. 37)
REVISION TO BP
6161.1 -
SELECTION AND
EVALUATION OF
INSTRUCTIONAL
MATERIALS -
SECOND AND
FINAL READING
Motion No. 200

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

NEXT MEETING The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be May 24, 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