

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

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The April 10, 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	8:00	
Juan R. Guerrero	5:30	8:00	
Larry Jones	5:30	8:00	
Michael Lane	5:30	8:00	
Donna Martin	5:30	8:00	
Jim L. Qualls	5:30	8:00	
Robert Stephenson	5:30	8:00	
 Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent	 5:30	 8:00	

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

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 REVIEWS-CONTINUED EXPULSIONS
- 2.3 RECOMMENDED REINSTATEMENTS
- 2.4 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
 - 1. Agency Negotiator: Cindi Costa
 - 2. Employee Organizations
 - 1. CSEA

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. Rob Stephenson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC
RECOGNITION/
PROCLAMATIONS/
ACTION**

**ACCEPTANCE OF
DONATION FROM
FOUNDATION FOR
MEDICAL CARE OF
TULARE AND KINGS
COUNTIES, INC.**

Lucinda Mejdell-Awbrey, Director of Student Services, introduced Steve Bergen and Dr. George Skaff from the Foundation for Medical Care of Tulare and Kings Counties, Inc. The Foundation has donated \$800 to each comprehensive high school for athletic sports physical supplies. (Encl. No. 1) Each May, over forty physicians donate their services to give athletic physicals to all athletes at each high school. Dr. Skaff has participated in this for over 25 years. Dr. Lee Piatek started this program in the mid-70's. Michael Lane moved to accept the donation of \$3,200 from the Foundation for Medical

Motion No. 162

Care of Tulare and Kings Counties, Inc. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING THE
5TH ANNUAL
HAPPY HEARTS
DAYS PROGRAM IN
LOVING MEMORY
OF HEATHER
NUGENT FOR
CHILDREN’S HOSPI-
TAL OF CENTRAL
CALIFORNIA**

Clerk Lane read the Resolution Recognizing the 5th Annual Happy Hearts Days Program in Loving Memory of Heather Nugent for Children’s Hospital of Central California. (Encl. No. 2) Mrs. Nugent addressed the Board stating that 983 6th grade essays were written on “What it means to have a happy heart and what they can do to help their community” by students from Conyer, Cottonwood, Crestwood, Fairview, Four Creeks, Goshen, Highland, Houston, Linwood, Mt. View, Pinkham, Royal Oaks, Union, and Veva Blunt elementary schools from Visalia Unified and 166 of those essays are posted and can be read at the Best Buy Market on Giddings and Walnut Avenue. The Happy Hearts Day fundraising event will be held on April 21 in front of the Best Buy Market with the donations going to the Pediatric Unit of the Children’s Hospital of Central California.

Motion No. 163

Rob Stephenson moved to approve the Resolution and Juan Guerrero seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

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

**GENERAL PUBLIC
COMMENT**

Terry White, Director of Administrative Services, stated that California School Bus Drivers Day will be held in two weeks. Mr. White invited the Board and administrators to attend a breakfast on Tuesday, April 24 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Transportation Department to honor bus drivers.

Maria Hernandez, a parent, addressed the Board in support of the classified employees contract settlement.

**CALIFORNIA
HEALTHY KIDS
SURVEY RESULTS
2006-07**

Mrs. Medjell-Awbrey presented the 2006-07 California Healthy Kids Survey results. (Encl. No. 3) Visalia Unified students in grades 5, 7, 9, 11 and Alternative Education complete the California Healthy Kids Survey every two years. The students completed the survey in December 2006. The survey is voluntary, anonymous and is required by the Safe and Drug Free Schools and the Tobacco Prevention funding. Survey results are used for Coordinated School Health Programs evaluation and planning.

Across California, test score gains were larger in schools with high levels of:

- Physical activity
- Healthy eating
- School safety
- Caring relationships at school
- High expectations at school
- Participation in meaningful activities in the community

BOARD MEMBER

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

The Board members' reports included the following:

- May 17 is National Bike to Work Day
- April 11 at 7:00 p.m. is the Masonic Lodge Awards Recognition of staff and students
- Attended a Parental Education Conference provided by the Parent University – San Diego
- Recognized the Neighborhood Church for sponsoring a Family Night at Houston Elementary School
- Attended School Site Council Walkthrough at Houston Elementary
- Reminder to attend Open Houses at school sites
- Special Board meeting April 17 - 7:00 p.m. at El Diamante High School Theater – Student Achievement Awards and Staff Recognition/Awards

Superintendent Carrizosa noted that in Routine Action there is a revised Student Field Trip list that has been distributed that will be voted on instead of the one in the Board agenda packet. Also, Christine Statton prepared and distributed a memo that includes developer fee rate information from neighboring school districts that was requested by Mr. Jones.

ROUTINE ACTION

Motion No. 164

Juan Guerrero moved to approve the Routine Action Items, Encl. No. 4-18 that includes the revised Student Field Trip list. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

7.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Warrant List - March 16, 2007 through March 23, 2007 (Encl. No. 4)
2. 2006-07 Budget Revision No. 13 (Encl. No. 5)
3. Resolution Setting the Public Hearing for the 2007-2008 Proposed Budget (Encl. No. 6)
4. Vendor Contracts for Various Maintenance and Service Needs (Encl. No. 7)
5. Request to Piggyback off Los Angeles Unified School District for Furniture (Encl. No. 8)
6. Approval of Bid 4625 - Asphalt Resurface & Repair - Various Sites (Encl. No. 9)

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

1. Student Field Trip Request(s) (Encl. No. 10)

7.3 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 11)
2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 12)
3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 13)
4. Certification of Temporary Athletic Team Coach List for 2006-07 (Encl. No. 14)
5. Student Teacher Agreement Between Visalia Unified School District (VUSD) and Chapman University (Encl. No. 15)

