

**Visalia Unified School District
Board of Education**

MINUTES

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The March 14, 2006 Board Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Robert Stephenson, 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	10:30	
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	

Staff Members

Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent

Mark Fulmer, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services
Carlyn Lambert, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum/Educational Services
Karen Kuhn, Administrative Assistant, Superintendent's Office
Karin Schneider, Student Representative

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Stephenson then identified the closed session topics listed below and called for public comment on the closed session items. There was none. The board adjourned to closed session.

- 2.1 RECOMMENDED EXPULSIONS
- 2.2 RECOMMENDED SUSPENDED EXPULSIONS
- 2.3 RECOMMENDED REVIEWS-CONTINUED EXPULSIONS
- 2.4 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
- Pankey -vs- VUSD – Case # 1:06CV355-AWI-DLB
- 2.5 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/RELEASE: RESOLUTION OF NON-RE-ELECTIONS
- 2.6 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ASSIGNMENT/REASSIGNMENT/APPOINTMENT
 - 1. High School Principals
- 2.7 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EVALUATION - SUPERINTENDENT

**EARLY BIRD
SESSION
STUDENT
ACHIEVEMENT
AWARDS**

The Early Bird Session opened at 6:30 p.m. to recognize and acknowledge students in a particular area of curriculum. Tonight the board honored those students that excel in Business Education and Science at the four comprehensive high schools. Sequoia High School, Charter Alternative Academy, Visalia Charter Independent Study and Visalia Adult School where honored for Overall Achievement. Students from all Visalia high schools were also honored by the United Students Association of Visalia.

Students that received achievement awards tonight (Encl. 1) were: Jared Torres (Business Education), Katie Schuil (Science), Jennifer Chantry (USAV-Spring), and Getty Ritter (USAV-Spring) from El Diamante; Patrick Nowakowski (Business Education), Angeli Bueno (Science), Kayla Ainley (USAV-Spring), and Bryce

Yoshimura (USAV-Spring) from Golden West; Hector Sanchez (Business Education), Justin Wood (Science), Milica Cosic (USAV-Spring), and Adam Andrus (USAV-Spring) from Mt. Whitney; Darin Gong (Business Education), Brennen Brodersen (Science), Sarah Cardey (USAV-Spring), and Gabriel Verde (USAV-Spring) from Redwood; Kelly Herman (Overall Achievement), Ashley Bemis (USAV-Spring), Jeridd Robyn (USAV-Spring), from Sequoia; Alfredo Molina (Overall Achievement) from Charter Alternatives Academy; Rachael Brown (Overall Achievement) from Visalia Charter Independent Study; and Kevin Capper (Overall Achievement) from Visalia Adult School.

REGULAR SESSION

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEE
DISCIPLINE/RELEASE
RESOLUTION OF
NON-REELECTIONS**
Motion No. 146

The board convened tonight's regular board meeting at 7:32 p.m. President Rob Stephenson announced that during closed session, the board took action on item 2.5 - Public Employee Discipline/Release Resolution of Non-Re-Elections, on a 7-0 vote the board tabled the Resolution on Non-Reelections as a non-action item.

**HIGH SCHOOL
PRINCIPALS
APPOINTED**
Motion No. 147

The board also took action on 2.6 - Public Employee Assignment/Reassignment/ Appointment of High School Principals. The board voted unanimously to approve the following actions:

Appointment of Principal at Mt. Whitney High School is Mr. Jeff Hohne
Appointment of Principal at Golden West High School is Mrs. Nancy Powell
Appointment of Principal at Redwood High School is Mr. Todd Oto

Mr. Stephenson thanked the district administration, teachers, staff, and parents who participated in the interview and selection process.

Mr. Qualls led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Public Comment:

Mr. Ralph Stanley Seals addressed the matter of renaming Houston School stating that Houston School is a part of the history of Visalia and it would not serve any purpose to change the name of an existing school. It would be more appropriate to wait and name a new school after Mr. Hernandez.

Mrs. Nelli J. Rascon addressed the matter of renaming Houston School stating that the school is an historical landmark and that it is meaningful to many people. Do not damage the link people have to Houston school and their children.

Kevin Martin addressed the matter of renaming Houston School stating that he is opposed to changing a school name once it has been established.

Ms. Chamonde Pyatt addressed the matter of renaming Houston School stating that our history is vital to our legacy. Do not destroy what our forefathers have done so adequately and beautifully. Please keep Houston School the way it is. Please redo your policy.

Juan Owen, student at Redwood High School and previously a student at Houston School, addressed the matter of renaming Houston School stating that by giving a new name to Houston School would create new things to come and also be a way to make new legacies.

