

**Visalia Unified School District
Board of Education
MINUTES**

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The May 23, 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	8:55	
Juan R. Guerrero	5:30	8:55	
Larry Jones	5:30	8:55	
Michael Lane			X
Donna Martin			X
Jim L. Qualls	5:30	8:55	
Robert Stephenson	5:30	8:55	
 Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent	 5:30	 8:55	

Staff Members

Mark Fulmer, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services
Carlyn Lambert, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum/Educational Services
Pam Ryan, Executive Assistant, Superintendent's Office

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 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ASSIGNMETN/REASSIGNMENT/APPOINTMENT
 - 1. Sequoia Principal
- 2.4 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
 - 1. Agency Negotiator: Cindi Costa
 - 2. Employee Organizations
 - 1. VUTA
 - 2. CSEA
 - 3. Management

**EARLY BIRD
SESSION**

The Early Bird Session opened at 6:40 p.m.

District English
Learner Advisory
Committee (DELAC)
Report
Motion No. 198

Mimi Bonds, Coordinator of State and Federal Projects, presented the District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC) Report to the board. (Encl. No. 1) The committee is composed of representatives from each school's English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC). Annually, the district is required under state regulations to provide an opportunity for DELAC to present their comments and recommendations about the English Learner Program to the Governing Board. The report contained committee comments and recommendations on the seven legal requirements including: 1) the conducting of a district-wide needs assessment for English Learners, 2) establishment of district program, goals and objectives for

services to English Learners, 3) development of a plan to ensure compliance with teacher/teacher aide requirements, 4) administration of the annual Language Census (R-30), 5) district reclassification process, 6) written notifications to parents of English Learners, and 7) development an implementation of the District Master Plan (English Learner Instructional Guide) for English Learners. Ms. Bonds reviewed the results of the survey that was translated into Spanish and Hmong sent to 5,000 parents with 58% returned. Parents believe their children are making progress and learning English. Jose Alcauter, Chairman of the DELAC, gave his comments of this year's DELAC program to the board with Frances Islas translating for Spanish speaking parents who were present.

Juan Guerrero spoke to the DELAC parents in Spanish expressing his honor and pride when they attend board meetings. He said that every child in the district is of value and that every child in the district has the potential to learn and succeed and to do well in school and their studies. To do that, they need parent support and they have that.

Mr. Guerrero moved to accept the DELAC Report and Mr. Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION
Motion No. 199

The board convened tonight's regular board meeting at 7:15 p.m. President Stephenson stated that Mr. Lane and Mrs. Martin cannot attend tonight's meeting because they are out of town. He also announced that in closed session, the board took action to appoint John Ramirez as Principal of Sequoia High School effective July 1 on a motion by Jim Qualls and seconded by Juan Guerrero with a unanimous vote of members present (5-0).

REGULAR SESSION

Mr. Qualls led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC
RECOGNITION/
PROCLAMATIONS/
ACTION**

Recognition of 2005-2006 Student Board Representatives

Rick Rodriguez, Area Administrator (7-12/Adult School), presented Certificates of Appreciation to the four student board representatives for the 2005-2006 school year. (Encl. No. 2) They were as follows:

- Brandon Flenory – El Diamante High School
- Alvaro Nunez-Reyna – Mt. Whitney High School
- Karin Schneider – Golden West High School
- Daniel Yanes – Redwood High School

El Diamante High School "Alcopops" Video Recognition

Amalia Cuervo, Federal Program Manager for the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools, has recognized El Diamante students and staff for their outstanding alcohol prevention production. (Encl. No. 3) Drew Sorensen, Principal, El Diamante High School, explained the project and introduced the students and staff involved. The board recognized EDHS students and staff for their achievements and the state and national impact their project is having on Safe and Drug-Free Schools programming.

Recognition of Visalia

Superintendent Carrizosa recognized the district's nominations to be submitted for

Unified School District
Nominees to Tulare
County Office of
Education "Excellence"
in Education" Awards

consideration for the Tulare County Department of Education/Educational Employees Credit Union "Excellence in Education" Awards. (Encl. No. 4) These awards recognize top educators in the teaching, support services, and administrative fields at a special breakfast attended by districts in Tulare County. Those to be honored at the October 4, 2006 breakfast from Visalia Unified are "Teacher of the Year", Susan Mathews (Green Acres), "Support Services Employee of the Year", Rudy Machado (El Diamante custodian), and "Administrator of the Year", Anne Rudig (Conyer principal).

