

**Visalia Unified School District  
Board of Education**

**MINUTES**

**OPENING  
BUSINESS**

The November 15, 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	8:05	
Juan R. Guerrero	5:30	8:05	
Larry Jones	5:30	8:05	
Michael Lane	5:30	8:05	
Donna Martin	5:30	8:05	
Jim L. Qualls	5:30	8:05	
Robert Stephenson	5:30	8:05	
 Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent	 5:30	 8:05	

**Staff Members**

Mark Fulmer, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services  
Carlyn Lambert, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum/Educational Services  
Kay Van Andel, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Development  
Pam Ryan, Executive 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 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
- Government Code Section 54956.9 (c)

Superintendent Carrizosa stated that two items had been added to the agenda after the board agenda packets had been distributed. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Item 2.3) was added to closed session and 9.1.6 – Emergency Repair Resolution authorizing staff to make repairs resulting from the Mt. Whitney electrical power outage.

He then called for public comment on the closed session agenda items. There was none. The board adjourned to closed session.

**EARLY BIRD  
SESSION  
STUDENT  
ACHIEVEMENT  
AWARDS**

The Early Bird Session opened at 6:30 p.m. to recognize and acknowledge students that have excelled in Math, Physical Education and Overall Achievement. The USAV – Fall session recipients were also recognized. (Encl. No. 1) Students that received achievement awards were: Steven Cook (Math), Stephanie Porras (Physical Education), Stephanie Bratcher (USAV – Fall) and Joe Langenbahn (USAV – Fall) from El Diamante; Chris Morse (Math), Jasun Ramos (Physical Education), Jenelle Henriksen (USAV-Fall) and Matt Crum (USAV – Fall) from Golden West; Max Mueting (Math, Nathan Vanzant

(Physical Education), Kelsey Duvall (USAV – Fall) and Michael Frame (USAV – Fall) from Mt. Whitney; Jeremy Cohen (Math) and Sandy Xiong (Physical Education) from Redwood; Chelsea Rowland (Overall Achievement), Bryan Gomez (USAV – Fall) and Michele Espinoza (USAV – Fall) from Sequoia; Janelle Palacios (Overall Achievement) from Charter Alternative Academy; Heather Black (Overall Achievement) from Visalia Charter Independent Study and Lisa Fischer (Overall Achievement) from Visalia Adult School.

**REGULAR SESSION** The board convened tonight’s regular board meeting at 7:13 p.m. President Elder announced that during closed session, the board discussed administration’s recommendation to enter into a settlement agreement with a certificated employee. On a motion by board member Jones and seconded by board member Martin, the board unanimously approved the settlement agreement accepting the employee’s resignation in lieu of initiating a termination hearing.

Mr. Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC  
RECOGNITION/  
PROCLAMATIONS/  
ACTION** (if

applicable)

DONATION TO  
EL DIAMANTE  
CAREER  
TECHNICAL  
EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT  
Motion No. 56

Patty Rohman, Director of Administrative Services, stated that the district has received a \$5,000 donation to use for construction of welding booths in the El Diamante Welding Class. This donation has been made in support of Vocational Education by the Associated General Contractors of California (AGC). (Encl. No. 2)

Board member Qualls moved to accept the \$5,000 donation from AGC. Board member Stephenson seconded the motion. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

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

applicable)

GENERAL PUBLIC  
COMMENT

Kelly Forney, Workers Compensation Claims Coordinator for the Tulare County Schools, Buckman-Mitchell Insurance, presented a plaque to Visalia Unified School District in recognition of efforts made resulting in an 8.6% reduction of workplace injury frequency for the 2004-2005 school year. She also presented a plaque to Jose Llamas and Bob Moles, representatives from the district’s custodial department, in recognition of efforts made resulting in a 19.15% reduction of workplace injury frequency this past year.

