

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

**OPENING  
BUSINESS**

The May 8, 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	8:05	
Juan R. Guerrero	5:30	8:05	
Larry Jones	5:30	8:05	
Michael Lane	5:30	8:05	
Donna Martin	5:30	8:05	
Jim L. Qualls	5:30	8:05	
Robert Stephenson	5:30	8:05	
 Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent	 5:30	 8:05	

**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  
Steven Cook, Student Representative

**CLOSED SESSION**

President Martin 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. CSEA
    - 2. VUTA 2007-08
    - 3. Management 2007-08
- 2.4 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
- 2.5 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE
  - (1) Case #106CU355-AWI-DLB

**EARLY BIRD  
SESSION**

The Early Bird Session opened at 6:30 p.m.

**STUDENT  
SCHOLARSHIP  
RECOGNITION**

President Martin recognized five exceptional Visalia Unified School District students for being awarded scholarships from the Tulare County School Boards Association. (Encl. No. 1) The recipients were as follows:

- Mayra Diaz – Sequoia High School
- Eva Glover – Golden West High School
- Sana Meghani – Redwood High School
- Joanna Sanchez – Mt. Whitney High School

- Crystal Vang – El Diamante High School

**REGULAR SESSION** The Board convened the regular Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. President Martin announced that on a motion by Mr. Elder and a second by Mr. Stephenson, the Board voted 7-0 to accept the negotiated settlement agreement of case #106CU355-AWI-DLB.  
 Motion No. 187

Mrs. Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC  
 RECOGNITION/  
 PROCLAMATIONS/  
 ACTION**

**RESOLUTION** Board Clerk Michael Lane read the Resolution Recognizing National Day of the Teacher  
**RECOGNIZING** – May 9, 2007. (Encl. No. 2)

**NATIONAL DAY OF**  
**THE TEACHER –** On a motion by Mr. Stephenson and second by Mr. Guerrero, the Board approved the  
**MAY 9, 2007** resolution. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Motion No. 188

**RESOLUTION** Clerk Lane read the Resolution Recognizing Classified School Employee Week – May  
**RECOGNIZING** 20-26, 2007. (Encl. No. 3)

**CLASSIFIED**  
**SCHOOL** On a motion by Mr. Qualls and second by Rodney Elder, the Board approved the  
**EMPLOYEE WEEK-** resolution. Ayes: All Motion carried.  
**MAY 20-26, 2007**

Motion No. 189

**CALIFORNIA** Dave Tonini, Principal of Green Acres Middle School, presented a certificate of  
**DEPARTMENT OF** recognition to the School Board. He explained that based on a nomination from Visalia  
**EDUCATION** middle school principals, the California Middle Grades Alliance, in partnership with the  
**CERTIFICATE OF** California Department of Education, has recognized the Visalia Unified School District  
**RECOGNITION** Board of Education for their leadership in providing policy, resources, and organizational  
 support for fostering positive and productive middle grades learning environments for  
 students and staff, and for commitment to academic excellence and continued  
 achievement. (Encl. No. 4)

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

**GENERAL PUBLIC** There was no public comment at this time.  
**COMMENT**

**COLLECTIVE** Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Development, Cindi Costa, presented and  
**BARGAINING** reviewed the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between VUSD and California Schools  
**AGREEMENT** Employees Association (CSEA) and Disclosure of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

BETWEEN VUSD  
AND CALIFORNIA  
SCHOOL  
EMPLOYEES  
ASSOCIATION  
(CSEA) AND  
DISCLOSURE OF  
THE COLLECTIVE  
BARGAINING  
AGREEMENT

(Encl. No. 5) On April 17, 2007, a Tentative Agreement was reached with CSEA that was ratified by their membership on Saturday, April 28. Government Code Section 3547.5 requires that, prior to entering into a negotiated agreement, the Board shall disclose at a public meeting both the major provisions of the agreement and the costs that would be incurred by the district under the agreement for the current and subsequent fiscal years. Tonight's disclosure is for information only to provide time for the public to review the agreement in the Human Resources Development Office prior to the public hearing and Board taking action on May 22.

