

**Visalia Unified School District  
Board of Education**

**MINUTES**

**OPENING  
BUSINESS**

The August 23, 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	8:45	
Juan R. Guerrero	5:30	8:45	
Larry Jones	5:30	8:45	
Michael Lane	5:30	8:45	
Donna Martin	5:30	8:45	
Jim L. Qualls	5:30	8:45	
Robert Stephenson	5:30	8:45	
 Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent	 5:30	 8:45	

**Staff Members**

Mark Fulmer, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services  
Carlyn Lambert, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum/Educational Services  
Kay Van Anandel, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Development  
Pam Ryan, Executive Secretary, Superintendent's Office

**CLOSED SESSION**

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

- 2.1 RECOMMENDED EXPULSIONS
- 2.2 SUSPENDED EXPULSIONS
- 2.3 RECOMMENDED REINSTATEMENTS
- 2.4 RECOMMENDED REVIEWS – CONTINUED EXPULSIONS
- 2.5 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
  - 1. Agency Negotiator: Kay Van Anandel
  - 2. Employee Organizations
    - 1. VUTA
    - 2. CSEA
    - 3. Management

**REGULAR SESSION**

The board convened tonight's regular board meeting at 7:00 p.m. President Elder announced that no action was taken in closed session. Mr. Elder led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**RECOGNITION OF**

Dr. James Bushman, Principal of Redwood High School, introduced Ms. Doris

REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL FBLA WINNERS FROM THE NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Lowe, Teacher/Advisor for the Redwood Chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). Darin Gong was recognized as being the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner in the Local Chapter Annual Business Report at the FBLA National Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida in June. (Encl. No. 1) Also recognized for winning 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Community Service Project at the National Conference were Crystal Chun Wong, Adrian Rodriguez, and Thuy Le.

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

Maria Bautista addressed the board with a problem she is having with after-school daycare for her children and asked for their appeal of her transfer denial. She gave her information to Ralph Lomeli, the district's Coordinator, Child Welfare/Attendance.

VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT GANG PREVENTION EDUCATION OFFICER

Fred Nave, Director of Student Services, introduced Detective Rob Zieg, with the Visalia Police Department (Encl. No. 2). Detective Zieg has been assigned to the school district by the Visalia Police Department as a Gang Prevention Officer. He will be providing lessons to each 2<sup>nd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade class in all 22 elementary schools and will be meeting with staff and parents providing information on gang related issues. His salary is entirely covered by the Visalia Police Department and will have an office at the Educational Office Complex.

FACILITIES PROJECTS – SUMMER UPDATE

Patty Rohman, Director of Administrative Services, reviewed the district's summer facilities projects at the following sites and fields (Encl. No. 3):

- Cottonwood Creek Elementary School
- Houston and McAuliff practice fields/additional parking for Groppetti Automotive-Visalia Community Stadium and also added 500 seats on the visitors side and 500 seats to the home side of the stadium
- North Visalia Educational Center on Murray Street housing Language Assessment, Even Start, Migrant Education and Independent Study Programs
- Painting Redwood Academic Building
- Making Sierra Vista handicap accessible and repainting the hallway
- Sierra Vista lights for practice field and a mesh backstop screen
- Rotary Theater repainting interior pathway and installing handicap accessible lift for the stage
- Redwood practice field on Main Street leveled
- Sequoia High School renovation of Quad area by adding a lunch shelter, resurfaced basketball court, added restrooms and sidewalks

45-DAY BUDGET

Robert Gröeber, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the 45-day budget revision that is

REVISION REPORT  
Motion No. 18

required by the Education Code (Encl. No. 4). He reviewed how the adopted state budget affects the district's budget. The Governor's proposed 2% STRS Shift to the school districts, which Visalia Unified included in the adopted budget in June, was not a part of the adopted state budget. The state adopted budget also included a slight increase to the funded deficit reduction. However, the Governor took out half of what the district should have received in mandated costs to balance the state budget.

After discussion, Rob Stephenson moved to approve the 45-day budget report as presented as recognition of the obligation this district has as well as recognition of the revenues available to cover these budget items. Donna Martin seconded the motion. Ayes: all. Motion carried. President Elder read a statement concerning the fiscal responsibility of balancing the budget, protecting the district's solvency, and the district's commitment to its teachers and students. Copies of his statement were made available to the public.

