

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

**OPENING  
BUSINESS**

The August 14, 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	7:35	
Juan R. Guerrero	5:30	7:35	
Larry Jones	5:30	7:35	
Michael Lane	5:30	7:35	
Donna Martin	5:30	7:35	
Jim L. Qualls	5:30	7:35	
Robert Stephenson	5:30	7:35	
 Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent	 5:30	 7:35	

**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 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 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ASSIGNMENT/REASSIGNMENT/APPOINTMENT
- 2.7 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
  - 1. Agency Negotiator: Cindi Costa
  - 2. Employee Organizations
    - 1. CSEA
    - 2. VUTA
    - 3. Management

**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 COMMENT/**

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

**GENERAL PUBLIC  
COMMENT**

Virgil Hammonds, former Assistant Principal at Mt. Whitney High School, now the Principal at Lindsay High School, thanked staff for their leadership to prepare him for a principalship.

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

The Board members' reports included the following:

- Welcomed staff back to school and to the start of the 2007-08 school year
- All Board members attended the All VUSD Staff Convocation
- Concern for traffic safety at Pinkham Street and Walnut Avenue. Stop sign on Pinkham but not Walnut. This will be on the agenda for the next Jt. City Council and VUSD Board meeting.
- New Golden West marquee
- Attended the California Latino School Board Association Conference in July in Visalia
- Board member request by Juan Guerrero for the district to pursue intramural sports for elementary students with the Association of Mexican American Educators and the Police Activities League (PAL)
- BizTalk '07 on October 5 at the Visalia Convention Center – Vicente Fox, Former President of Mexico, 2000-2006, will be speaking along with his wife, Marta Sahagún de Fox, Dominique Dawes, gold and bronze medal-winning Olympic gymnast and President of the Women's Sports Foundation, and Ruben Navarrette, Jr., a syndicated newspaper columnist. TCOE will have a youth component to this program and encouraged inviting interested high school leaders to attend.
- Recognized Natalie Garcia, education reporter for the *Visalia Times-Delta*, for being awarded a journalism fellowship in Providence, Rhode Island. She introduced the new education reporter, Kimberlina Rocha.

**ROUTINE ACTION**

**Motion No. 12**

Larry Jones pulled Routine Action Item No. 7.1.5, Encl. No. 5, Contract for BusRadio Services, for further discussion. Juan Guerrero pulled Routine Action Item No. 7.2.3, Encl. No. 21, 2007-08 Agreement Between Proteus, Inc. and Visalia Adult School – Spanish GED Referrals, because he is employed by Proteus, Inc. and will abstain from that vote.

Rob Stephenson moved to approve the remaining Routine Action Items, Encl. No. 1-31. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

**Motion No. 13**

Jim Qualls moved to approve Routine Action Item No. 7.2.3, Encl. No. 21. Rob Stephenson seconded the motion. Ayes: Elder, Jones, Lane, Martin, Qualls and Stephenson. Abstain: Guerrero. Motion carried.

Larry Jones asked for more information on the purchase of bus radios, Encl. No. 5.

Robert Gröeber, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services, reported that:

- The primary reason for these radios is for bus safety
- The service provides for security features of Global Positioning System (GPS) tracking in the event of an emergency and a one-touch emergency button for immediate contact with dispatcher
- There is no cost at all to the district. The service includes installation and repairs of the radios
- BusRadio Services provides radios to be installed in district school buses and then broadcasts radio programming in a DJ format appropriate for school age children
- Messages will encourage students to remain in school to ensure success in life, inform students of after-school programs, send bus safety reminders to students and promote healthy food choices
- Broadcast music will be edited versions of current songs that meet strict advisory standards appropriate for children
- The district will have the ability to distribute district information and messages as part of radio broadcasts
- Vehicles will not be monitored by the service provider or district staff
- Length of contract is month to month

Board members requested that a six-month review be made of its effectiveness with responses from the drivers and students.

Motion No. 14

Larry Jones moved to approve Routine Action Item 7.1.5, Encl. No. 5, Contract for BusRadio Services. Rob Stephenson seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

#### 7.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Warrant List - June 29, 2007 through July 13, 2007 (Encl. No. 1)
2. 2007-08 Budget Revision No. 1 (Encl. No. 2)
3. Resolution Authorizing Dedication of Easement to the Southern California Edison Company at the Southeast Corner of Pinkham Road and K Avenue (Encl. No. 3)
4. Transportation Agreement for Oak Valley Union Elementary School District (Encl. No. 4)
5. Contract for BusRadio Services (Encl. No. 5)
6. Change Order #1 - Bid 4640 - HVAC Replacement at Various Sites (Encl. No. 6)
7. Change Order #3 - El Diamante High School Pool Project (Encl. No. 7)
8. Vendor Contracts for Various Maintenance and Service Needs (Encl. No. 8)
9. Approval of Bid 4631 - Charter Bus Service (Encl. No. 9)
10. Approval of Bid 4641 - Cafeteria Paper Products (Encl. No. 10)
11. Approval of Bid 4642 - Cafeteria Bakery Products (Encl. No. 11)
12. Approval of Bid 4643 - Cafeteria Grocery/Dry Goods (Encl. No. 12)
  