VUSD INTERESTS  
FOR 2007-2008  
CERTIFICATED  
CONTRACT  
NEGOTIATIONS

According to Government Code Section 3547, Mrs. Costa presented and reviewed the VUSD Interests for 2007-2008 Certificated Contract Negotiations as an information only item. (Encl. No. 6) The District's initial contract "interests" will be available for public review in the Human Resources Development Office until the next regular Board meeting on May 22. The Board will hold a public hearing on May 22 and allow the public to comment on the "interests" submitted by VUSD prior to the Board's action.

Article I, Section J, paragraph 3 states: "The District and Association recognize the importance of providing employees with a comprehensive health insurance plan while maintaining competitive salaries. It is understood and agreed that the District's revenues are finite. The parties agree that total compensation for unit members includes salary, health insurance, and step and column movement."

VUSD 2007-08  
INTERESTS FOR  
CLASSIFIED  
NEGOTIATIONS

Mrs. Costa presented and reviewed the VUSD 2007-08 Interests for Classified Negotiations according to Government Code to be "sunshined" and then negotiated. (Encl. No. 7) The District's contract "interests" will be available for public review in the Human Resources Development Office until the public hearing is held at the May 22 Board meeting before Board action.

CALIFORNIA  
SCHOOL  
EMPLOYEES  
ASSOCIATION,  
CHAPTER 83  
2007-2008  
INTERESTS FOR  
CLASSIFIED  
NEGOTIATIONS

Mrs. Costa presented and reviewed California School Employees Association (CSEA) 2007-2008 Interests for Classified Negotiations as an information only item. (Encl. No. 8) The public can review the initial contract proposal in the office of the Administrator of Human Resources Development until the May 22 Board meeting. This will be "sunshined" and then negotiated. The Board will hold a public hearing on May 22 and allow the public to comment on the "interest" submitted by CSEA prior to the Board taking action.

NAMING OF NEW  
ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOLS

Mr. Carrizosa presented the final names being considered for the two new elementary schools as a first reading for public discussion. (Encl. No. 9) These names include those prioritized by the two Naming Committees and additional names of individuals screened by the Board as meeting the criteria in Board Policy.

The names under consideration include the following:

Northwest Elementary Site

- Sierra View
- Walnut Grove
- Valley View

Southeast Elementary Site

- Cameron Creek
- Cherry Meadow
- Walnut Grove

Names of Individuals that could be considered for either school include:

- Manuel Hernandez
- Annie Mitchell

**Public Comment**

Joel Escobar, a student from Union School and also a member of the Southeast School Naming Committee, spoke to the Board and requested that the name for the southeast site be Cherry Meadow.

A second reading and Board action to approve the names of the new schools are scheduled to occur at the regularly scheduled Board meeting of May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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

Steven Cook, Student Representative to the Board from El Diamante 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:

- Attended PTA Hall of Fame Awards Night
- Congratulated the Redwood Science Team for receiving first place at the Tulare County Science Olympiad and Green Acres for sending four teams of fifteen members each to the Science Olympiad
- Local Chapter of the Association of Mexican American Educators (AMAE) honored three VUSD employees: Rene Moncada, Assistant Principal at Valley Oak – Administrator of the Year; Haydee Barba, Discipline Secretary at El Diamante – Classified Employee of the Year; and Angelica Jimenez, Spanish Teacher at Redwood – Teacher of the Year.
- Congratulated staff and students at Fairview School for their Fairview Flyers Running Club
- Attended Open Houses

**FOCUS ON  
STUDENT  
LEARNING**

**SUMMER SCHOOL/  
EXTENDED YEAR  
2007**

Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum/Educational Services, Carlyn Lambert, presented the Summer School/Extended Year 2007 report to the Board. (Encl. No. 10) Beginning June 11 and continuing to July 19, both middle school and high school students will be provided Extended Year/Summer School. Classes will be held four days a week, Monday through Thursday from 7:10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The classes offered are primarily for students who are at risk of retention or are at risk at not passing the High School Exit Exam. A limited amount of acceleration classes will also be offered with students being selected by a lottery system. Several elementary schools will be offering summer sessions to get students ready for the next school year. Summer School/Extended Year comes out of Supplemental Hours Funds provided by the State Department of Education and also Federal and State grants.

