

**Visalia Unified School District  
Board of Education**

**MINUTES**

**OPENING  
BUSINESS**

The October 10, 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	7:58	
Juan R. Guerrero	5:30	7:58	
Larry Jones			X
Michael Lane	5:30	7:58	
Donna Martin	5:30	7:58	
Jim L. Qualls	5:30	7:58	
Robert Stephenson	5:30	7:58	

**Staff Members**

Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent

Cindi Costa, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Development

Mark Fulmer, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services

Carlyn Lambert, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum/Educational Services

Pam Ryan, Executive Assistant, Superintendent's Office

Molly Schengel, 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 REVIEWS-CONTINUED EXPULSIONS
- 2.3 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE
- 2.4 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
Government Code Section 54956.9 (a) – PERB Charge No. SA-CE  
2373-E; Arbitration No. 74 390 00726 LYMC
- 2.5 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
  - 1. Agency Negotiator: Cindi Costa
  - 2. Employee Organizations
    - 1. VUTA
    - 2. CSEA
    - 3. Management

**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 English Language Development and Special Education at the four comprehensive high schools. Sequoia High School, Charter Alternative Academy, Visalia Charter Independent Study and Visalia Adult School honored students for Overall Achievement.

Students that received achievement awards tonight (Encl. 1) were: Linsey Shirey (Overall Achievement) from Sequoia; Adrian Mesa (Overall Achievement) from Charter Alternatives Academy; Emily Cunningham (Overall Achievement) from Visalia Charter Independent Study; Ven-U-Thisa Sunguaro (Overall Achievement) from Visalia Adult School; Zaira Ceja (Special Education) and Min Han (English Language Development) from El Diamante; Manuel Fernandez (Special Education) and Jun Wan Wang (English Language Development) from Golden West; Nadia Villanueva (Special Education) and Luis Alcauter (English Language Development) from Mt. Whitney; and Kenneth Walter (Special Education) and Kamaljit Kaur (English Language Development) from Redwood.

**REGULAR SESSION** The board convened the regular board meeting at 7:00 p.m. President Stephenson announced that there was no action taken in closed session. Mr. Stephenson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC  
RECOGNITION/  
PROCLAMATIONS/  
ACTION**

Red Ribbon Week  
Resolution 2006-07  
Motion No. 43

Clerk Donna Martin read the Red Ribbon Week Resolution (Encl. No. 2) designating October 23–31, 2006 as Red Ribbon Week.

On a motion by Elder and seconded by Qualls, the Red Ribbon Resolution – October 23-31, 2006 was approved. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL PUBLIC  
COMMENT

There was no public comment given.

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

Molly Schengel, Student Representative to the board representing Redwood High School, gave a brief summary of the activities taking place at the high schools.

The board members' reports included the following:

- Congratulations to the students who were involved in setting the new dance policy.
- Congratulations to Mt. Whitney's football team's record and good luck in the Cowhide Game.
- Anne Rudig was congratulated on her nomination of Visalia Unified "Administrator of the Year."
- Rudy Machado was congratulated on his nomination of Visalia Unified "Classified Employee of the Year."
- Congratulations to Susan Mathews, Teacher at Green Acres Middle School for being chosen "Teacher of the Year."

- Thank you to the Band Directors and bands of the middle and high schools that participated in the Visalia Education Foundation Band Showcase. They were impressive.
- Reminder to staff, parents and students of VUSD's confidential hotline number (730-7999) to offer tips anonymously. It was also mentioned that it is important to remind staff and students to alert the district of possible ways to improve school security.

Superintendent Carrizosa stated that in light of the recent tragedies that have taken place on school campuses in our country, it is a good time to remind the board that VUSD does have protocols in place in case of an emergency. Our emergency plans have been updated and key components of those plans are the Youth Development Officer's partnership with the Visalia Police Department and in our rural areas, the Tulare County Sheriff's Department.

It is important to work together as a community. The district has worked to forge partnerships with the Police Department and other city agencies. In a series of meetings with the Police Department, information was shared on trends that are changing in law enforcement with regard to how they respond to a crisis on campus where there are potential hostage situations or similar dangerous situations taking place. With this information, we have had to review and rethink our strategies in calling for lockdowns and evacuations. During dangerous crisis situations, the best strategy is not necessarily to move students to an open area. Often times the appropriate strategy is to secure students in the place where they presently are and to prevent movement. This is done so tactical teams and law enforcement can isolate where the danger is and isolate the exposure of that danger.

