

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

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The January 9, 2007 Board Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Donna Martin 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	8:30	
Juan R. Guerrero	5:30	8:30	
Larry Jones	5:30	8:30	
Michael Lane	5:30	8:30	
Donna Martin	5:30	8:30	
Jim L. Qualls	5:30	8:30	
Robert Stephenson	5:30	8:30	
Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent	5:30	8:30	

Staff Members

Robert Gröeber, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services
Carlyn Lambert, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum/Educational Services
Cindi Costa, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Development
Pam Ryan, Executive Assistant, Superintendent's Office
Jamie Nance, Student Representative

CLOSED SESSION

President Martin 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 RECOMMENDED REINSTATEMENTS
- 2.5 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE
- 2.6 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
 - 1. Agency Negotiator: Cindi Costa
 - 2. Employee Organizations
 - 1. VUTA
 - 2. CSEA
- 2.7 SUPERINTENDENT'S MID-YEAR REVIEW

REGULAR SESSION

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

**PUBLIC
RECOGNITION/
PROCLAMATIONS/
ACTION**

ACCEPTANCE OF

Leeann Errotabere, Director of Purchasing, recognized All Commercial Fence for

**DONATED WORK
FROM ALL
COMMERCIAL
FENCE**

Motion No. 84

donating \$4,000 worth of project work at no cost to the district. (Encl. No. 1) She reported that on November 14, 2006 the board approved Bid 4621 with All Commercial Fence for the fencing project at Golden West High School. During the course of scheduling the project, All Commercial Fence proposed powder coating the wrought iron fencing at no cost to the district. The powder coat will provide a longer lasting finish compared to the standard painting application process.

Jim Qualls moved to accept the donated work in the amount of \$4,000 from All Commercial Fence. Rodney Elder seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

**ACCEPTANCE OF
DONATED WORK
FROM CENTRAL
VALLEY ASPHALT**

Motion No. 85

Mrs. Errotabere recognized Central Valley Asphalt for donating \$1,295 worth of project work to the district at no cost. (Encl. No. 2) During Winter Break 2006, Central Valley Asphalt completed a small deferred maintenance project at Goshen Elementary School. The project involved repair and repaving of the parking area. Central Valley Asphalt restriped and repainted the resurfaced parking area at no cost to the district.

Larry Jones moved to accept the donated work in the amount of \$1,295 from Central Valley Asphalt. Rob Stephenson seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

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

**GENERAL PUBLIC
COMMENT**

There was no general public comment.

**K-8 AFTER SCHOOL
PROGRAM
IMPLEMENTATION
UPDATE**

Motion No. 86

Doug Bartsch, Area Administrator (K-6 Schools), reviewed the grant awarded to Visalia Unified School District from the State for After School Education and Safety (ASES). (Encl. No. 3) This will expand the HEART Program to additional campuses and the initial implementation of the 7-8 middle school after school program. The grant amounts to \$112,500 per site for elementary schools and \$150,000 per site for middle schools. Currently, the HEART Program is held at Crowley, Fairview, Goshen, Highland, Houston, Ivanhoe, Union and Washington Elementary Schools. New grants were awarded to Conyer, Elbow Creek, Four Creeks, Golden Oak, Mineral King and Willow Glen Elementary Schools and Divisadero, Green Acres and Valley Oak Middle Schools. The State looked largely at free and reduced lunches when awarding the grants.

Frank Escobar, Manager, After School Programs for the district, reviewed the components of the middle school after school programs. There can be 112 students per site who have volunteered to be in the program and are chosen on a first come first served basis. Community-based organizations will be providing the enrichment piece of the programs. The City of Visalia and the Boys & Girls Club will be partnering with Valley Oak; the Visalia YMCA at Green Acres and Proteus, Inc. and Boys & Girls Club at Divisadero. The district will be researching grant opportunities for La Joya. The 21st Century grant will be opening up in April or May and will be a possibility for funding. Rob Stephenson moved to approve the After School Education and Safety Grant awarded

from the State. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: Elder, Jones, Lane, Martin, Qualls and Stephenson. Abstain: Guerrero. Motion carried.