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

The board members' reports included the following:

- Welcomed back students and staff to the new school year wishing them many successes for the year in the areas of academics, sports and the arts
- Being honored to receive the American Cancer Society's Collaboration Award on behalf of the district
- Attended the English Learner Parent Meeting at Houston Elementary School
- Attended the Alternative Governance meeting for school improvement
- Attended the all-school assembly at El Diamante on civility, safety and accountability and the consequences of "racist name-calling"
- Facilities Committee continues to watch enrollment figures where growth is taking place in the city, so that when we prepare for a bond, the district will know which facilities are needed.
- Will be contacting principals for site visitations

Superintendent Carrizosa reminded the board of upcoming events:

- Monday, August 29 Joint Meeting with the City Council at 6:00 p.m. at the Convention Center
- Tuesday, August 30 – Special Study Session - Fall Facilities Advisory Meeting

He reported that over 200 coaches gave up a Saturday to attend the First Annual Fall Visalia Sports Clinic designed by the four high school athletic directors. HRD staff were present to assist in helping coaches take care of all requirements to be eligible for board ratification. Keynote speakers discussed the following topics:

- Strength, fitness, training, skills and abilities
- Ethics in coaching, core values and pursuing victory with honor
- New CIF bylaws implemented statewide this year that came from legislature preventing steroid use among high school athletes
- Appropriate training techniques
- A new law goes into effect in 2008 stating that all coaches in a public high school must pass a course entitled "Coaching Principles", which will

contain many of the topics discussed at this clinic

**FOCUS ON  
STUDENT  
LEARNING**

**SUMMER SCHOOL  
(EXTENDED YEAR)  
REPORT FOR 2005**

Carlyn Lambert, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum/Educational Services, reported on the K-6 summer programs (Encl. No 5):

- Crowley Elementary – English Learners Academy
- Elbow Creek Elementary – Quick Start
- Royal Oaks Elementary - Special Education Summer School
- Houston Elementary – Houston Summer Intervention Academy

Ken Spencer and Matt Shin shared the job of principal for the La Joya/Divisadero Middle School summer school/extended year. Mark Molina was the principal for Valley Oak/Green Acres. All students that attended were either at risk of retention or at risk of not passing the High School Exit Exam. The program offerings included remediation, intervention and acceleration opportunities.

Alfonso Guzman was the summer school principal for Golden West/Mt. Whitney High School and Jose Palomo was the principal for Redwood/El Diamante High School. Students took summer school to catch up with credits or to get ahead and have more opportunities and options for the following school year. They discussed the enrollment, reviewed the attendance, curriculum and classes offered for seniors who did not receive their diploma in June.

**ROUTINE ACTION**  
Motion No. 19

Board member Jones pulled Enclosure No. 18 for further discussion. A motion was made by Lane and seconded by Qualls to approve the remaining Routine Action items. Ayes: Elder, Guerrero, Jones, Lane, Qualls and Stephenson. Absent: Martin. Motion approved.

**8.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

1. Warrant List - July 29, 2005 through August 5, 2005 (Encl. No. 6)
2. 2005-2006 Budget Revision No. 2 (Encl. No. 7)
3. Investment Report for Quarter Ending June 30, 2005 (Encl. No. 8)
4. Vendor Contracts for Various Maintenance and Service Needs (Encl. No. 9)
5. Visalia Civic Facilities Authority User Contracts (Encl. No. 10)
6. El Diamante High School Pool Architect (Encl. No. 11)

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

1. Interquest Detection Canines of Central Valley Security Contract at Sequoia High School (Encl. No. 12)

2. Student Field Trip (Encl. No. 13)
- 8.3 CURRICULUM/EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
  1. Innovations in Education Conference MOU with CVCUE (Encl. No. 14)
  2. California State University, Bakersfield, School of Nursing Agreement (Encl. No. 15)
- 8.4 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
  1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No.16 )
  2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 17)
  3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 18)
  4. Certification of Coach List for 2005-06 Fall Sports (Encl. No. 19)
- 8.5 SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE
  1. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 9, 2005 (Encl. No. 20)

Motion No. 20

Regarding Enclosure No. 18, Consultant Contracts, Mr. Jones pulled this item to make a point for the public that these consultant contracts are paid from funds designated for restricted areas and are not coming from the general fund. On a motion by Jones and second by Martin, Enclosure No. 18 was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATIVE  
PANEL RECOM-  
MENDATIONS/  
ACTION**