ANNUAL STUDENT  
TRANSFER REPORT  
FOR 2005-2006:  
PROGRAM

Ralph Lomeli, Coordinator of Child Welfare and Attendance, presented the Annual Student Transfer Report for 2005-2006: Program Improvement, Intradistrict and Interdistrict for the board’s ratification. (Encl. No. 3) He acknowledged Mary Ann Thomas, Child

IMPROVEMENT,  
INTRADISTRICT  
AND  
INTERDISTRICT  
Motion No. 57

Welfare and Attendance secretary, for compiling the report and for her work with site personnel and the general public in the area of school transfers.

Board member Guerrero moved to ratify the annual report as presented. Board member Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: all. Motion approved.

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

Alvaro Nunez-Reyna, student representative to the board from Mt. Whitney High School, gave a brief summary of the events taking place at the high schools.

The board members' reports included the following:

- The newly elected board members were glad to be returning to the board
- Attended Mt. Whitney's Career/Vocational Fair Day
- Participated in Breakfast Rotary Club's monthly reading at Washington Elementary School
- Congratulated Mt. Whitney girls cross country Valley champion - advances to State
- Congratulated Mt. Whitney boys cross country for taking second in the Valley and will also advance to State
- Good luck to Redwood football team playing Bakersfield in playoff game
- Congratulated Mr. Guerrero, Mr. Elder, Mr. Qualls and Mr. Lane for their election victories and welcomed them back to the board
- Visited Highland and Ivanhoe Schools as an Alternative Governance representative
- Attended Expulsion Hearing as observers and thanked Mr. Lomeli for explaining the expulsion process. It was clear that due process is followed.
- HEART Program invited board members to attend their annual meeting on November 21 at the Radisson Hotel from 12:00 – 2:00. Senator Roy Ashburn will be the speaker.
- SB 70 – \$20M Career Tech funding, will be a collaborative effort between the community colleges in the state to build systems that will integrate career technical programs with grades 7-14. The Request for Proposal (RFP) will be coming out soon.
- Welcomed Alvaro Nunez-Reyna as the student representative to the board
- Attended county's school boards association continuing education session
- Attended PTA's community forum
- Helping Mt. View School fill the trolley for Thanksgiving
- Attended Redwood government class
- Congratulated El Diamante for taking the league title in football

Superintendent Carrizosa congratulated the incumbent board members returning to the board.

**FOCUS ON  
STUDENT  
LEARNING**

Presentation/Public  
Comment/Board  
Discussion/ACTION

(as applicable)

SCHOOL PLAN  
REVISIONS:  
CONYER, CREST-  
WOOD, FOUR  
CREEKS, GOLDEN  
OAK, HURLEY,  
LINWOOD, MT.  
VIEW, OAK GROVE,  
PINKHAM, ROYAL  
OAKS, VEVA  
BLUNT, AND  
WILLOW GLEN  
ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOLS;  
EL DIAMANTE,  
GOLDEN WEST,  
MT. WHITNEY,  
REDWOOD AND  
SEQUOIA HIGH  
SCHOOLS

Motion No. 58

Dr. Craig Wheaton, Administrator of Curriculum and Instruction, verified that these school site plans have gone through the process required by law. (Encl. No. 4) They have been developed and approved by School Site Councils. The necessary steps have been taken to look at the school data, analyze student achievement data and review school goals.

Public Comment:

Robin Kaufman spoke of her concern of the Mt. Whitney school site plans.

Mr. Stephenson moved to accept the school site plans. Mrs. Martin seconded the motion.