MID-YEAR
FACILITY PROJECTS
UPDATE

Randy Groom, Director of Administrative Services and Joe Haley, Director of Maintenance and Grounds, reviewed the mid-year facility projects. (Encl. No. 4) They included:

Redwood High School

- P.E. Classrooms
- LJ Williams Theater – new dressing rooms
- Remodeling trainer's room
- Paving area adjacent to pool

Giant Chevrolet/Cadillac Mineral King Bowl

- Replacement of scoreboard
- Installation of fence slats for security as requested by Visalia Police Department

El Diamante High School

- Pool project ahead of schedule

Golden West High School

- New campus perimeter fencing

Mt. Whitney High School

- Locker Room Improvements

Sequoia High School

- Rear parking lot improvements

Green Acres Middle School

- Shower conversion to lockers

Divisadero Middle School

- Music/Choir room improvement

Pinkham Elementary School

- Replacement of major heating and air conditioning systems

Elbow Creek Elementary School

- Fire lane improvements

CNG Facility

- Improvement in progress

Northwest Elementary Site

- Project out to bid
- Begin construction March 2007

ATTENDANCE AREA
COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDA-
TIONS

Carlyn Lambert, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum/Educational Services, presented the first reading of the Attendance Area Committee Recommendations. (Encl. No. 5)

Southeast

Laura Street and Union (Southeast)

Recommendation: The Area Attendance Committee recommends to the Visalia Unified School District Board that the school boundary for the site at Laura Street be the current Union School boundary. Upon the opening of the Laura Street school site, the

committee recommends that the staff and students of Union School be shifted to the Laura Street site.

Northwest

Oak Grove School

Recommendation: The Area Attendance Committee recommends that the Oak Grove School boundary remain the same for the 2007-2008 school year. Upon completion of the elementary school at Leila/Ferguson, the committee recommends that the Oak Grove attendance boundary be changed to the area East of Akers, to the South of the St. John's River, North of Riggan, and West of Dinuba Boulevard. It would also include the area West of Demaree, North of Goshen and East of Akers. The committee recommends that the students who live in Shannon Ranch remain at Oak Grove.

Leila/Ferguson Site

Recommendation: The Area Attendance Committee recommends that the boundary for the elementary school at Leila and Ferguson be the area North of Goshen, South of Riggan, East of Demaree, and West of Mooney with the inclusion of the area West of Divisadero between Ferguson and Houston.

Other Committee Recommendation:

Knowing that the growth in the Northwest is somewhat volatile, it is recommended that the Northwest attendance areas be reviewed in the 2007-2008 school year for further recommendations and possible modifications.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/ SUPERINTEN- DENT'S REPORT

Jamie Nance, Student Representative to the board from Mt. Whitney High School, gave a brief summary of the events that are taking place at each of the four comprehensive high schools.

The board members' reports included the following:

- Watched fence at Golden West go up. Glad to see good things happening and getting done.
- Attended swearing-in ceremony for the new Mayor of Tomatlán, Jalisco, Mexico, Mayor Soledad Meléndez "Chole" Gonzalez. "Chole" confirmed her interest in a cultural exchange program and Sister City relationship with the City of Visalia.
- Attended Polly Wilhelmsen basketball tournament. Golden West and El Diamante were in the finals.
- Pleased with the Governor's support for Career Technical Education. Would like a report on the Education Summit in March on how school districts can apply.
- Reviewed article on wrestler at Mt. Whitney with cerebral palsy

Superintendent Carrizosa discussed an article in the *Fresno Bee* regarding the Winter Academy held on the Sequoia High School campus where 165 students participated. The academy targeted students that need assistance in passing the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE).

FOCUS ON STUDENT

**LEARNING
SCHOOL
ASSISTANCE
INTERVENTION
TEAM**

Motion No. 87

Jim Sullivan, Coordinator of State and Federal Projects - Curriculum and Instruction, reviewed the School Assistance Intervention Team (SAIT) process for Houston Elementary School. (Encl. No. 6) Houston received the High Priority School Grant because students did not make a ten (10) point growth in three years. The State will provide financial support to the district (\$75,000) to hire an outside consultant from the list that has been approved by the State. The district will also receive \$150 per student. The district has selected West Ed as the consultant. The goal of the SAIT Services is to equip schools and districts with a consistent set of expectations, recommendations, and procedures that will enhance their ability to improve student achievement. The principal has asked that the Alternative Governance Board continue with classroom walkthroughs.

There was no public comment.

Rob Stephenson moved to approve the School Assistance Intervention Team process. Juan Guerrero seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

**HIGH PRIORITY
SCHOOL GRANT/
SCHOOL PLAN**

Motion No. 88

Mr. Sullivan presented the High Priority School Grant (HPSG) and School Plan for Union Elementary School. (Encl. No. 7) Union will receive \$400 per student upon receiving the HPSG.

Juan Guerrero moved to approve the High Priority School Grant and School Plan for Union Elementary School. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

ROUTINE ACTION

Motion No. 89

Mr. Guerrero pulled Item No. 8.4.3, Encl. No. 22 – Consultant Contracts and Mrs. Martin pulled Item No. 8.4.5, Encl. No. 24 – Rejection of Claim No. 070028.