RECOMMENDED  
EXPULSIONS  
Motion No. 21

On a motion by Lane and second by Qualls, the Administrative Panel Recommendations on Recommended Expulsions Case No. 06-06 E (Encl. No. 21) was approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

SUSPENDED  
EXPULSIONS  
Motion No. 22

On a motion by Martin and second by Stephenson, the Administrative Panel Recommendations on Suspended Expulsions Case No. 06-02 SE, Case No. 06-03 SE, Case No. 06-04 SE, Case No. 06-05 SE, Case No. 06-06 SE, Case No. 06-07 SE, and Case No. 06-08 SE (Encl. No. 22) were approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

RECOMMENDED  
REINSTATEMENTS  
Motion No. 23

On a motion by Guerrero and second by Qualls, the Administrative Panel Recommendations on Recommended Reinstatements Case No. 06-20 R, Case No. 06-21 R, Case No. 06-22 R, Case No. 06-23 R, Case No. 06-24 R, Case No. 06-25 R, and Case No. 06-26 R(Encl. No. 23) were approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

RECOMMENDED  
REVIEWS-

On a motion by Lane and second by Martin, the Administrative Panel Recommendations on Recommended Reviews-Continued Expulsions Case No. 06-06 RCE (Encl. No. 24)

CONTINUED  
EXPULSIONS  
Motion No. 24

was approved.

**GENERAL AGENDA**

Review/Public Input/  
Board Discussion/

**ACTION** (as  
applicable)

**AUTHORIZATION  
TO CHANGE  
CLASSIFIED  
HEALTH PLANS**  
Motion No. 25

Susan Cox, Director, Risk Management and Benefits, explained the proposed changes in the classified medical and prescription plans that will go into effect on October 1, 2005 (Encl. No. 25). With these changes, the district is able to continue to provide fully-paid comprehensive health insurance plans to its classified employees and retirees who qualify for health insurance.

On a motion by Stephenson and second by Lane, the changes to the classified health plans were approved. Ayes: Elder, Guerrero, Jones, Lane, Martin, and Stephenson. Absent: Qualls. Motion carried.

**AUTHORIZATION  
TO CHANGE  
MANAGEMENT  
HEALTH PLANS**  
Motion No. 26

Director, Susan Cox, continued by explaining the proposed changes in the management health plans that will also go into effect on October 1, 2005. (Encl. No. 26) With these changes, the district is able to provide fully-paid comprehensive health insurance plans to its management employees and retirees who qualify for health insurance.

On a motion by Lane and second by Jones, the changes to the management health plans were approved. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**FINAL ADJUSTMENT  
TO TOTAL  
COMPENSATION  
FOR ALL DISTRICT  
MANAGERS**  
Motion No. 27

Kay Van Anandel, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Development, requested board approval on a proposed proportional adjustment to total compensation equal to all other employees of an additional 1% effective July 1, 2005 for all district managers based on additional revenues that resulted from the adopted State Budget. This will be a total of 4% salary increase mitigated by an increase in State revenues. (Encl. No. 27)

On a motion by Qualls and second by Lane, the final adjustment to total compensation for all district managers was approved. Ayes: Elder, Jones, Lane, Martin, Qualls, and Stephenson. Absent: Guerrero. Motion carried.

**SECOND READING**

Robert Gröeber, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the recommendation that the board

**AND ADOPTION OF  
PROPOSED  
REFINANCING OF  
1990 CERTIFICATES  
OF PARTICIPATION  
AND 1997  
LEASE/PURCHASE  
Motion No. 28**

authorize the refinancing of the 1990 Certificates of Participation and the 1997 Lease-Purchase. This refinancing could save the district up to \$1.16M in today's dollars in debt service costs through 2021-22 by taking advantage of the current low interest rate environment. It is further recommended that the district not move forward with the refinancing unless a savings of at least \$350K is attainable.

Mr. Qualls moved to adopt the proposed refinancing of 1990 Certifications of Participation (COPs) and 1997 Lease-Purchase. Mr. Guerrero seconded the motion. Mr. Qualls amended his motion to adopt the proposed refinancing of 1990 Certifications of Participation and 1997 Lease-Purchase contingent upon a savings of at least \$350K. Mr. Guerrero seconded the amended motion. If \$350K is not saved, this sale would not be authorized. Staff would then come back to the board and re-propose action. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The board recessed at 8:30 p.m. into the Visalia Financing Corporation Board Meeting.

At 8:45 p.m., the board reconvened as the Visalia Unified School District Board of Education and adjourned the meeting.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 13, 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

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