

**Visalia Unified School District  
Board of Education**

**MINUTES**

**OPENING  
BUSINESS**

The May 24, 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	8:20	
Juan R. Guerrero	5:30	8:20	
Larry Jones	5:30	8:20	
Michael Lane			X
Donna Martin	5:30	8:20	
Jim L. Qualls	5:30	8:20	
Robert Stephenson	5:30	8:20	
Blythe Cherney, Student Representative			X
Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent	5:30	8:20	

**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 REVIEWS-SUSPENDED EXPULSIONS
- 2.4 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
  - 1. Agency Negotiator: Kay Van Andel
  - 2. Employee Organizations
    - 1. VUTA
    - 2. CSEA
    - 3. Management
- 2.5 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EVALUATION
  - 1. Superintendent

**EARLY BIRD  
SESSION**

**DISTRICT ENGLISH  
LEARNER  
ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE**

The Early Bird session was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Coordinator, State and Federal Projects, Mimi Bonds stated that tonight's District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC) report is an annual requirement under state regulations (Encl. No. 1). The committee members oversee the implementation of services for English Learners and each year comment

on how the program is currently working as well as present recommendations for improving services to our English Learners. Ms. Bonds asked all DELAC members to stand for recognition. She also commended the members on their dedication to the responsibilities as committee members. Ms. Bonds listed the eight legal requirements on which the committee must oversee and advise the district. Ms. Bonds introduced Mr. Shawn Kiehn, DELAC President, who presented tonight's report. A PowerPoint presentation assisted in tonight's report.

**REGULAR SESSION** The board convened tonight's regular board meeting at 7:25 p.m. President Elder announced that no action was taken in closed session. Rob Stephenson lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**RECOGNITION OF  
2004-2005 STUDENT  
BOARD  
REPRESENTATIVES** President Elder acknowledged the work of our student board representatives for 2004-05 and thanked them for their work with the board (Encl. No. 2). This year's representatives were Katherine Pankow - Mt. Whitney; Sarah Khawaja - El Diamante; Joseph Casillas - Golden West; and Blythe Cherney - Redwood. The students were unable to attend tonight's meeting because of school activities, but will receive their certificates of appreciation from the board at their school sites.

**COMMUNITY  
ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE  
RECOGNITION  
NOMINATIONS** Mrs. Carlyn Lambert recognized 2005-06 school year award recipients Barbara Breshears, VUSD EOC; Lu Hilliard, Hurley School; and Karol Clevenger, Hurley School. Each year the Community Advisory Committee of the Tulare County SELPA honors teachers, assistants, administrators and other community members for their outstanding service and contributions to Special Education students and programs. The recipients were unable to attend tonight's meeting and will receive their plaque at their work site.

**EMPLOYEE  
RECOGNITION** The board recognized Ms. Elizabeth Parker, Administrative Assistant to the Board and Superintendent, who is retiring in June. Ms. Parker has worked for the VUSD Board of Education and Superintendent for ten years. President Elder presented Ms. Parker with an engraved plaque recognizing her years of dedicated service to the district. Board member, Donna Martin, also presented Ms. Parker with a beautiful flower arrangement from the board. Ms. Parker received an appreciative round of applause from the board and audience.

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

Karl Kildow congratulated Ms. Parker on her retirement and extended best wishes. He reported

that tomorrow, May 25, Mr. Guerrero, Mr. Jones and Mr. Qualls will be traveling to Sacramento with VUTA members to add their support to rally against the Governor's anti-public education agenda." Mr. Kildow also thanked Mrs. Martin for her help in making banners for local rallies also being held tomorrow.

Mr. Kildow then expressed his concerns regarding the issue of racism and prejudice he feels are taking place against students in the district.

Mr. Drew Sorensen, El Diamante High School Principal, reported that Redwood won their softball game tonight and is in the valley finals. He also reported that El Diamante is in the valley finals and will play at home on Thursday night. Redwood will travel to either Clovis West or Madera. Mr. Sorensen further reported that Grad Night will be this Thursday night. He then thanked Mr. Carrizosa and Mr. Fred Nave for letting El Diamante sponsor the "Every 15 Minutes Program" held last Thursday and Friday. He also thanked the Times-Delta and Fresno Bee for the positive comments from students shared in their reports of the event. Mr. Sorensen is hoping to participate in the event again in the future.