Mr. Lane moved to approve the remaining Routine Action Items, Encl. No. 8-24. Mr. Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

8.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Warrant List - December 1, 2006 through December 8, 2006 (Encl. No. 8)
2. 2006-07 Budget Revision No. 8 (Encl. No. 9)
3. Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act Resolution (Encl. No. 10)
4. Change Order #1 - 2006-07 Demo/Portable Building Project (Encl. No. 11)
5. Notice of Completion - 2006-07 Demo/Portable Building Project (Encl. No. 12)
6. Change Order #3 - Redwood High School/L. J. Williams Infrastructure Project (Encl. No. 13)
7. Notice of Completion - Redwood High School/L. J. Williams Infrastructure Project (Encl. No. 14)

8. Approval of Bid 4622 - Electrical, Lighting & Alarm - District CNG Facility (Encl. No. 15)
- 8.2 AREA ADMINISTRATORS, K-6; 7-12/Adult
 1. Student Field Trip Request(s) (Encl. No. 16)
 2. Approval of Agreement Between Visalia Unified School District (VUSD) and Tulare County Organization for Vocational Education (TCOVE) for 2006-07 (Encl. No. 17)
- 8.3 CURRICULUM/EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
 1. Request to Attend Conference/Workshop (Encl. No. 18)
 2. Memorandum of Understanding Turning Point Youth Services (Encl. No. 19)
- 8.4 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
 1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 20)
 2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 21)
 3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 22)
 4. Certification of Temporary Athletic Team Coach List for 2006-07 (Encl. No. 23)
 5. Rejection of Claim No. 070028 (Encl. No. 24)

Motion No. 90 Mr. Elder moved to approve Routine Action Item 8.4.3, Encl. No. 22 – Consultant Contracts. Mr. Stephenson seconded the motion. Ayes: Elder, Jones, Lane, Martin, Qualls and Stephenson. Abstain: Guerrero. Motion carried.

Motion No. 91 Mr. Qualls moved to approve Routine Action Item 8.4.5, Encl. No. 24 – Rejection of Claim No. 070028. Mr. Guerrero seconded the motion. Ayes: Elder, Guerrero, Jones, Lane, Qualls and Stephenson. Abstain: Martin. Motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
PANEL RECOM-
MENDATIONS/
ACTION**

EXPULSIONS
Motion No. 92 Mr. Lane moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Expulsions Case No. 07-47 E, Case No. 07-48 E, Case No. 07-49 E, Case No. 07-50 E, Case No. 07-51 E, Case No. 07-52 E, Case No. 07-53 E, and Case No. 07-54 E (Encl. No. 25). Mr. Jones seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

RECOMMENDED
SUSPENDED
EXPULSIONS
Motion No. 93 Mr. Lane moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Suspended Expulsions Case No. 07-25 SE, Case No. 07-26 SE, Case No. 07-27 SE and Case No. 07-28 SE (Encl. No. 26). Mr. Jones seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

RECOMMENDED
REVIEWS-
CONTINUED Mr. Lane moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendation for Reviews-Continued Expulsions Case No. 07-15 RCE (Encl. No. 27). Mr. Jones seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

EXPULSIONS
Motion No. 94

RECOMMENDED
REINSTATEMENTS
Motion No. 95

Mr. Stephenson moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Reinstatements Case No. 07-31 R, Case No. 07-32 R, Case No. 07-33 R, Case No. 07-34 R, Case No. 07-35 R, Case No. 07-36 R, Case No. 07-37 R, Case No. 07-38 R, Case No. 07-39 R, Case No. 07-40 R, Case No. 07-41 R, Case No. 07-42 R, Case No. 07-43 R, Case No. 07-44 R, Case No. 07-45 R, Case No. 07-46 R, Case No. 07-47 R, Case No. 07-48 R, Case No. 07-49 R, Case No. 07-50 R, Case No. 07-51 R, Case No. 07-52 R, Case No. 07-53 R and Case No. 07-54 R (Encl. No. 28). Mr. Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

GENERAL AGENDA
ANNUAL REPORT
AND RESOLUTION
OF CAPITAL
FACILITIES FUND
Motion No. 96

Christine Statton, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Annual Report and Resolution of Capital Facilities Fund (Developer Fees). (Encl. No. 30) Pursuant to Government Code Section 66006, districts must maintain a separate capital facilities account for reportable fees and must make available to the public within 180 days after the last day of each fiscal year a Reportable Fees Report. Pursuant to Government Code Section 66001, districts must make findings every five years with respect to unexpended funds. This report meets the requirements of both of these codes. The report was made available to the public on December 11, 2006 and is being presented for public comment, review and adoption of a resolution affirming the report.