From time to time, there has been debate as to whether we should fence our campuses. We have been looking, especially at our upper grade schools, for appropriate fencing that is both esthetically pleasing to the campus but at the same time providing security and a safer environment for students.

On a different safety issue, there have been attempts by adults to lure children into vehicles. Unfortunately, we experience this from time to time. When we receive reports of this type, we have a set of protocols that are set into action which include:

- Special communication to the school(s) alerting them about what has been reported.
- Ongoing communication with law enforcement.
- Teachers and adults on campus are alerted as to what has been reported and what to be on the lookout for.
- Using age appropriate language, staff will talk to students about the reported situation and how to keep safe.
- A letter is sent home to parents from the principal alerting them of the situation, along with a list of safety tips.

Carlyn Lambert, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, added that Lucinda Awbrey, Director of Student Services, and the district crisis team will be working through some scenarios with Visalia Police Department in November.

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

**FOCUS ON  
STUDENT  
LEARNING**

New CSBA BP 0520.3  
– Title I Program  
Improvement Districts-  
First Reading

New CSBA BP 0520.3 – This policy from California School Boards Association (CSBA) regarding Title I Program Improvement Districts reflects new law (AB 953) which eliminates the Prevention of Local Educational Agency Intervention Program and the High Number/High Percentage of Program Improvement Schools Program and changes the eligibility for the Early Warning Program to include districts at risk of being identified for program improvement within two years. (Encl. No. 3)

Revisions to BP 4112.24 – The updated policy revises the last paragraph in the current policy to more directly reflect law. (Encl. No. 4)

CSBA Revision to BP  
4112.24 – Teacher  
Qualifications Under  
the No Child Left  
Behind Act – First  
Reading

Revisions to BP 4127 – The policy has been revised to reflect new law (SB 37) which requires that, by December 31, 2008, all coaches complete a coaching education program developed by the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF), including training on the harmful effects of steroids and performance-enhancing supplements. (Encl. No. 5)

CSBA Revision to BP  
4127 – Temporary  
Athletic Team  
Coaches – First  
Reading

Revisions to mandated AR 5125 – The updated regulation reflects new law (SB 1764) which broadens the types of immunization information that may be shared with local health departments and the State Department of Health Services. (Encl. No. 6)

CSBA Revisions to  
Mandated AR 5125 –  
Student Records –  
First Reading

Revision to BP 5141 – A section to the current policy has been added on Automated External Defibrillators (AED). (Encl. No. 7)

CSBA Revision to BP  
5141 – Health Care  
and Emergencies –  
First Reading

Revision to BP 6173 – The revisions reflect notes based on the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) Non-Regulatory Guidance Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program issued July 2004. (Encl. No. 8)

CSBA Revision to BP  
6173 – Education for  
Homeless Children –  
First Reading

Revision to BP 6190 – The revisions add language relating to the evaluation of the instructional program and the reporting of disaggregated data and statewide achievement indicators. (Encl. No. 9)

CSBA Revision to BP  
6190 – Evaluation of  
the Instructional  
Program – First  
Reading

The second reading of these policies will be placed on the October 24, 2006 agenda for consideration of approval.

**ROUTINE ACTION**  
Motion No. 44

Mr. Qualls moved to approve the Routine Action items (Encl. No. 10-24). Mr. Guerrero seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

9.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Warrant List - September 15, 2006 through September 22, 2006 (Encl. No. 10)
2. 2005-06 Budget Revision No. 17 (Encl. No. 11)
3. Non-Award of Bid 4614 - Electrical, Lighting & Alarm for CNG Facility (Encl. No. 12)
4. Change Order #1 - Redwood High School/Giant Chevrolet Cadillac - Mineral King Bowl ADA Access Project (Encl. No. 13)
5. Vendor Contracts for Various Maintenance and Service Needs (Encl. 14)