Green Acres and La Joya Middle School classes will be held at Green Acres and Divisadero and Valley Oak Middle School classes will be held at Divisadero. El Diamante and Redwood High School classes will be held at Redwood and Mt. Whitney and Golden West High School classes will be held at Mt. Whitney.

At the completion of Summer School/Extended Year, an additional report will be provided to the Board regarding student achievement, attendance, and class completion.

Superintendent Carrizosa reviewed the first reading of changes in Board policies that have been reviewed and approved by the Board Policy Committee. The second and final reading will be on the Board agenda for the May 22 meeting for consideration of Board approval.

**CSBA REVISION  
TO BP 0402.4 –  
CHARTER  
SCHOOLS – FIRST  
READING**

BP 0402.4 – Charter Schools (Encl. No. 11). The revisions reflect additional district roles described in CSBA’s publication Charter Schools: A Manual for Governance Teams. It clarifies and district and charter school responsibilities. This will bring the policy into alignment with new law.

**CSBA AND STAFF  
REVISIONS TO  
BP 1112 – MEDIA  
RELATIONS – FIRST  
READING**

BP 1112 – Media Relations (Encl. No. 12). Revisions were made to align the policy with the district’s practice on how the media interacts with schools and the district. The revisions reflect rulings that have been made in case law and Attorney General rulings. Media representatives, like all other visitors, are expected to register when entering any of the school grounds and buildings. If they display the valid identification, they can access “common” areas on campus such as the front of school, side walks, student quad area or parking lot. Media representatives will be accompanied by the site principal or designee while on school campus and cannot impose their interaction with students or staff.

**STAFF REVISION TO**

BP 1250 – Visitors/Outsiders (Encl. No. 13). Visitors register with the principal upon

BP 1250 –  
VISITORS/  
OUTSIDERS – FIRST  
READING

entering school grounds. The revision coincides with the media policy stating that an editor or reporter of the local media with valid, visible employee identification may appropriately access common areas on campus.

CSBA REVISION TO  
BP 5131.63 –  
STEROIDS – FIRST  
READING

BP 5131.63 – Steroids (Encl. No. 14). VUSD has had a policy in place since 1997 to prohibit the use of illegal performance enhancement substances. The updated policy reflects new law SB 37 prohibiting students from participating in interscholastic athletics when using any steroid or dietary supplement banned by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency.

CSBA REVISION TO  
BP 6162.54 – TEST  
INTEGRITY/TEST  
PREPARATION –  
FIRST READING

BP 6162.54 – Test Integrity/Test Preparation (Encl. No. 15). This refers to California Department of Education (CDE) guidelines that reflect the revisions that were made for acceptable preparation for State assessments, including the use of released test questions.

Mr. Carrizosa will contact the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) for the list of banned substances and post those on the VUSD website.

**ROUTINE ACTION**

Motion No. 190

Mr. Qualls moved to approve the Routine Action Items, Encl. No. 16-34. Mr. Stephenson seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

9.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Warrant List - April 13, 2007 through April 20, 2007 (Encl. No. 16)
2. 2006-07 Budget Revision No. 15 (Encl. No. 17)
3. Resolution Declaring Intention to Dedicate Right of Way to the City of Visalia at Ferguson Avenue and Leila Street (Encl. No. 18)
4. Approval of Bid 4628 - Roofing - Various Sites (Encl. No. 19)
5. Approval of Bid 4629 - Painting - Various Sites (Encl. No. 20)
6. Vendor Contracts for Various Maintenance and Service Needs (Encl. No. 21)
7. Yearly Purchasing Calendar (Encl. No. 22)