6. Student Teacher Agreement Between Visalia Unified School District (VUSD) and the University of Phoenix, (Fresno) (Encl. No. 16)
- 7.4 SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE
 1. Minutes of the Board Meeting of March 13, 2007 (Encl. No. 17)
 2. Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of March 22, 2007 (Encl. No. 18)

**ADMINISTRATIVE
PANEL RECOM-
MENDATIONS/
ACTION**

EXPULSIONS

Motion No. 165

Michael Lane moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Expulsions Case No. 07-90 E, Case No. 07-91 E, Case No. 07-92 E, Case No. 07-93 E, Case No. 07-94 E, and Case No. 07-95 E. (Encl. No. 19) Rob Stephenson seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

**REVIEWS-
CONTINUED
EXPULSIONS**

Motion No. 166

Michael Lane moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Reviews-Continued Expulsions Case No. 07-20 RCE and Case No. 07-21 RCE. (Encl. No. 20) Rodney Elder seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

REINSTATEMENTS

Motion No. 167

Larry Jones moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Reinstatements Case No. 07-76 R, Case No. 07-77 R, Case No. 07-78 R and Case No. 07-79 R. (Encl. No. 21) Juan Guerrero seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

GENERAL AGENDA

**NOTICE OF INTENT
FOR APPROVAL OF
VARIABLE TERM
WAIVER REQUEST
REGARDING CLAD
WAIVER FOR EL
AUTHORIZATION**

Motion No. 168

Cindi Costa, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Development, presented the Notice of Intent for Approval of Variable Term Waiver Request Regarding CLAD Waiver for EL Authorization. (Encl. No. 22) Prior to submitting a Variable Term Waiver Request to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, a notice of intent to employ an individual on the basis of a credential waiver must be published in the Board agenda and approval granted by the Governing Board. This employee was hired for the current year with a Designated Subjects credential. The Credential Commission has just recently approved a process for Designated Subjects credential holders to add EL Authorization which had not been available before that decision was made. This variable request is to add a CLAD for the remainder of the school year.

Rodney Elder moved to approve the Notice of Intent. Rob Stephenson seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

**RECOMMENDATION
TO ELIMINATE/
REDUCE PARTICU-
LAR KINDS OF
CLASSIFIED**

**SERVICE: CLASSI-
FIED POSITIONS**

Motion No. 169

Fernie Marroquin, Administrator, Human Resources Development, presented the Recommendation to Eliminate/Reduce Particular Kinds of Classified Service: Classified Positions. (Encl. No. 23) and the Resolution to Eliminate/Reduce Particular Kinds of Classified Service: Classified Positions (Encl. No. 24).

Prior to the Board taking action and in accordance with Education Code sections 45101, 45114, 45117, 45298, and 45308, the District Administration recommends reducing or eliminating particular kinds of services currently being provided by classified employees

as listed on the attached letter. This process is an annual occurrence and is the result of a shift in Categorical Funding, specifically a cut in Federal Title I funding impacting both certificated and classified positions. Mr. Marroquin stated that 60% of the positions are currently vacant. School Site Councils have reviewed, recommended and approved the adjustments listed. The reduction of 15.7817 full time equivalent (FTE) is an estimated Categorical Fund savings of \$469,612.44 and a reduction of .125 FTE is an estimated General Fund savings of \$3,764.73.

Michael Lane moved to approve the Recommendation to Eliminate/Reduce Particular Kinds of Classified Service: Classified Positions. Rob Stephenson seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION TO
ELIMINATE/REDUCE
PARTICULAR KINDS
OF CLASSIFIED
SERVICE:
CLASSIFIED POSI-
TIONS

Motion No. 170

Michael Lane moved to approve the Resolution to Eliminate/Reduce Particular Kinds of Classified Service: Classified Positions. (Encl. No. 24) Rodney Elder seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF
LEASE-LEASEBACK
AGREEMENT, SITE
LEASE, SUBLEASE,
AND GENERAL
CONDITIONS FOR
THE CONTRACT OF
CONSTRUCTION OF
THE SOUTHEAST
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL

Motion No. 171

At the Board meeting on March 27, 2007, the Board authorized staff to negotiate appropriate agreements with Oral E. Micham, Inc. for development of the proposed southeast elementary school (Pinkham Street and Laura Avenue) under a lease-leaseback delivery method. Working through legal counsel, as well as the other members of the facilities development team, the appropriate agreements and documents have been drafted. (Encl. No. 25) Randy Groom, Director of Administrative Services, presented the:

- Lease-Leaseback Agreement between VUSD and Oral E. Micham, Inc. that establishes the scope of work, time to complete the project, provisions for prevailing wages, and other basic contractual terms.
- Site Lease – establishes the lease of the Laura Avenue school site to the contractor for the term of the construction, as required in the Lease-Leaseback Agreement. Site is leased to the contractor for \$1.00 per year.
- Sublease Agreement – establishes the lease of the full property, including all improvements developed, from the contractor back to VUSD. Establishes the lease payments that in essence serve as progress payments on the construction.
- General Conditions for Contract of Construction – provides all of the specifications for the facility construction. This generally correlates to the construction contract in a traditional facility development project.

Mr. Groom reviewed the cost comparison between the northwest and southeast construction sites.

There was no public comment on this item.

Rob Stephenson moved to approve the Lease-Leaseback Agreement, Site Lease, Sublease, and General Conditions for Contract of Construction with Oral E. Micham, Inc.

for Development of Southeast Elementary School. Rodney Elder seconded the motion.
Ayes: All. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 24, 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