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

General Public
Comment

Kathleen Taussij, parent of an El Diamante High School senior, Anthony Taussij, addressed the board with a request to recalculate Anthony's credits on his transcript. He moved from Salinas, CA in his sophomore year where they are on a different block system than EDHS and is 21 units short of graduating.

James Bushman, Principal, Redwood High School, thanked and congratulated the board on the job they are doing for education and what is best for the kids.

Proposed 2006-07
Budget "May Revise"
Primer

Robert Gröeber, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the major "May Revise" changes from the January Budget Proposal from the Governor. (Encl. No. 5) No legislators have voted on this budget yet. There will be a Special Study Session on May 30 to review the "May Revise" in detail and how it affects the district's budget.

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

The board members' reports included the following subjects:

- ❖ Valley track playoffs
- ❖ Visalia Education Foundation working on Band Showcase fundraiser, possible scholarships to promote using the arts/music in college, and a concert as a fundraiser
- ❖ Volunteer Recognition Day at Washington School. Visalia Rotary Club recognized for reading to the students.
- ❖ Mt. Whitney H.S. Freshman Portfolio Day
- ❖ Mt. Whitney H.S. choral production
- ❖ Acknowledged Teresa Ramos, Library Media Specialist at Sequoia Continuation School, for a successful Career Day
- ❖ Alternative Governance Board meeting. Mr. Guerrero asked that other board members start considering taking his seat on the AG Board because of his work schedule demands at this time.
- ❖ Golden West Christian Club sponsored event called RAGE with music, dance and positive speakers
- ❖ Latino Education Summit sponsored by the Hispanic Roundtable
- ❖ CSF Luncheon
- ❖ Academic letters
- ❖ Congratulations to seniors graduating
- ❖ VUSD Retirement Reception

- ❖ Independent Study Program
- ❖ AG function - visited Crowley

Superintendent Carrizosa reported on the annual VUSD coaches' recognition dinner.

**FOCUS ON
STUDENT
LEARNING**

English Learner
Program Evaluation
Report

Mimi Bonds presented the English Learner Program Evaluation Report. (Encl. No. 6) State compliance and regulations require this annual program evaluation. Over the last four years, VUSD has completed an extensive state review process for English Learners (EL) and additionally has completed the Categorical Program Monitoring (CPM) review as well. The district continues to make significant progress with regards to the implementation of services to English Learners. The report is a culminating compliance activity which assisted in the successful completion of the State Review process.

Mr. Guerrero moved to accept the English Learner Program Evaluation Report and Findings. Mr. Elder seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Summer School/
Extended Year 2006

Carlyn Lambert, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum/Educational Services, discussed the summer school/extended year programs. (Encl. No. 7) The elementary schools that will be having summer school are Fairview, Goshen, Crowley, and Crestwood. The Tulare County Office of Education will provide instructional packets for Migrant students, grades pre-K to sixth. The purpose of the packet is to provide continued practice for English Language Arts and Math.

For middle school summer school, Green Acres and La Joya will be held at La Joya and Divisadero and Valley Oak will be held at Valley Oak. For high school summer school, El Diamante and Redwood will be held at El Diamante and Mt. Whitney and Golden West will be held at Golden West. Mrs. Lambert will bring a summer school/extended year report to the board in September.

CSBA Revision to
BP 4112.2 – Certifica-
tion – First Reading

Mr. Carrizosa reviewed the first reading of policy revisions that are being recommended for adoption by the Board Policy Committee.

CSBA revision to BP 4112.2 – Certification, brings the policy into alignment with Title 5 Regulations establishing the Short-Term Staff Permit and Provisional Internship Permit which will replace the emergency permit. (Encl. No. 8) It also aligns the policy for the standards for fully qualified teachers.

CSBA Revision to
BP 4131 – Staff
Development – First
Reading

The revisions to BP 4131 – Staff Development, reflects the new law AB 682 which deletes requirements to provide each teacher for grades K-6 opportunities to participate in professional development in reading/language arts and/or English language development as a condition of receiving funding under the new Professional Development Block Grant. (Encl. No. 9)

CSBA and County

Revisions to mandated BP/AR 5125.1 – Release of Directory Information, reflect

Counsel Revision to Mandated BP/AR 5125.1 – Release of Directory Information- First Reading

NCLB adjustments to the policy and guidelines under the United States Department of Education (USDOE) regarding release of directory information of students to military recruiters, post secondary education recruiters, etc. (Encl. No. 10) The revisions meet the requirements of NCLB and also puts appropriate protections in place for parents who would like to exempt their students from that information being shared. CSBA has created an Exhibit that would serve as the proper type of a Waiver form that parents could use to make sure they were exempt.