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**ROUTINE ACTION**

Motion No. 59

Mr. Qualls moved to accept the Routine Action items (Encl. 5-22). Mr. Lane seconded the motion. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

9.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Warrant List - October 14 through October 28, 2005 (Encl. No. 5)
2. 2005-06 Budget Revision No. 6 (Encl. No. 6)
3. Investment Report for Quarter Ending September 30, 2005 (Encl. No. 7)
4. Mangano Company Inc., Grant of Easement (Encl. No. 8)
5. Change Order #2 - Sequoia High School Relocatable Project (Encl. No. 9)
6. Emergency Repair Resolution (Encl. No. 9a)

9.2 AREA ADMINISTRATORS, K-6, 7-12/Adult

1. Student Field Trip Request(s) (Encl. No. 10)
2. Amendment to the Visalia Charter Independent Study Charter (Encl. No. 11)
3. Agreement Between Tulare County Organization for Vocational Education in Conjunction with Visalia Unified School District and West Gate Gardens Convalescent Center and Linwood Gardens Convalescent Center (Encl. No. 12)

9.3 CURRICULUM/EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. Williams Visitations (Encl. No. 13)
  2. Memorandum of Understanding - Visalia YMCA (Encl. No. 14)
- 9.4 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 15)
  2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 16)
  3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 17)
  4. Certification of Temporary Athletic Team Coach List for 2005-06 (Encl. No. 18)
  5. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Student Teaching Agreement between Visalia Unified School District (VUSD ) and California State University Bakersfield (Encl. No. 19)
- 9.5 SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE
1. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 11, 2005 (Encl. No. 20)
  2. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 18, 2005 (Encl. No. 21)
  3. Date of Annual Organizational Meeting - December 13, 2005 (Encl. No. 22)

**ADMINISTRATIVE  
PANEL RECOM-  
MENDATIONS/  
ACTION**

**EXPULSIONS**

President Elder pulled Administrative Panel Recommendations on Expulsions, Case No. 06-24 E and Case No. 06-26 E for separate votes.

Motion No. 60

Mr. Lane moved to accept the remaining Expulsions Case No. 06-17 E, Case No. 06-18 E, Case No. 06-19 E, Case No. 06-20 E, Case No. 06-21 E, Case No. 06-22 E, Case No. 06-23 E and Case No. 06-25 E (Encl. No. 23). Mr. Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Motion No. 61

Mr. Qualls moved to approve Expulsions Case No. 06-24 E. Mr. Lane seconded the motion. Ayes: Elder, Guerrero, Jones, Lane, Martin and Qualls. Abstain: Stephenson. Motion carried.

Motion No. 62

Mr. Lane moved to approve Expulsions Case No. 06-26 E. Mr. Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: Elder, Guerrero, Jones, Lane, Qualls and Stephenson. Abstain: Martin. Motion carried

**SUSPENDED  
EXPULSIONS**

Motion No. 63

Mr. Lane moved to approve Suspended Expulsions Case No. 06-10 SE, Case No. 06-11 SE, Case No. 06-12 SE and Case No. 06-13 SE (Encl. No. 24). Mr. Guerrero seconded the motion. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**GENERAL AGENDA**

Review/Public Input/

Board Discussion/

**ACTION** (as  
applicable)

**APPROVAL OF BID #4586 – GROPPETTI AUTOMOTIVE/VISALIA COMMUNITY STADIUM CONCESSION AND RESTROOM PROJECT**

Motion No. 64

Mrs. Rohman stated that the district is requesting approval to award Bid #4586 from Dale Atkins Construction for the Groppetti Automotive/Visalia Community Stadium Concession and Restroom Project. (Encl. No. 25)

There was no public comment.

Mr. Stephenson moved to accept the bid from Dale Atkins Construction for the project. Mr. Lane seconded the motion. Ayes: all. Motion approved.

**RESOLUTION – MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE FERGUSON AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Motion No. 65

Mrs. Rohman stated that in accordance with the California Education Code, the Visalia Unified School District solicited comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed new elementary school located on the southwest corner of Ferguson Avenue and Leila Street. (Encl. No. 26) Exhibit B identifies three areas to be monitored by the district during the construction of the Ferguson Avenue Elementary School.

Upon approval of this Resolution, the Board will authorize the superintendent or his designee to file the Notice of Determination in accordance with the provisions of the California Public Resources Code and CEQA within five days with the County Clerk and to send copies of the Notice of Determination to all persons and agencies that have filed a written request for such notice.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Lane moved to approve this Resolution. Mr. Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

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