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

1. Student Field Trip Request(s) (Encl. No. 15)
2. SCICON Day Contract for Fifth Grade (Encl. No. 16)
3. SCICON Week Contract for Sixth Grade (Encl. No. 17)
4. Memorandum of Understanding - Visalia Unified School District and Tulare County Symphony (Encl. No. 18)

9.3 CURRICULUM/EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. Request to Attend Conference/Workshop (Encl. No. 19)
2. Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report (Encl. No. 20)

9.4 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 21)
2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 22)
3. Certification of Temporary Athletic Team Coach List for 2006-07 (Encl. No. 23)

9.5 SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

1. Minutes of the Board Meeting of September 26, 2006 (Encl. No. 24)

**ADMINISTRATIVE  
PANEL RECOM-  
MENDATIONS/  
ACTION**

EXPULSIONS  
Motion No. 45

On a motion by Lane and a second by Martin, the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Expulsions Case No Case No. 07-17 E were approved (Encl. No. 25). Ayes: All. Motion carried.

REVIEWS-  
CONTINUED  
EXPULSIONS  
Motion No. 46

On a motion by Lane and a second by Martin, the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Reviews - Continued Expulsions 07-06 RCE, 07-07 RCE, 07-08 RCE, 07-09 RCE, and 07-10 RCE were approved (Encl. No. 26) Ayes: All. Motion carried.

**GENERAL AGENDA**  
2006-07 BUDGET

Nathan Hernandez, Administrative Services Analyst, explained that the 2006-07 Budget

REVISION NO. 5:  
MANDATED COST  
REIMBURSEMENT:  
ONE-TIME  
REVENUES

Motion No. 47

Revision No. 5: Mandated Cost Reimbursement: One-time Revenues (Encl. No. 27) includes the receipt of one-time mandated cost reimbursement money as adopted in the State budget. This one-time money is subject to the State Controller audit for a period of three years from the payment date, therefore, the amount that VUSD will ultimately retain has not yet been determined. A policy that is being proposed recognizes that these funds are still subject to audit and that the funds be accounted for until the State audit window has passed and funds can be shared between the district office and the school sites.

On a motion by Elder and seconded by Qualls, the 2006-07 Budget Revision No. 5: Mandated Cost Reimbursement: One-time Revenues was approved. Ayes. All. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BID  
#4617 – EL  
DIAMANTE HIGH  
SCHOOL  
SWIMMING POOL  
PROJECT

Motion No. 48

Randy Groom, Director of Administrative Services, explained that through aggressive marketing of the El Diamante pool project, we received five bids on the project. The district is requesting Oral Micham Construction, Inc. be awarded the bid in the amount of \$3,221,959.

On a motion by Qualls and seconded by Elder, the Approval of Bid #4617 – El Diamante High School Swimming Pool Project (Encl. No. 28) was approved. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BID  
#4620 – REDWOOD  
HIGH SCHOOL  
PHYSICAL  
EDUCATION  
CLASSROOMS  
PROJECT

Motion No. 49

Randy Groom explained that the district received seven bids for construction of 3,000 sq. ft. of flexible use physical education classrooms to be located behind L. J. Williams Theater and the southern most tennis courts. The district is requesting that BVI Construction, Inc. be awarded the bid in the amount of \$749,890 (Encl. No. 29)

On a motion by Lane and seconded by Guerrero, the Approval of Bid #4620 – Redwood High School Physical Education Classrooms Project (Encl. No. 29) was approved. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION –  
EXCUSED  
ABSENCES FOR  
BOARD MEMBER  
LARRY JONES

Motion No. 50

Robert Stephenson, Board President explained that fellow board member, Larry Jones, underwent emergency open heart surgery on September 8, 2006 and will be under a physician's care and restrictions to assure a successful recovery. (Encl. No. 30) During recovery he may be unable to attend board meetings during the months of October and November, 2006. Mr. Jones has requested and is receiving all board agenda packets, recorded tapes from the meetings, and board member communications and materials to stay apprised of all district actions and board matters during his absence. This resolution will authorize his absences from board meetings due to his illness and recovery time.

On a motion by Martin and seconded by Lane, the Resolution – Excused Absences for Board Member, Larry Jones, was approved. Ayes. All. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 24, 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