CSBA Revision to BP 6161.1 – Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials

The updated BP 6161.1 – Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials, reflects new law AB 831 – Williams Settlement clean up. (Encl. No. 11) It requires that during the hearing on sufficiency of instructional materials, the board certify that the materials are aligned to the state content standards.

CSBA Revision to BP 6161.2 – Damaged or Lost Instructional Materials – First Reading

The revised BP 6161.2 – Damaged or Lost Instructional Materials, also reflects new law AB 831 – Williams Settlement, which requires districts to certify that students have “sufficient” instructional materials. (Encl. No. 12) The policy clarifies that, if a student has lost or damaged an instructional material, a replacement will be issued as soon as possible, but the student and his/her parent/guardian may be responsible for replacement costs.

The second reading of these policies will be placed on the next agenda for consideration of approval.

ROUTINE ACTION

Motion No. 200

Mr. Jones moved to approve the Routine Action Items, Encl. No. 13-29 and Mr. Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: Elder, Jones, Qualls and Stephenson. Absent: Mr. Guerrero was momentarily out of the room. Motion carried.

9.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Warrant List - April 28, 2006 through May 5, 2006 (Encl. No. 13)
2. 2005-06 Budget Revision No. 13 (Encl. No. 14)
3. VUSD General Fund Cash Flows as of March 31, 2006 (Encl. No. 15)
4. VUSD Cash and Investment Report for the Quarter Ending March 31, 2006 (Encl. No. 16)
5. Visalia Civic Facilities Authority User Contracts (Encl. No. 17)

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

1. Student Field Trip Request(s) (Encl. No. 18)

9.3 CURRICULUM/EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. Renewal Tulare County Health and Human Services MediCal Administrative Services Program (Encl. No. 19)
2. Tulare County School Districts’ Plan for Serving Expelled Students (Encl. No. 20)
3. Request to Attend conference/Workshop (Encl. No. 21)

9.4 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 22)
2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 23)

3. Certificated Personnel Report - Extended Year (Encl. No. 24)
 4. Notice to Employ Certificated Personnel for Extended Year - Middle and High Schools (Encl. No.25)
- 9.5 SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE
1. 2006-07 California School Boards Association (CSBA) Membership Renewal (Encl. No. 26)
 2. Minutes of the Board Meeting of April 11, 2006 (Encl. No. 27)
 3. Minutes of the Board Meeting of April 25, 2006 (Encl. No. 28)
 4. Minutes of the Board Meeting of May 9, 2006 (Encl. No. 29)

**ADMINISTRATIVE
PANEL RECOM-
MENDATIONS/
ACTION**

EXPULSIONS
Motion No. 201

Mr. Qualls moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Expulsions Case No. 06-119 E, Case No. 06-120 E, Case No. 06-121 E, Case No. 06-122 E, Case No. 06-123 E, Case No. 06-124 E, Case No. 06-125 E, and Case No. 06-126 E. (Encl. No. 30) Mr. Jones seconded the motion. Ayes: Elder, Jones, Qualls and Stephenson. Absent: Mr. Guerrero was temporarily out of the room. Motion carried.

**SUSPENDED
EXPULSIONS**
Motion No. 202

Mr. Elder moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Suspended Expulsions Case No. 06-42 SE, Case No. 06-43 SE, Case No. 06-44 SE, Case No. 06-45 SE, Case No. 06-46 SE, Case No. 06-47 SE, and Case No. 06-48 SE (Encl. No. 31). Mr. Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: Elder, Jones, Qualls and Stephenson. Absent: Mr. Guerrero was temporarily out of the room. Motion carried.

GENERAL AGENDA

**2006-07 Certificated
Tenure**
Motion No. 203

Cindi Costa, Director of Human Resources Development, distributed a corrected list of certificated personnel eligible for permanent tenure status. (Encl. No. 32) A teacher on the original list has recently resigned and was removed from the list. The corrected list of 37 teachers have met the criteria to become tenured on the first day of teaching in the fall of 2006 after having been employed by the district for two consecutive school years and who have served at least 75% of each of those years in positions which require certification. Administration is recommending that permanent status be granted to the certificated employees on the revised list at the start of the 2006-07 school year.

Mr. Jones moved to approve the corrected list of teachers for tenure and Mr. Guerrero seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 8:55p.m.

NEXT MEETING The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 13, 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