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

Board members reported on the following district events in which they have participated or plan to participate in –Mt. Whitney Portfolio Day, Houston Elementary Open House, a Streetwise Partner soccer game at Ivanhoe and a visit to the USC Dental Lab at Ivanhoe, a board study session on the budget, a cultural diversity event held at the Adult School, chaperoning Grad Night, attending Mt. Whitney's Visual and Performing Arts show in a community member's yard, where students were painting, dancing, playing instruments, acting and showing their photography skills, and attending the performance of Golden West's choir singing Disney songs. Mr. Guerrero requested a K-12 discipline report similar to one that the district prepared last year. He is interested in improvements that have taken place over the past year. Mrs. Martin reported that she is now serving on the Tulare County School Board Association and was able to share the district's voice in selecting scholarship recipients from each of the high schools. Board members planning to attend tomorrow's rally in Sacramento said that they are looking forward to participating in the event. President Elder said that he is unable to travel to Sacramento tomorrow but has been to Sacramento and has talked with several of our representatives about the need for the state to support education. He has also written several letters to our representatives and to Governor Schwarzenegger, whom he told he would probably not be able to continue to support if he "continues to put the squeeze on education."

Mr. Elder announced that Mr. Lane was unable to attend tonight's meeting because of a job obligation.

Superintendent Carrizosa reported that the second annual Slick Rock Student Festival took place last weekend. The event is the culminating event for the year from the district's VISTA's Grant for technology. He reported that this year there were over 70 student film entries on video productions they had done in specific categories to be judged and awarded. This was twice the number of entries submitted last year. An audience of over 400 attended this year's event at the

Fox Theater. Comcast Cable taped the event which they will air in July on their public service channel. Mr. Carrizosa reported that of the 36 film production teams county-wide recognized this year, 11 were from Visalia schools. Of the 16 different film categories, six were won by VUSD students. Mr. Carrizosa presented the names of our winning students and their advisors along with their individual category. In concluding his report, Mr. Carrizosa listed graduation dates for our board members and asked that they plan to meet him 30 minutes before each of the graduations they plan to attend. He will also send information regarding parking for the board in this week's newsletter.

**ROUTINE ACTION**  
Motion No. 201

Board member Guerrero pulled Enclosure No. 13 to abstain from the vote, as he is employed by Proteus, Inc. On a motion by Qualls and second by Guerrero, the board approved the remaining Routine Action Items as follows:

- 8.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
  - 1. Warrant List - April 29 through May 6, 2005 (Encl. No. 4)
  - 2. 2004-05 Budget Revision No. 14 (Encl. No. 5)
  - 3. Visalia Civic Facilities Authority Use Contracts (Encl. No. 6)
  - 4. Approval of Bid #4566 - Sequoia Relocatable Project (Encl. No. 7)
  - 5. Approval of Bid #4567 - Re-roofing - Various Sites (Encl. No. 8)
- 8.2 AREA ADMINISTRATORS, K-6, 7-12/Adult
  - 1. Student Field Trip Request(s) (Encl. No. 9)
- 8.3 AREA ADMINISTRATOR, 7-12/Adult
  - 1. Eligible Training Provider Contract Between Tulare County Workforce Investment Board and Visalia Adult School (Encl. No. 10)
  - 2. 2005-2006 Designation of California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Representatives to Leagues (Encl. No. 11)
- 8.4 CURRICULUM/EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
  - 1. Agreement for Probation Officer to Serve Charter Alternatives Academy (Encl. No. 12)
  - 2. Community Challenge Grant, Agreement with Proteus, Inc. (Encl. No. 13)
  - 3. Community Project Services Agreement - College of the Sequoias CAL Works/State Work Study and Federal College Work Study Programs (Encl. No. 14)
  - 4. Service Agreement Between TCOE Migrant Education Region VIII and VUSD (Encl. No. 15)
  - 5. Request to Attend Conference/Workshop (Encl. No. 16)
- 8.5 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
  - 1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 17)
  - 2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 18)
  - 3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 19)
  - 4. Certification of Coach List for 2004-05 Spring Sports; Certification of Coach List for 2005-06 Fall Sports (Encl. No. 20)
  - 5. Notice to Employ Certificated Personnel for Extended Year - Middle and High Schools (Encl. No. 21)

