

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

**OPENING  
BUSINESS**

The June 27, 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.

| <b>ATTENDANCE</b> |                                   | <u>Arrive</u> | <u>Leave</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
|                   | Rodney Elder                      | 5:30          | 8:55         |               |
|                   | Juan R. Guerrero                  | 5:30          | 8:55         |               |
|                   | Larry Jones                       |               |              | X             |
|                   | Michael Lane                      | 5:30          | 8:55         |               |
|                   | Donna Martin                      | 5:30          | 8:55         |               |
|                   | 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 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
  - 1. Agency Negotiator: Cindi Costa
  - 2. Employee Organizations
    - 1. VUTA
    - 2. CSEA
    - 3. Management
- 2.4 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT, DISMISSAL, RESIGNATION ACCEPTANCE

**REGULAR SESSION**

The board convened tonight's regular board meeting at 7:10 p.m. President Stephenson announced that no action was taken in closed session. Mr. Stephenson stated that Board Member Jones is out of town and will not be able to attend the meeting. Board Member Qualls led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

General Public

Craig Wheaton, representing the Association of California School Administrators

Comment

(ACSA) as Region President, presented the Tulare County Chapter's Media Award to Ms. Susie Vang, school reporter for *The Fresno Bee*.

Karl Kildow, President of the Visalia Unified Teachers Association (VUTA), addressed the board regarding school facilities. He urged the board not to add any repair items to the next bond measure list that was not a part of the maintenance list for the Measure M bond, if and when the board decides to go for another bond election and to be mindful of the amount.

Rick Rodriguez, Area Administrator 7-12 & Adult, has tendered his resignation and spoke to the staff and board about the accomplishments of VUSD where he has served for twelve years and will now be the Superintendent at Parlier School District.

On behalf of the district, Superintendent Carrizosa and Board President Stephenson thanked Mr. Rodriguez for his years of service and presented him with a bronzed statue of the student learning inscribed "In Appreciation for Your Years of Dedicated Service for the Children of Visalia Unified School District".

Public Hearing –  
Adopting the School  
Facility Needs  
Analysis and Fee  
Determination  
Motion No. 216

Christine Statton, Internal Auditor, reviewed the Visalia Unified School District School Facilities Needs Analysis that is conducted yearly. (Encl. No. 1) In the summary, it states that the district's total enrollment, as of October 2005, was 25,753 students. Therefore, the district's enrollment significantly exceeds existing school capacity and new school facilities will be required to house enrollment generated by new residential development. This Analysis calls for an increase in developer fees for Level 2 residential development and Level 1 commercial/industrial development. She stated that adoption of the resolution will increase the developer fees to \$3.08 per square foot (currently \$2.93) of residential construction and \$0.42 per square foot of commercial/industrial construction. The residential fees, if adopted, become effective July 1, 2006 and the commercial fees, if adopted, become effective August 28, 2006.

**Public Hearing**

President Stephenson recessed the regular meeting and opened the Public Hearing on Adopting the School Facility Needs Analysis and Fee Determination.

No one came forward for public comment. Mr. Stephenson closed the Public Hearing and reconvened into the regular session.

Dr. Mark Fulmer, Assistant Superintendent of Administration Services, clarified that the Building Industry Association (BIA) was provided a copy of this Analysis for their review and the structure for the development of this was established in discussions with the BIA.

Superintendent Carrizosa stated that the timing of the Fee Determination Report coming to the board for consideration at this time may seem interesting in light of the fact that we had an election on June 6 and were not successful with the bond measure. There really is no connection because the report was scheduled to come to the board annually at this time anyway. This is a multi-year process. If Measure M would have passed, this would still have been on the board agenda because the justification fee study

development happens automatically annually.

Dr. Fulmer further clarified that the \$3.08 calculation is statutory and is based on the actual cost of construction and the actual number of students. The law is very explicit in what can be included in the calculation. This is only to offset the cost of students coming from new construction in the community. Ivanhoe and Goshen construction is also included. This is reviewed annually.

Mrs. Martin moved to approve the School Facility Needs Analysis and Fee Determination. Mr. Lane seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

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

The board members' reports included the following:

- Thanked Rick Rodriguez, Area Administrator 7-12, for his years of dedication to the students and district.
- Wished Henry Pasquini, Principal, Mt. Whitney, good luck on his retirement.

Superintendent Carrizosa updated the board on discussion that took place at the recent Facilities Advisory Committee meeting. The following are ideas and thoughts for next steps since the bond measure did not pass.

- Consider the idea of a future smaller bond.
- Look at the modernization items on the Measure M projects list.
- Health and safety repairs are needed at older schools.
- Use the developer fees to build the two new elementary schools and take advantage of the State's matching funds.
- Share with the community the board's interest in getting their support for a smaller bond for the modernization items for health and safety issues.
- When is the right time for another bond election?
- This issue will be on the next board agenda for discussion.

