

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

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The September 11, 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	8:50	
Juan R. Guerrero	5:30	8:50	
Larry Jones	5:30	8:50	
Michael Lane	5:30	8:50	
Donna Martin	5:30	8:50	
Jim L. Qualls			X
Robert Stephenson	5:30	8:50	
Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent	5:30	8:50	

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
 Monika Kunder, 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 SUSPENDED EXPULSIONS
- 2.2 RECOMMENDED REVIEWS-CONTINUED EXPULSIONS
- 2.3 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE
- 2.4 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ASSIGNMENT/REASSIGNMENT/APPOINTMENT
- 2.5 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 7:10 p.m. President Martin announced that no action was taken in closed session. Jim Qualls is out of town and is excused from the meeting. Juan Guerrero led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC
RECOGNITION/
PROCLAMATIONS/
ACTION**

HISPANIC

Clerk Michael Lane read the Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation. (Encl. No. 1)

HERITAGE MONTH
PROCLAMATION –
SEPTEMBER 15 TO
OCTOBER 15, 2007
Motion No. 27

Juan Guerrero moved to approve the Proclamation. Rodney Elder seconded the motion.
Ayes: All. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL PUBLIC
COMMENT

Marie Randles stated that Adventure Park will be assisting the National Guard to collect toys for the Toys for Tots drive this year.

Luz Medina thanked the Board for their years of service while she was teaching at VUSD.

Ellen Dahlenburg addressed the Board concerning air quality and the cancellation or postponement of sports last week. She asked that the school sites be consistent when keeping students in from recess and cancelling practice and sporting events.

Sonia Bleile addressed the issue of blaming the parents of the Redwood students that were arrested after a student altercation.

Holly Derington addressed the Board stating she is against fining parents for unruly students.

At this time, the Board adjusted the order of the agenda and continued with “Board Member Reports/Superintendent’s Report” to discuss these issues.

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

Monika Kunder, Student Representative to the Board from Golden West High School, gave a brief summary of the events that are taking place at each of the four comprehensive high schools.

After Board discussion and concerns were expressed about the student altercation at Redwood High School, a request was made for District staff and County Counsel to review the Student Conduct Code, which is signed by parents and students, and the current Board policies to determine if the District has legal grounds for action regarding parent accountability in the efforts to provide a safe academic environment for students and staff. It was suggested to contact other school districts for their strategies in this area.

Superintendent Carrizosa stated that the Board Policy Committee, which a representative of County Counsel attends, will review the policies and make appropriate suggestions for revisions to the Board.

VUSD SITE BLOCK

Last year’s State budget sent one-time block grant funds directly from the State to

GRANT IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

School Site Councils to spend on school priorities. Doug Bartsch, Area Administrator-Elementary, presented an update on how different elementary schools are spending their funds to meet the specific needs of their students and staff. (Encl. No. 2) Highlights included the following types of purchases and investments:

- School safety equipment like classroom first aid kits and radio communications
- Paid summer staff development for teachers
- Instructional materials such as leveled books for each classroom
- Outdoor stage for school activities and student events

FOCUS ON STUDENT LEARNING

STATE AND LOCAL ASSESSMENT REVIEW

Phil Black, Coordinator of Curriculum/Assessment, presented the State and Local Assessment results of student achievement. (Encl. No. 3) The following are highlights from the presentation of information:

- The District increased 7 points vs. 2 for the County and 6 for the State
- Houston Elementary had the largest gain of 56 points
- Academic Performance Index (API) has improved 92 points district-wide
- 3 schools are over 800
- 7 schools are over 750
- 10 schools are over 700
- VUSD has the highest score of 716 in the county
- 6 elementary schools are in the top 14 in the county
- All 4 middle school and high schools are in the top 10 in the county
- Ivanhoe, Goshen and Washington moved out of being a Program Improvement (PI) school

ROUTINE ACTION

Motion No. 28

Michael Lane moved to approve the Routine Action Items, Encl. No. 4-18. Rob Stephenson seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