2005-06 SECOND
PERIOD INTERIM
FINANCIAL REPORT
Motion No. 148

Mr. Robert Groeber, CFO, explained that the Board is required by March 15, 2006 to certify if the District will be able to meet its financial obligations through the current fiscal year and two subsequent years and how well the district is performing to our budget plan (Encl. No. 2). Based on this information, the district receives either a positive, a qualified, or a negative report. Visalia Unified has been given a positive certification. We can meet the state required 3% reserve and we will be positive for the next two years. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

2006-07 INTERESTS
FOR CLASSIFIED
NEGOTIATIONS

Cindi Costa, Director of Human Resources, stated that on behalf of CSEA, she was Sunshining CSEA's intent to begin the negotiation process (Encl. No. 3). Government Code requires all initial contract proposals of the Board and an employee organization, which relate to matters within the scope of representation, be presented at a public meeting and be made available for public review at the District Office for a reasonable period of time. The CSEA Association has submitted their initial contract interests to be "sunshined" and then negotiated. This is the first read.

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

The board members' reports included the following:

- Mr. Jack Hart, teacher at Redwood High School, and his students were thanked for their attendance and participation
- Condolences to Redwood High School girls' basketball team which was stripped of their championship title. The district is proud of how the students, team, coach and Athletic Director handled the situation. Their integrity and character speaks volumes.
- Visited Highland School as an Alternative Governance representative.
- Commended staff at El Diamante High School and Adult School for their preparation for their WASC Accreditation.
- Donna Martin stated that she is employed by the Tulare County Office of Education as a Program Manager in Porterville. Beginning in mid-June, her assignment will change to the Visalia area where she will be supervising county special education classes located on Visalia Unified school sites. She stressed that there is no legal or financial conflict of interest. She will be working in Visalia as a county employee and that her priority is to maintain boundaries between her job with the Tulare County Office of Education and

her responsibility as a VUSD Board member. When she is on a Visalia Unified campus as a program manager, she is not there on board business. She is there as a county employee working with her staff, students and parents. She will not be discussing board business with staff or parents on Visalia campuses.

Student board representative, Karin Schneider, Golden West High School, gave a brief summary of the events that are taking place at each of the four high schools.

Superintendent Carrizosa congratulated Green Acres Middle School for winning the overall competition at the Science Olympiad held at COS.

He also commended staff at El Diamante and Adult School for their preparation for the WASC Accreditation.

**FOCUS ON
STUDENT
LEARNING
DISTRICT-WIDE
GOALS FOR 2006-07**

Enclosure No. 4 was a first reading of proposed revisions to the district-wide goals and objectives for 2006-07. The seven major goals were originally established through considerable community input as well as staff. This year there were only minor revisions or recommended additions to the goals as noted by italicized text. The specific objectives listed under each of the seven goals are what drive the budget development, academic planning, staff development planning and facilities planning for the year. Mr. Carrizosa reviewed the revisions to the goals. He noted that there is an emphasis on strengthening instructional practices to close the achievement gap for students in all sub-groups. The final goals will be brought back for board action at the March 28, 2006 board meeting.

**STAFF REVISION TO
BP 7310 – NAMING
FACILITY – FIRST
READING**

This staff revision is consistent with the board discussion at the last board meeting to consider renaming an existing elementary school (Encl. No. 5). The policy being brought forward tonight establishes the criteria and conditions for naming a school after an individual and renaming an existing elementary school. After discussion, staff was directed to revise the policy to also reflect naming new facilities after individuals.

**ROUTINE ACTION
Motion No. 149**

Mr. Elder moved to approve the Routine Action items (Encl. No. 6-18). Mr. Guerrero seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

8.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Warrant List – February 17, 2006 through February 24, 2006 (Encl. No. 6)
2. Approval of RFP 4593 – Actuarial Study – GASB 43/45 Compliance (Encl. No. 7)
3. Notice of Completion – Sierra Vista Campus at Redwood High School Project (Encl. No.8)
4. Change Order #1 – Groppetti Automotive/Visalia Community Stadium Concession/Restroom Project (Encl. No. 9)
5. Change Order #1 – sierra Vista Campus at Redwood High School (Encl. No. 10)

- 8.2 AREA ADMINISTRATORS, K-6, 7-12/Adult
 - 1. Student Field Trip Request(s) (Encl. No. 11)
 - 2. Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Nursing Subgrant Agreement (Encl. No. 12)
- 8.3 CURRICULUM/EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
 - 1. Facility Use Memorandum of Understanding Between Visalia Unified School District and Kaweah Delta Health Care District (Encl. No. 13)
 - 2. Request to Attend Conference/Workshop (Encl. No. 14)
- 8.4 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)

**ADMINISTRATIVE
PANEL RECOM-
MENDATIONS/
ACTION**

EXPULSIONS

Motion No. 150

On a motion by Lane and a second by Jones, the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Expulsions Case No. 06-81 E, Case No. 06-82 E, Case No. 06-83 E, Case No. 06-84 E, Case No. 06-85 E, Case No. 06-86 E, Case No. 06-87 E, Case No. 06-88 E and Case No. 06-89 E were approved (Encl. No. 19). Ayes: All. Motion carried.

**SUSPENDED
EXPULSIONS**

Motion No. 151

On a motion by Lane and a second by Guerrero, the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Suspended Expulsions Case No. 06-28 SE and Case No. 06-29 SE were approved (Encl. No. 20) Ayes: All. Motion carried.