Mr. Jones requested information on the amount other schools in the county charge for developer fees. Mrs. Statton will gather that information.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Elder moved to accept the Annual Report and Resolution of Capital Facilities Fund. Mr. Guerrero seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING –
REGARDING
PRELIMINARY
ENDANGERMENT
ASSESSMENT
REPORT FILED
WITH
STATE OF
CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF
TOXIC
SUBSTANCES
CONTROL FOR
SOUTH SIDE OF
FERGUSON AVENUE
AT LEILA STREET

Randy Groom reported that the district, through its environmental assessment contractor BSK Associates, has submitted a Preliminary Endangerment Assessment (PEA) Report as required to the State of California Department of Toxic Substances Control for the proposed school site on the south side of Ferguson Avenue at Leila Street. The district has posted and published a public notice of the required 30-day public review period and is accepting public comments on the report. This public hearing is a required element of the public review process. (Encl. 31) This action is one of the steps required to obtain State funds.

PUBLIC HEARING

President Martin recessed the General Meeting and called the Public Hearing to order to accept public comment on the PEA report. No one came forward for public comment. Mrs. Martin closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the General Meeting. Superintendent Carrizosa stated that at the December 12, 2006 board meeting, he

reviewed the Board Policy Committee's recommendations for revisions to the following board policies and administrative regulations. This is the second and final reading of these policies. There was no further board comment nor public comment. Mr. Carrizosa requested that these revisions be voted on together.

Mr. Elder moved to accept the recommended revisions to these policies. Mr. Lane seconded the motion. Ayes: Elder, Jones, Lane, Martin, Qualls and Stephenson. Absent momentarily from the room: Guerrero. Motion carried.

BP 1312.2 (Encl. No. 32)

CSBA SAMPLE OF
BP 1312.2 –
COMPLAINTS
CONCERNING
INSTRUCTIONAL
MATERILS –
SECOND AND FINAL
READING
Motion No. 97

BP 351.5 (Encl. No. 33)

CSBA AND STAFF
REVISION TO
BP 3515.5 – SEX
OFFENDER
NOTIFICATION –
SECOND AND FINAL
READING
Motion No. 97

BP/AR 4112.23 (Encl. No. 34)

CSBA RECOMMEN-
DATION TO DELETE
BP AND ADD
MANDATED AR
4112.23 – SPECIAL
EDUCATION STAFF-
SECOND AND
FINAL READING
Motion No. 97

BP 6146.11 (Encl. No. 35)

CSBA AND STAFF
REVISION TO
BP 6146.11 –
ALTERNATIVE
CREDITS TOWARDS
GRADUATION –
SECOND AND FINAL
READING
Motion No. 97

BP/AR 6159 (Encl. No. 36)

CSBA AND STAFF
REVISION TO
MANDATED BP/AR
6159 –
INDIVIDUALIZED
EDUCATION
PROGRAM-SECOND
AND FINAL
READING
Motion No. 97

BP/AR 6163.4 (Encl. No. 37)

CSBA REVISION TO
MANDATED BP/AR
6163.4 – STUDENT
USE OF
TECHNOLOGY –
SECOND AND
FINAL READING
Motion No. 97

BP 6164.4 (Encl. No. 38)

CSBA REVISION TO
BP 6164.4 –
IDENTIFICATION OF
INDIVIDUALS FOR
SPECIAL EDUCA-
TION – SECOND
AND FINAL
READING
Motion No. 97

BP 6173.1 (Encl. No. 39)

CSBA SAMPLE OF
BP 6173.1 –
EDUCATION FOR
FOSTER YOUTH –
SECOND AND
FINAL READING
Motion No. 97

RECESS

President Martin recessed the General Meeting and called the Visalia Financing Corporation Annual Meeting to order. (Encl. No. 29)

ANNUAL MEETING
AND STATUS
REPORT OF THE
VISALIA
FINANCING

Nathan Hernandez, Finance Director, stated that the Visalia Financing Corporation (VFC) is a nonprofit public benefit corporation formed in May 1989 under the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law to provide financial assistance to the district by acquiring, constructing and financing facilities, land and equipment, and leasing the same for the benefit of the public serviced by the district. The VFC was the financing arm for the 1990 Certificates of Participation which were subsequently

CORPORATION
Motion No. 98

refinanced in September 2005 at a lower interest rate.

Annually, the Board of Education members, who also preside as the Board of Directors for the VFC, hold a meeting for the purpose of organization, selection of officers, and other business. This status report and selection of officers fulfills the VFC's requirement to hold the annual meeting.

The recommended officers are as follows:

Donna Martin – President

Michael Lane – Vice President & Secretary/Treasurer

Rodney Elder

Juan R. Guerrero

Larry Jones

Jim Qualls

Robert Stephenson

Rodney Elder moved to approve the Visalia Financing Corporation Annual Status Report and list of recommended officers. Mr. Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

RECONVENE TO
REGULAR BOARD
AGENDA

Mrs. Martin adjourned the Annual Visalia Financing Corporation Meeting and reconvened to the General Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The General Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 23, 2007, 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,

Michael Lane
Clerk

Stan A. Carrizosa
Superintendent