

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

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The February 13, 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	8:25	
Juan R. Guerrero	5:30	8:25	
Larry Jones	5:30	8:25	
Michael Lane	5:30	8:25	
Donna Martin	5:30	8:25	
Jim L. Qualls	5:30	8:25	
Robert Stephenson	5:30	8:25	
 Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent	 5:30	 8:25	

Staff Members

Carlyn Lambert, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum/Educational Services
Cindi Costa, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Development
Pam Ryan, Executive Assistant, Superintendent's Office

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 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
 - 1. Agency Negotiator: Cindi Costa
 - 2. Employee Organizations
 - 1. VUTA
 - 2. CSEA
- 2.6 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ASSIGNMENT/REASSIGNMENT/APPOINTMENT
- 2.7 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE
- 2.8 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. Jim Qualls led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Callahan – an El Diamante High School parent, addressed the Board with a concern he has for the safety of his daughter. He will meet with Dr. Craig Wheaton, Area Administrator 7-12 Schools, to work through the protocols and take the necessary steps to assure him that his daughter is safe.

Drew Sorensen – principal of El Diamante High School, announced that Greg Flenory, the athletic director for El Diamante, has been named the Central Section New Athletic Director of the Year. This award goes to an athletic director that has been in the position for under five years.

2007-08 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Christine Statton, CPA, Chief Financial Officer, presented the 2007-08 Budget Development Update. (Encl. No. 1) The Board has requested regular updates on the 2007-08 budget development process. The presentation provided a review of the budget development timeline process for Visalia Unified as well as a review of the Governor's proposed State Budget for 2007-08. Staff will bring updates throughout the budget development process until a proposed 2007-08 budget is presented in June.

CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION FUNDING AUGMENTATION

Pat Flattley, Alternative Education/CTE-ROP, stated that the California Department of Education has announced a one-time allocation for career technical education programs. (Encl. No. 2) The funding allocation for Visalia Unified School District is \$230,957 and will provide an important opportunity to increase investments in Career Technical Education (CTE) equipment, supplies, and materials.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Board members' reports included the following:

- Shared the 1040EZ tax form with the Work Experience class at Sequoia High School
- Enjoyed *Fiddler on the Roof* musical by El Diamante High School and *Footloose* musical by Green Acres Middle School. Susan Matthews, the director of the musicals for many years, is retiring next year. Thanked her for all she has done for the Green Acres students.
- Requested staff to explore the development of student courts to help them understand the process on how legal systems work on a peer to peer basis to deal with issues regarding civility, traffic or parking issues that could be addressed at a lower level to become a learning experience.
- Over the past several years, the Board has had beneficial quarterly meetings with the City of Visalia sharing common interests
- Would like to have the same type of meetings with COS Board of Trustees
- Attended basketball games
- Request to explore the development of a comprehensive approach in parental education for English Learners
- Visited Independent Study. Over 300 students in attendance and 50 on the waiting list. Is there any way to expand the program?
- Attended Winter Academy for the CAHSEE at Sequoia High School. Teachers that have been tutoring the students will proctor these students while they take the test so they will have a familiar teacher who has coached them on their strategies.

Superintendent Carrizosa thanked staff for their work for implementing the census assessment for CAHSEE for the Spring of 2007.

Myron Sheklian, Area Administrator K-6 Schools, reviewed the district website connection where community members can participate in the Naming of the Schools Committee from now until March 13. The link can be found on the district's front page of the website under "Name the New Schools Ballot". People can also call in to the district office at 730-7517 or write to the district office with their names.

**FOCUS ON
STUDENT
LEARNING**

**DISTRICT-WIDE
GOALS FOR
2007-08**

Mr. Carrizosa reviewed the first reading of the District-Wide Goals for 2007-08. (Encl. No. 3) The introductory statement of core values and beliefs of Visalia Unified sets the tone for the development of district goals and objectives towards implementing those goals: "We hold high expectations and standards for the academic and social development of all students and the performance of adults." He reviewed each goal and objective.

A suggestion from the Board was to add a sentence to promote educational and cocurricular opportunities for student development and maintenance of healthy lifestyles and physical well-being through physical education, etc.

The addition will be included in the second reading on February 27.

ROUTINE ACTION

Motion No. 116

Michael Lane moved to approve the Routine Action Items, Encl. No. 4-22. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

7.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Warrant List - January 12, 2007 January 26, 2007 (Encl. No. 4)
2. 2006-07 Budget Revision No. 10 (Encl. No. 5)
3. 2007-08 Budget Calendar (Encl. No. 6)
4. Memorandum of Understanding - Visalia Unified School District and Fresno Pacific University (Encl. No. 7)
5. Visalia Civic Facilities Authority User Contracts (Encl. No. 8)
6. Vendor Contracts for Various Maintenance and Service Needs (Encl. No. 9)
7. Resolution - Deferred Maintenance Contributions (Encl. No. 10)
8. Change Order #1 - Pinkham Elementary School HVAC/Chiller Project (Encl. No. 11)
9. Change Order #1 - El Diamante High School Pool Project (Encl. No. 12)
10. Change Order #1 - Golden West High School Fencing Project (Encl. No. 13)