**REVIEWS-
CONTINUED
EXPULSIONS**

Motion No. 152

On a motion by Lane and a second by Qualls, the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Reviews - Continued Expulsions 06-17 RCE and 06-18 RCE were approved (Encl. No. 21) Ayes: All. Motion carried.

GENERAL AGENDA

**RESOLUTION TO
RELEASE
TEMPORARY
CERTIFICATED
EMPLOYEES**

Motion No. 153

Cindi Costa, Director of Human Resources, presented the Resolution to Release Temporary Certificated Employees (Encl. No. 22) stating that every year, prior to March 15, the Board is asked to release from employment at the end of the school year all temporary teachers per Education Code 44954 in order to provide flexibility in staffing for the next year and have an opportunity to secure fully credentialed teachers. Teachers are designed temporary because they replace a teacher on leave or on special assignment, or hired under categorical funding.

On a motion by Jones and seconded by Elder, the Resolution to Release Temporary Employees in Grades K-Adult was approved. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

**VUSD GENERAL
FUND CASH FLOWS**

Nathan Hernandez, Administrative Services Analyst, explained that the General Fund Cash Flow Report (Encl. No. 23) is another measure of the district's ability to meet our

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expenditures through the end of the fiscal year.

SECOND INTERIM
REPORT – INTERNAL
AUDITOR

Christine Statton, Internal Auditor for the district, presented a report (Encl. No. 24) on the status of internal audits and reviews, financial reporting, compliance procedures, and other miscellaneous projects and research that she has conducted over the past three months.

RESOLUTION-
MITIGATED
NEGATIVE
DECLARATION FOR
THE LOVERS LANE
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
Motion No. 154

Patty Rohman, Director of Administrative Services, presented the Resolution - Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Lovers Lane Elementary School. 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 west side of Lovers Lane just north of Mill Creek. Upon approval of the Resolution, the board authorizes the Superintendent or his designee to file the Notice of Determination in accordance with the provisions of the California Public Resources Code and the California Environmental Quality Act.

On a motion by Lane and seconded by Guerrero, the Resolution – Mitigated Negative Declaration for Lovers Lane Elementary School, was approved. Ayes. All. Motion carried.

STAFF REVISION TO
AR 4040 – EMPLOYEE
USE OF
TECHNOLOGY –
SECOND AND FINAL
READING
Motion No. 155

Superintendent Carrizosa highlighted Items 10.5 through 10.15 (Encl. Nos. 26-36), a series of board policies originally brought to the board for a first reading at the February 28, 2006 board meeting, Tonight was an opportunity for board members to review and discuss the revisions a second time. Mrs. Martin moved to accept the entire set of revisions to board policy. Mr. Lane seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

(Encl. No. 26)

STAFF REVISION TO
BP/AR 4154, 4254, 4354
- HEALTH AND
WELFARE BENEFITS -
SECOND AND FINAL
READING
Motion No. 155

(Encl. No. 27)

CSBA REVISION TO
BP 5147 - DROPOUT
PREVENTION -
SECOND AND FINAL
READING
Motion No. 155

(Encl. No. 28)

NEW CSBA BP 5149 -
AT-RISK STUDENTS –

(Encl. No. 29)

SECOND AND FINAL
READING

Motion No. 155

(Encl. No. 30)

CSBA REVISION TO
BP 6111 - SCHOOL
CALENDAR -SECOND
AND FINAL READING

Motion No. 155

(Encl. No. 31)

CSBA REVISION TO
BP 6142.91 -
READING/LANG-
UAGE ARTS
INSTRUCTION -
SECOND AND FINAL
READING

Motion No. 155

(Encl. No. 32)

STAFF REVISION TO
MANDATED BP/AR
6145 - EXTRA-
CURRICULAR AND
COCURRICULAR
ACTIVITIES -SECOND
AND FINAL READING

Motion No. 155

(Encl. No. 33)

CSBA REVISION TO
BP 6163.1 - LIBRARY
MEDIA CENTER
(VISALIA LEARNING
CENTER) -SECOND
AND FINAL READING

Motion No. 155

(Encl. No. 34)

CSBA REVISION TO
BP 6164.2 -
GUIDANCE/
COUNSELING
SERVICES - SECOND
AND FINAL READING

Motion No. 155

CSBA REVISION TO
BP 6177 - EXTENDED
YEAR/SUMMER
SCHOOL -SECOND
AND FINAL READING

Motion No. 155

(Encl. No. 35)

(Encl. No. 36)

CSBA REVISION TO
MANDATED BP/AR
6179 -
SUPPLEMENTAL
INSTRUCTION -
SECOND AND FINAL
READING

Motion No. 155

ADJOURNMENT

The board reconvened in closed session at 9:45 p.m. At 10:30 p.m., the board reconvened in open session and announced that no action was taken in the closed session. The meeting was adjourned.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 28, 2006 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,

Donna Martin
Clerk

Stan A. Carrizosa
Superintendent