8.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Warrant List - August 17, 2007 through August 24, 2007 (Encl. No. 4)
2. 2007-08 Budget Revision No. 3 (Encl. No. 5)
3. Resolution - Gann Limit Adoption (Encl. No. 6)
4. Memorandum of Understanding - Visalia Unified School District and Tulare County Sheriffs Office for a Sheriff Officer at Packwood Charter Alternatives School (Encl. No.7)
5. Vendor Contracts for Various Maintenance and Service Needs (Encl. No. 8)

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

1. Student Field Trip Request(s) (Encl. No. 9)

8.3 CURRICULUM/EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. Request to Attend Conference/Workshop (Encl No. 10)
2. Memorandum of Understanding with Tulare County Office of Education (Encl. No. 11)

3. VISTAS 3.0 Memorandum of Understanding with Fresno Pacific University (Encl. No. 12)
 4. Innovation in Education Conference Memorandum of Understanding with Central Valley CUE (Encl. No. 13)
- 8.4 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 14)
 2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 15)
 3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 16)
 4. Certification of Temporary Athletic Team Coach List for 2007-08 (Encl. No. 17)
- 8.5 SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE
1. Minutes of the Board Meeting of August 28, 2007 (Encl. No. 18)

**ADMINISTRATIVE
PANEL RECOM-
MENDATIONS/
ACTION**

SUSPENDED
EXPULSIONS
Motion No. 29

Michael Lane moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendation for Suspended Expulsion Case No. 08-07-SE. (Encl. No. 19) Larry Jones seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

REVIEWS-
CONTINUED
EXPULSIONS
Motion No. 30

Rob Stephenson moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Reviews-Continued Expulsions Case No. 08-05 RCE, Case No. 08-06 RCE, and Case No. 08-07 RCE. (Encl. No. 20) Michael Lane seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

GENERAL AGENDA

COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING
AGREEMENT
BETWEEN VISALIA
UNIFIED SCHOOL
DISTRICT AND
CALIFORNIA
SCHOOL EMPLOYEE
ASSOCIATION
(CSEA), CHAPTER 83
Motion No. 31

Cindi Costa, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Development, presented the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between Visalia Unified School District and California School Employee Association (CSEA), Chapter 83. (Encl. No. 21) On August 21, 2007, a Tentative Agreement was reached with CSEA that was ratified by their membership on September 10. The major component is salary and longevity with an increase of 4.53% July 1, 2007.

There was no public comment.

Rodney Elder moved to approve the Tentative Agreement. Juan Guerrero seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION TO
ESTABLISH SALARY
AND BENEFITS FOR
DISTRICT
MANAGERS AND
CONFIDENTIAL
EMPLOYEES
EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
2007
Motion No. 32

Mrs. Costa presented the Resolution to Establish Salary and Benefits for District Managers and Confidential Employees. (Encl. No. 22) Employees on the management and confidential employee salary schedule would receive the State funded cost of living adjustment (COLA) of 4.53% in base salary effective July 1, 2007. There would be no change in benefits and the increased cost for the 2007-08 plan year shall be met by a combination of employee contributions and payment from the management restricted reserve account. Effective October 1, 2007, the employee contribution will increase from \$50 to \$65 per month. The District's contribution to health insurance premiums will not increase above the negotiable premium limit paid in 2007-08 without further Board action.

There was no public comment.

Rodney Elder moved to approve the increase in district management and confidential employees' salary and benefits. Larry Jones seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF
FISCAL YEAR 2006-
07 UNAUDITED
ACTUALS REPORT
Motion No. 33**

Nathan Hernandez, Finance Director and Christine Statton, Chief Finance Officer, presented the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Unaudited Actuals Report. (Encl. 23) Education Code Section 42100 requires that school districts file their prior year unaudited financial statements with the County Office of Education by September 15 of each year. The prior year unaudited financial statements summarize all receipts and expenditures for all District funds. This report satisfies the Education Code requirement. The Audited Financial Report will be presented to the Board in January.

Public Comment

Greg Price, Visalia Unified Teachers Association (VUTA) Board came forward. Mrs. Statton clarified his question on the \$9.5M that was transferred out on Page 1 of the report. She will provide this itemization to the VUTA office. She also explained the \$20M excessive of revenues over expenditures before other financing sources.

Rob Stephenson moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Unaudited Actuals Report. Larry Jones seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 25, 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