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

1. Student Field Trip Request(s) (Encl. No. 14)

2. Trial Service Agreement for TeleParent Pilot Project at Redwood High School (Encl. No. 15)
- 7.3 CURRICULUM/EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
 1. Request to Attend Conference/Workshop (Encl. No. 16)
- 7.4 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
 1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 17)
 2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 18)
 3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 19)
 4. Certification of Temporary Athletic Team Coach List for 2006-07 (Encl. No. 20)
 5. Rejection of Claim No. 070034 (Encl. No. 21)
- 7.5 SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE
 1. Minutes of the January 9, 2007 (Encl. No. 22)

**ADMINISTRATIVE
PANEL RECOM-
MENDATIONS/
ACTION**

**EXPULSIONS
Motion No. 117**

Michael Lane moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Expulsions Case No. 07-59 E, Case No. 07-60 E, Case No. 07-61 E, Case No. 07-62 E, Case No. 07-63 E, Case No. 07-64 E, Case No. 07-65 E, Case No. 07-66 E, Case No. 07-67 E, Case No. 07-68 E, and Case No. 07-69 E. (Encl. No. 23) Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

**SUSPENDED
EXPULSIONS
Motion No. 118**

Rob Stephenson moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendation for Suspended Expulsions Case No. 07-30 SE. (Encl. No. 24) Juan Guerrero seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

**REVIEWS-
CONTINUED
EXPULSIONS
Motion No. 119**

Michael Lane moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendation for Reviews-Continued Expulsions Case No. 07-18 RCE. (Encl. No. 25) Rodney Elder seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

**REINSTATEMENTS
Motion No. 120**

Larry Jones moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Reinstatements Case No. 07-71 R, Case No. 07-72 R, Case No. 07-73 R and Case No. 07-74 R. (Encl. No. 26) Juan Guerrero seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

GENERAL AGENDA

**COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING
AGREEMENT
BETWEEN VUSD
AND VISALIA
UNIFIED TEACHERS
ASSOCIATION
(VUTA) FOR
2006-07**

Cindi Costa, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Development, reported that on January 24, 2007, a Tentative Agreement was reached with VUTA. (Encl. No. 27) On February 2, 2007, VUTA membership ratified the amendments to the collective bargaining agreement. Government Code Section 3547.5 requires that prior to entering into a negotiated agreement, the Board shall disclose at a public meeting the major provisions of the agreement, including the costs that would be incurred by the district under the agreement for the current and subsequent years. The attachments included salary schedules that reflect a 5.1% increase and the required disclosure statement.

Motion No. 121

Benefits remained status quo with no change in the benefit plan. Employee contributions toward the cost of benefits remained at \$600 per year.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Juan Guerrero moved to ratify the tentative agreement between VUSD and VUTA. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

NOTICE OF INTENT
TO EMPLOY
CERTIFICATED
PERSONNEL AND
APPROVAL OF
VARIABLE TERM
WAIVER REQUEST
Motion No. 122

Mrs. Costa stated that prior to submitting a Variable Term Waiver Request to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, a notice of intent to employ an individual on that basis must be published in the Board agenda and approval granted by the Governing Board. (Encl. No. 28) This waiver would allow the teacher to fill a mid-year opening that occurred in biology. The candidate holds a degree in Psychology with a minor in Biology. She is concurrently enrolled in a teacher education program and plans to obtain a single subject credential in Biology.

Rob Stephenson moved to approve the Variable Term Waiver Request. Rodney Elder seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

2007-08 SCHOOL
CALENDAR UPDATE
Motion No. 123

Mr. Sheklian presented the 2007-08 School Calendar for a second reading. (Encl. No. 29)

Public Comment

Jody Yost – requested that the minimum day scheduled for Monday, January 28, 2008 be moved to Friday, January 18 and the minimum day scheduled for Monday, May 12, 2008 be moved to Friday, May 23 so that the students will have a long weekend.

Mr. Sheklian explained that at the recommendation of secondary principals and staff, staff development days be scheduled on Mondays because of the number of activities that are scheduled on Fridays with other districts that we have no control of. There are very few sports activities that take place on Mondays. The teachers involved in those activities are unable to participate in the staff development. The minimum days are for students but staff participate in the staff development for the entire day.

Rodney Elder moved to approve the 2007-08 School Calendar. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

CSBA DELEGATE
ASSEMBLY
MEMBER ELECTION
Motion No. 124

Superintendent Carrizosa reviewed the Board's opportunity to cast one vote for the two nominees for CSBA Delegate Assembly, Sub-region 12-A for 2007. (Encl. No. 30)

Rob Stephenson moved to vote for Dean Sutton as the representative for this area. Rodney Elder seconded the motion. Ayes: Elder, Jones, Lane, Martin, Qualls and Stephenson. Noe: Guerrero. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION –
INTENT TO
EXCHANGE
CERTAIN DISTRICT

Randy Groom, Director of Administrative Services, explained that California Water Service Company (Cal Water) has expressed to the district a need to develop domestic water well and pump resources in the area of district-owned property on the north side of

REAL PROPERTY
AND
AUTHORIZATION
TO
EXECUTE
CONTRACT FOR
EXCHANGE OF
REAL PROPERTY
Motion No. 125

Riggin Avenue, between Akers Street and Roeben Street. (Encl. No. 31) The district can make sufficient land available to meet the need of Cal Water at the southwest corner of the site. Cal Water has identified land adjacent to Goshen Elementary School that they no longer need and have offered as a partial trade to the district. The district has brought this trade before the Property Advisory Committee and the committee has indicated that this was an appropriate trade.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Rob Stephenson moved to adopt the resolution and authorization the execution of the contract for exchange of real property. Larry Jones seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 27, 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