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

1. Student Field Trip Request(s) (Encl. No. 23)
2. Carl Perkins Career Technical Education Application for Funding 2007-08 (Encl. No. 24)
3. Carl Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Grant Section 131 (Encl. No. 25)
4. Amendment to the Agreement between Visalia Adult School and Tulare County (Encl. No. 26)

9.3 CURRICULUM/EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. Request to Attend Conference/Workshop (Encl. No. 27)
2. Service Agreement Between TCOE Migrant Education Region VIII and VUSD (Encl. No. 28)

9.4 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 29)
2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 30)
3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 31)

4. Certification of Temporary Athletic Team Coach List for 2006-07 (Encl. No. 32)
- 9.5 SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE
1. Adoption of Resolution for Governing Board Elections on November 6, 2007 (Encl. No. 33)
  2. Minutes of the Board Meeting of April 24, 2007 (Encl. No. 34)

**ADMINISTRATIVE  
PANEL RECOM-  
MENDATIONS/  
ACTION**

**EXPULSIONS**

Motion No. 191

Mr. Guerrero pulled 10.1.5 – Case No. 07-103 E.

On a motion by Mr. Lane and second by Mr. Jones, the remaining Administrative Panel Recommendations for Expulsions Case No. 07-99 E, Case No. 07-100 E, Case No. 07-101 E, Case No. 07-102 E, Case No. 07-104 E, Case No. 07-105 E, and Case No. 07-106 E (Encl. No. 35) were approved. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Motion No. 192

Mr. Lane moved to approve the Administrative Panel Recommendation for Expulsions, 10.1.5 Case No. 07-103 E. Mr. Elder seconded the motion. Ayes: Elder, Jones, Lane, Martin, Qualls, and Stephenson. Abstention: Guerrero. Motion carried.

**SUSPENDED  
EXPULSIONS**

Motion No. 193

Mr. Stephenson moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Suspended Expulsions Case No. Case No. 07-37 SE, Case No. 07-38 SE, Case No. 07-39 SE, and Case No. 07-40 SE. (Encl. No. 36) Mr. Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

**GENERAL AGENDA**

**VUTA INTERESTS/  
INITIAL PROPOSAL  
FOR CERTIFICATED  
NEGOTIATIONS**

Motion No. 194

Karl Kildow, President, Visalia Unified Teachers Association (VUTA), presented and reviewed the VUTA Contract Sunshine Proposals. (Encl. No. 37) He stated that it is understood that these are conceptual proposals only. Detailed language will be negotiated by the table team, submitted and subject to the association's general membership for discussion and final acceptance.

Mr. Stephenson moved to acknowledge receipt of VUTA's Interests/Initial Proposal of Certificated Negotiations. Mr. Guerrero seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

**OTHER POST  
EMPLOYMENT  
BENEFITS**

**UPDATE**

Motion No. 195

Christine Statton, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Update and the initial financing plan for Visalia Unified's OPEB liability. (Encl. No. 38) This item supports the new Board and District Goal 7.3 – Develop a fiscal strategy to meet the audit requirement for retiree health insurance funding.

Governmental Accounting Standard (GASB) 45 addresses Other Post Employment Benefits and stipulates that school districts perform an actuarial calculation of any unfunded OPEB liability and report their unfunded liability on their annual financial statement. For Visalia Unified, this requirement commences July 1, 2007. Mrs. Statton's report provided an informational update on the requirements of GASB 45 and

explanations regarding other post employment benefits. The State is offering a small grant for establishing financing plans for other post employment benefits.

Mr. Elder moved to approve the Initial OPEB Financing Plan. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 22, 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,

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Michael Lane  
Clerk

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Stan A. Carrizosa  
Superintendent