

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

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The May 30, 2006 Special Board Study Session was called to order at 6:00 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	6:00	7:30	
Juan R. Guerrero	6:03	7:30	
Larry Jones	6:00	7:30	
Michael Lane	6:00	7:30	
Donna Martin	6:00	7:30	
Jim L. Qualls	6:00	7:30	
Robert Stephenson	6:00	7:30	
Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent	6:00	7:30	

Staff Members

Mark Fulmer, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services
Carlyn Lambert, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum/Educational Services

ROUTINE ACTION
Motion No. 204

Mr. Elder moved to accept the Routine Action Item and Mr. Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: Elder, Jones, Lane, Martin, Qualls and Stephenson. Absent: Mr. Guerrero. Motion carried.

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

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

**FOCUS ON
STUDENT
LEARNING**

High Priority Schools
Grant Program
(HPSG) – Application
for Planning

Dr. Craig Wheaton, Administrator of Curriculum and Instruction, presented information on the High Priority School Grant Program (HPSG). (Encl. No. 2) The California Department of Education (CDE) has announced funding of a second cohort of schools to participate in the HPSG Program. The grant is designed for schools that are in decile 1 and 2. Two schools, Charter Home School Academy and Union Elementary, are eligible for a grant to develop a plan designed to improve student learning and school academic performance. The amount of the planning grant is \$50,000 with \$400 per student Implementation Allocation for three years after that.

The local governing board is required by the regulations to review and discuss whether or not to apply for HPSG planning funds. District administration recommends applying for the grant for Union School. Given the unique configuration of the Charter Home School Academy, the small number of students, the potential for fluctuation of student population and an unstable accountability system, Dr. Wheaton is recommending that the district not apply for Charter Home School Academy. After board discussion, it was the consensus of the board to move forward to apply for

Union School to participate in the High Priority Schools Grant Program. Dr. Wheaton will file the intent to apply and bring this back to the board for final discussion and public hearing to explain the reasons for not applying for Charter Home School Academy.

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

Proposed 2006-07
Budget May Revise
and VUSD Impacts

Robert Gröeber, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed details of the Governor's May Revise. These are proposals from the Governor and have not been voted on by legislators. A public hearing is scheduled for June 13 for the first reading of the VUSD 2006-2007 proposed budget.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.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