**FOCUS ON  
STUDENT  
LEARNING**

Alternative Governance  
Board Report  
Motion No. 217

Dr. Craig Wheaton, Director of Curriculum and Educational Services, reviewed the purpose of the Alternative Governance (AG) Board and presented their report that included a summary of the Board's activities for the 2005-2006 school year. (Encl. No. 2) The AG Board's responsibility includes advising, planning, and monitoring the Program Improvement (PI) activities of schools in PI Phase 3-5 as prescribed by No Child Left Behind (NCLB) regulations. Currently the Alternative Governance Board functions in an advisory capacity for the PI Phase 3 schools and monitors the implementation of restructuring plans for Phase 5 schools. Schools in Phase 3 include: Green Acres and Divisadero Middle Schools and Union and Crowley Elementary Schools. Schools in Phase 5 include: Houston, Fairview, Goshen, Highland, Ivanhoe, and Washington. Dr. Wheaton reviewed some of the ideas to be implemented next year. The AG Board will continue to use the California Department of Education's (CDE's) Nine Essential Program Components (EPCs) in Guiding Program Improvement Efforts for the 2006-07 school year.

School Board members Guerrero and Stephenson are members of the AG Board and gave their comments on the positive role of the board over the past two years.

Mr. Guerrero moved to approve the Alternative Governance Board Report and Mr. Elder seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

California High School  
Exit Exam (CAHSEE)

Samantha Tate, Coordinator of Assessment, presented the report and update on the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) based on the results through the March 2006 administration of the exam. (Encl. No. 3) Senate Bill (SB) 517 provided for a one-year exemption of the requirement to pass the CAHSEE for certain students with disabilities in the Class of 2006. Students have made steady improvement and continue to grow. The pass rate for seniors in the four comprehensive high schools was 97% (43 students)—a great accomplishment. VUSD had an overall pass rate of 94% for the district's seniors with a total of 103 students not passing the CAHSEE. The State's approximate average was a 90% pass rate. Of the 103 students, approximately 70 are enrolled in a summer school program, either finishing their credits so that they are eligible for graduation or preparing to take the high school exit exam. In mid-July, the Adult School will offer the CAHSEE testing opportunity to those students.

**ROUTINE ACTION**  
Motion No. 218

Mr. Stephenson pulled Item No. 7.2.9 (Encl. No. 26) for further discussion. Mr. Qualls moved to approve the remaining Routine Action Items (Encl. No. 4-33) and Mr. Lane seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

7.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Warrant List - June 2, 2006 through June 9, 2006 (Encl. No. 4)
2. 2005-06 Budget Revision No. 15 (Encl. No. 5)
3. VUSD General Fund Cash Flows as of May 31, 2006 (Encl. No. 6)
4. Resolution - Budget Transfers (Encl. No. 7)
5. Resolution - Interfund Loans (Encl. No. 8)
6. 2006-07 Facility Use Rates (Encl. No. 9)
7. Visalia Civic Facilities Authority User Contracts (Encl. No. 10)
8. Notice of Completion - Redwood High School/Giant Chevrolet Cadillac - Mineral King Bowl Restroom Facility (Encl. No. 11)
9. Approval of Bid 4604 - Cafeteria Paper Products (Encl. No. 12)
10. Approval of Bid 4605 - Cafeteria Grocery/Dry Goods (Encl. No. 13)
11. Approval of Bid 4606 - Cafeteria Frozen Food (Encl. No. 14)
12. Approval of Bid 4609 - Cafeteria Bakery Products (Encl. No. 15)
13. Approval of Bid 4610 - Cafeteria Dairy Products (Encl. No. 16)

14. Approval of Authorized Signatures for Calendar Year 2006 (Encl. No. 17)
- 7.2 AREA ADMINISTRATORS, K-6, 7-12/Adult
  1. Student Field Trip Request(s) (Encl. No. 18)
  2. Memorandum of Understanding Between VUSD and Pro-Youth/ HEART (Encl. No. 19)
  3. Approval of Adult School Courses 2006-07 (Encl. No.20)
  4. Community-Based English Tutoring (CBET) Program Notification of Intent to Participate for 2006-07 (Encl. No. 21)
  5. Contract Between Visalia Adult School and Estes Institute for Cosmetology Classes (Encl. No. 22)
  6. Memorandum of Understanding Between Visalia Adult School and Boys and Girls Club to Provide Classes for Older Adults (Encl. No. 23)
  7. Visalia Adult School Agreements with Clinical Training Sites for LVN Students (Encl. No. 24)
  8. Visalia Adult School Agreement with Clinical Training Sites for CNA/LVN Students (Encl. No. 25)
  9. Lease Agreement between ABLE Industries and Visalia Unified School District (Encl. No. 26)
  10. Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Grant Section 131 (Encl. No. 27)
  11. 2006-2007 Agricultural Vocational Education Incentive Grant for El Diamante High School, Golden West High School, Mt. Whitney High School, and Redwood High School (Encl. No. 28)
- 7.3 CURRICULUM/EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
  1. Request to Attend Conference/Workshop (Encl. No. 29)
  2. Consolidated Application Part I (Encl. No. 30)
- 7.4 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
  1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 31)
  2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 32)
  3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 33)