13. Approval of Bid 4644 - Musical Instruments, Supplies & Equipment (Encl. No. 13)

14. Approval of Bid 4645 - Art Supplies & Equipment (Encl. No. 14)
  15. Approval of Bid 4646 - Physical Education Supplies & Equipment (Encl. No. 15)
  16. Approval of Bid 4647 - Cafeteria Dairy Products (Encl. No. 16)
  17. Approval of Bid 4648 - Cafeteria Frozen Food (Encl. No. 17)
  18. Award of Bid - Highland Elementary School Project, Phase I (Encl. No. 18)
- 7.2 AREA ADMINISTRATORS, K-6; 7-12/Adult
1. Contract with Western Milling to Receive Donation to Support Goshen Family Resource Center (Encl. No. 19)
  2. Save the Children Support to Goshen Elementary School (Encl. No. 20)
  3. 2007-08 Agreement Between Proteus, Inc. and Visalia Adult School - Spanish GED Referrals (Encl. No. 21)
  4. Career Technical Education (CTE) Facilities Grant (Encl. No. 22)
- 7.3 CURRICULUM/EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
1. Request to Attend Conference/Workshop (Encl. No. 23)
  2. New Secondary Course Offerings for the 2006-07 School Year (Encl. No. 24)
  3. Teacher Recruitment and Retention Program Plan (TRRP) (Encl. No. 25)
- 7.4 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 26)
  2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 27)
  3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 28)
  4. Certification of Temporary Athletic Team Coach List for 2007-08 (Encl. No. 29)
- 7.5 SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE
1. Minutes of the Board Meeting of July 10, 2007 (Encl. No. 30)
  2. Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of July 31, 2007 (Encl. No. 31)

**ADMINISTRATIVE  
PANEL RECOM-  
MENDATIONS/  
ACTION**

**EXPULSIONS**  
Motion No. 15

Michael Lane moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Expulsions Case No. 08-01 E, Case No. 08-02 E, Case No. 08-03 E, and Case No. 08-04 E. (Encl. No. 32) Rodney Elder seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

**SUSPENDED  
EXPULSIONS**  
Motion No. 16

Rob Stephenson moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Suspended Expulsions Case No. 08-01 SE, Case No. 08-02 SE, Case No. 08-03 SE and Case No. 08-04 SE. (Encl. No. 33) Juan Guerrero seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

**REVIEWS-  
CONTINUED**

Michael Lane moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Reviews-Continued Expulsions Case No. 08-01 RCE, Case No. 08-02 RCE and Case No. 08-03

**EXPULSIONS**  
Motion No. 17

RCE. (Encl. No. 34) Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

**REINSTATEMENTS**  
Motion No. 18

Rodney Elder moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Reinstatements Case No. 08-01 R, Case No. 08-02 R, Case No. 08-03 R, Case No. 08-04 R, Case No. 08-05 R, Case No. 08-06 R, Case No. 08-07 R, Case No. 08-08 R, Case No. 08-09 R, Case No. 08-10 R, Case No. 08-11 R, Case No. 08-12 R, Case No. 08-13 R, Case No. 08-14 R, Case No. 08-15 R, Case No. 08-16 R, Case No. 08-17 R, Case No. 08-18 R, Case No. 08-19 R, Case No. 08-20 R, Case No. 08-21 R, Case No. 08-22 R, Case No. 08-23 R, Case No. 08-24 R, Case No. 08-25 R, Case No. 08-26 R, Case No. 08-27 R, and Case No. 08-28 R. (Encl. No. 35) Larry Jones seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

**GENERAL AGENDA**

**INSTRUCTIONAL  
MATERIALS  
RESOLUTION**  
Motion No. 19

Scott Smith, Director of Instructional Technology, presented the Instructional Materials Resolution. (Encl. No. 36) Pursuant to Education Code Section 60119, the Visalia Unified School District has determined that each pupil in grades K-12 has sufficient textbooks or instructional materials in all core academic subjects. Additionally, all 9-12 students have sufficient textbooks in foreign language and health, and all 9-12 students enrolled in science courses have access to applicable lab. By law, notice of this Public Hearing was posted ten days prior to the Board meeting in three public locations. By law, a resolution pertaining to the matter of determining that pupils have sufficient textbooks or instruction materials for 2007-08 must be passed by the local Education Board. Pursuant to Education Code Section 60119, a Public Hearing Notice has been posted at the following sites: Visalia Learning Center, VUSD Educational Complex, Divisadero, Ivanhoe, and Goshen Schools. VUSD anticipates adequate funding from the State to fulfill the Education Code requirements.

The Williams Consent Degree mandates schools that were found in deciles 1-3 measured according to the Academic Performance Index (API) to be under the review of the County Office of Education to insure the State Department that all students have equal educational opportunities in terms of quality of facilities, teacher credentialing, and sufficient access to appropriate instructional materials. This list of schools was reset for this year based on the 2006 API and four schools dropped off of the list: Goshen, Mineral King and Willow Glen Elementary Schools and Valley Oak Middle School. The two new schools added to the list, Veva Blunt and Four Creeks Elementary Schools, in combination with the district's other schools, Crowley, Fairview, Highland, Houston, Ivanhoe, Union and Washington Elementary Schools, will be receiving a visit from the Tulare County Office of Education.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

President Donna Martin opened the Public Hearing on Instructional Materials.

No one came forward for public comment.

President Martin closed the Public Hearing and returned to the Regular Session.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 28, 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