8.6 SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

1. Adoption of Resolution for Governing Board Elections on November 8, 2005 (Encl. No. 22)
2. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 26, 2005 (Encl. No. 23)

Ayes: Elder, Guerrero, Jones, Martin, Qualls and Stephenson. Absent: Lane. Motion carried.

On a motion by Martin and second by Stephenson, the board approved Enclosure No. 13. Ayes: Elder, Jones, Martin, Qualls and Stephenson. Abstain: Guerrero. Motion carried.

Motion No. 202

**ADMINISTRATIVE  
PANEL RECOM-  
MENDATIONS /  
ACTION  
EXPULSIONS  
Motion No. 203**

On a motion by Martin and second by Stephenson, the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Expulsion Case No. 05-107 E, Case No. 05-108 E, Case No. 05-109 E, Case No. 05-110 E, Case No. 05-111 E, Case No. 05-112 E, Case No. 05-113 E, Case No. 05-114 E, and Case No. 05-115 E (Encl. No. 24) were approved. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

**SUSPENDED  
EXPULSIONS  
Motion No. 204**

On a motion by Jones and second by Guerrero, the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Suspended Expulsion Case No. 05-28 SE, Case No. 05-29 SE, Case No. 05-30 SE, Case No. 05-31 SE and Case No. 05-32 SE (Encl. No. 25) were approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**REVIEWS-  
CONTINUED  
EXPULSIONS  
Motion No. 205**

On a motion by Qualls and second by Martin, the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Reviews-Continued Expulsion Case No. 05-27 RCE and Case No. 05-28 RCE (Encl. No. 26) were approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**GENERAL AGENDA**

Review / Public Input /  
Board Discussion /  
ACTION (as  
applicable)

**VUSD GENERAL  
FUND CASH FLOWS  
AS OF APRIL 30,  
2005**

Internal Auditor, Christine Statton, presented her monthly report on VUSD General Fund Cash Flows for the month of April (Encl. No. 27). She said that this report is a tool that allows the monitoring of the adequacy of our budget and notes that revenues are coming in as anticipated and if expenditures are occurring as anticipated.

**REQUEST FOR  
METAL DETECTOR  
SECURITY**

Enclosure No. 28 was a request for a metal detector security deterrent at Charter Alternatives Academy, Packwood. Principal Rudy Soleno explained the need for the security deterrent at the school. He also reviewed board policy relative to search and seizure of our students and

**DETERRENT AT  
CHARTER  
ALTERNATIVES  
ACADEMY -  
PACKWOOD**

Motion No. 206

**PETITION FOR  
CHARTER SCHOOL -  
VISALIA CHARTER  
INDEPENDENT  
STUDY**

Motion No. 207

added that County Counsel had been consulted regarding the request. The wand will be used for daily searches on a random basis by the supervising probation officer or campus supervisor only. On a motion by Qualls and second by Guerrero, the board approved the request. Ayes: Elder, Guerrero, Jones, Martin, Qualls and Stephenson. Absent: Lane. Motion carried.

Mrs. Missy Yavasile reviewed some minor changes made to the Petition for Charter School for Visalia Charter Independent Study approved by the board at a previous board meeting (Encl. No. 29). The revisions were recommended by the Charter School Division of the California Department of Education. On a motion by Stephenson and second by Jones, the revised petition was approved. Ayes: Elder, Guerrero, Jones, Martin, Qualls and Stephenson. Absent: Lane. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be June 14, 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,

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Jim L. Qualls  
Clerk

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Stan A. Carrizosa  
Superintendent