Motion No. 219

Regarding Encl. No. 26, Mr. Stephenson will abstain from voting on this contract because he is employed by ABLE Industries. Mr. Elder moved to approve Routine Action Item 7.2.9, Lease Agreement between ABLE industries and Visalia Unified School District and Mr. Guerrero seconded the motion. Ayes: Elder, Guerrero, Lane, Martin and Qualls. Absent: Jones. Abstain: Stephenson. Motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATIVE  
PANEL RECOM-  
MENDATIONS/  
ACTION**

**EXPULSIONS**

Motion No. 220

Mr. Lane moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Expulsions Case No. 06-139 E, Case No. 06-140 E and Case No. 06-0141. (Encl. No. 34) Mr. Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

SUSPENDED  
EXPULSIONS  
Motion No. 221

Mrs. Martin moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Suspended Expulsions Case No. 06-56 SE and Case No. 06-57 SE. (Encl. No. 35)  
Mr. Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

## GENERAL AGENDA

2005-06 Year-End  
Report – Internal  
Auditor

Christine Statton, Internal Auditor, presented the Year-End Report of Internal Audits and Activities. (Encl. No. 36) It has been the practice of the Administrative Services Department to report to the board on a periodic basis regarding the status of internal audits and other projects concerning the district. This periodic report presents internal audits and reviews, financial reporting, compliance procedures, and other miscellaneous projects and research conducted by the department during this period.

2006-07 Proposed  
Budget Adoption  
Motion No. 222

Mr. Gröeber, Chief Financial Officer, presented the final reading of the 2006-2007 Proposed Budget for adoption along with the Criteria and Standards Review Summary as part of the new AB 1200, the increased reporting that is required to be done publicly. (Encl. No. 37) If the State's budget is adopted soon, it would mean that the 45-day revision could be brought back to the board before school starts.

Mr. Elder moved to adopt the 2006-2007 Proposed Budget and the certifications and Mrs. Martin seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

K-2 Class Size  
Reduction Program  
Implementation for  
2006-07  
Motion No. 223

Doug Bartsch, Area Administrator K-6, presented an update on the K-2 Class Size Reduction Program Implementation for 2006-07. (Encl. No. 38) The continued growth in enrollment is likely to impact the ability of our district to provide for classes of 20 students (CSR Option 1) in grades K-2 at some elementary schools. This presentation summarized the key concepts that would be used in decision making in order to accommodate enrollment growth and provide for class size reduction to the greatest extent possible. Additional busing or the hiring of CSR Option 2 teachers may be required to minimize the loss of existing CSR Option 1 funding as a temporary measure for the current fiscal year.

### Public Comment

Stacy Barnett, a Kindergarten teacher at Fairview Elementary School, spoke to the board on the importance of CSR Option 1 at the Kindergarten level. Mr. Bartsch stated that the district will continue to implement CSR Option 1 everywhere that it is possible.

Carlyn Lambert, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Educational Services, stated that the Attendance Boundary Committee will be reviewing the attendance boundaries of the northwest and southeast in September.

Board members discussed fully supporting CSR. CSR requires extra classrooms and there are very few and busing is costly. A bond will need to be passed.

Mr. Elder moved to approve the K-2 Class Size Reduction Program Implementation for 2006-07 and Mr. Guerrero seconded the motion. Ayes: All.

Resolution Adopting

Dr. Fulmer presented the Resolution, the technical action item, for implementation of

Increased Residential Developer Fee Based on the Approved School Facility Needs Analysis and Fee Determination  
Motion No. 224

the justification fee study that will increase the developer fees for residential development. (Encl. No. 39) A Public Hearing was held earlier in this meeting. The analysis calls for an increase in developer fees for residential development from \$2.93 to \$3.08 per square foot effective July 1, 2006. This was published in the newspaper for public review and was made available to anyone that was interested. An error was found in the Resolution. County of Contra Costa was marked through and County of Tulare was written in.

Mr. Guerrero moved to approve the Resolution Adopting Increased Residential Developer Fee Based on the Approved School Facility Needs Analysis and Fee Determination with the revision and Mrs. Martin seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Resolution Adopting Increased Commercial Developer Fee Based on the Approved School Facility Needs Analysis and Fee Determination  
Motion No. 225

Dr. Fulmer presented the Resolution, the technical action item, for implementation of the justification fee study that will increase the developer fees for commercial/industrial development. (Encl. No. 40) A Public Hearing was held earlier in this meeting. The analysis calls for an increase in developer fees from \$0.36 to \$0.42 per square foot effective August 28, 2006. The commercial rate is levied because there is presumption in the law that when you build a new business, you will draw families, and as a result of that, the business would contribute to new schools.

Mr. Qualls moved to approve the Resolution Adopting Increased Commercial Developer Fee Based on the Approved School Facility Needs Analysis and Fee Determination and Mrs. Martin seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 11, 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,

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Donna Martin  
Clerk

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Stan A. Carrizosa  
Superintendent