

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

**OPENING  
BUSINESS**

The October 9, 2007 Board meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Clerk Michael Lane 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	8:20	
Juan R. Guerrero	5:30	8:20	
Larry Jones	5:30	8:20	
Michael Lane	5:30	8:20	
Donna Martin			X
Jim L. Qualls			X
Robert Stephenson	5:30	8:20	
Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent	5:30	8:20	

**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**

Clerk Lane 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 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ASSIGNMENT/REASSIGNMENT/APPOINTMENT
- 2.5 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
  - 1. Agency Negotiator: Cindi Costa
  - 2. Employee Organizations
    - 1. VUTA

**EARLY BIRD  
SESSION**

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

**STUDENT  
ACHIEVEMENT  
AWARDS**

This is the Board's opportunity to recognize student achievement and to acknowledge the role the parents, family and teachers play in the academic success of students. (Encl. No. 1) This month the Board honored outstanding students in Special Education and English Language Development (ELD). Students from Sequoia High School, Charter Alternatives Academy-Packwood, Visalia Charter Independent Study, and Visalia Adult School were recognized for overall achievement.

The recipients were as follows:

Sequoia High School

- Gustavo Alvarado (Overall Achievement)

Charter Alternatives Academy-Packwood

- Jose Manuel Hernandez (Overall Achievement)

Visalia Charter Independent Study

- Antionette Annabelle DeLeon Gutierrez (Overall Achievement)

Visalia Adult School

- Candelaria Oliva (English Language Development)

El Diamante High School

- Dominique Flenory (Special Education)
- Luis Medina (English Language Development)

Golden West High School

- Maria Dominguez (Special Education)
- Victoria Luna (English Language Development)

Mt. Whitney High School

- Fidencio Garcia (Special Education)
- Ana Lopez (English Language Development)

Redwood High School

- Kenneth Walter (Special Education)
- Kiranjeet Bhinder (English Language Development)

**REGULAR SESSION** The Board convened the regular Board meeting at 7:05 p.m. Clerk Lane announced that no action was taken in closed session. He announced that Board member Martin was excused from the meeting because she was out of town attending a conference that is work related and Board member Qualls was excused because of illness. Student Representative Monika Kunder led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC  
RECOGNITION/  
PROCLAMATIONS/  
ACTION**

RESOLUTION – Clerk Lane read the Resolution – Character Counts! Week – October 21-27, 2007.  
CHARACTER (Encl. No. 2)

COUNTS! WEEK – Rob Stephenson moved to approve the Resolution. Rodney Elder seconded the motion.  
OCTOBER 21-27, Ayes: All. Motion carried.  
2007

Motion No. 39

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

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT There was no public comment.

VUSD SITE BLOCK Doug Bartsch, Area Administrator K-6, and Dr. Craig Wheaton, Area

**GRANT  
IMPLEMENTATION  
UPDATE**

Administrator, 7-12/Adult, presented the continuing update of how different School Site Councils are spending their one-time block grant funds from the State to meet the specific needs of their students and staff (Encl. No. 3):

- Ivanhoe Elementary School – carpet in classrooms
- Hurley Elementary School – four extension computer centers from one computer; allocated money to teacher training in the use of Language Arts materials and purchased supplementary materials to support the Language Arts program
- Pinkham Elementary School – purchased books to support the Language Arts program tied to the base adoption; purchased laptop computers and digital projectors
- Oak Grove Elementary School– bright rugs sectioned off into rectangles for students; allocated funding to provide teacher training in the use of Language Arts based materials and purchased books to supplement that program
- El Diamante High School – purchased science equipment, social studies maps and materials, and white boards for math
- Golden West High School – purchased ceramics equipment and a drum set for jazz band
- Green Acres Middle School – purchased technology for the English and Social Studies Departments, a copy machine, dictionaries, and a remote response system for students to key in their answers to give teachers immediate feedback on their understanding

**VISALIA UNIFIED  
PARENT  
UNIVERSITY  
UPDATE**

Mimi Bonds, Coordinator, State and Federal Projects, presented the Visalia Unified Parent University Update. (Encl. No. 4) The District has partnered with the Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE), HEART, and Parenting Partners to provide parents with a comprehensive parent education program. Parents from all school sites have been invited to participate in the Parent Education programs. Specific outreach to parents of English Learners has been conducted for all programs. A status report on the initial implementation of the fall cohort of VUSD school sites was provided, including information on the number of parents attending, support services provided, and schedules of parent workshops. So far, a total of 514 parents, of which approximately 95% are parents of English Learners, are attending at 19 VUSD sites.

Students whose parents are participating in these programs will be tracked not only for academic achievement and student performance but also for improved parent engagement and involvement in the governance systems such as the English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC), the District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC), school site councils, and other school involvement. PIQE and Parenting Partners have a Year Two component with ongoing parent support. An extensive outreach will be made in the spring to the Southeast Asian population to hold a cohort specifically for them.

**BOARD MEMBER**

The Board members' reports included the following:

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

- Visited Mineral King Elementary School with the Alternative Governance (AG) Board
- Attended the TCOE Excellence in Education Awards event. Three VUSD individuals were recognized: Goshen Elementary School Principal Marty Frolli was a finalist for Administrator of the Year; Rosie Torres from Ivanhoe Elementary School was a nominee for School Employee of the Year and Nancy Hawkins from Golden West High School was a nominee for Teacher of the Year.
- Reported that, as requested by Clerk Lane at the last Board meeting, the Board Policy Committee will be reviewing the policy related to parent responsibility regarding student behavior. County Counsel will be researching the legal issues and also what policies and procedures other districts have in place in this area.
- Request that District staff look into a “no cut” sports policy for elementary and middle schools

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.

Superintendent Carrizosa reported that at Biz Talk, the local business conference in Visalia last week, sixty VUSD students participated at different levels throughout the day. He congratulated Redwood High School student, Reena Flores, for winning a \$2,000 scholarship for her outstanding essay.

**FOCUS ON  
STUDENT  
LEARNING**

**VUSD 2006-07  
STATE PHYSICAL  
FITNESS  
ASSESSMENT  
RESULTS: DISTRICT  
SUMMARY**

Phil Black, Coordinator of Curriculum/Assessment, presented the VUSD 2006-07 State Physical Fitness Assessment Results. (Encl. No. 5) The annual assessment is required for students in Grades Five, Seven, and Nine. Representatives from the PE departments and the Elementary PE team were present. The testing areas were as follows:

- Aerobic Capacity
- Body Composition
- Upper Body Strength
- Flexibility
- Abdominal Strength
- Trunk Extension

Also present were members of the Fairview Elementary School cross country team, the Fairview Flyers.

**ROUTINE ACTION**

Juan Guerrero pulled Routine Action Item 9.2.2 (Encl. No. 13) to abstain because of a conflict of interest with his workplace, Proteus, Inc. Larry Jones pulled Routine Action Item 9.4.3 (Encl. No. 19) for further discussion.

Motion No. 40

Larry Jones moved to approve the remaining Routine Action Items, Encl. No. 6-22. Rob Stephenson seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

9.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Warrant List - September 14, 2007 through September 21, 2007 (Encl. No. 6)
2. 2006-07 Budget Revision No. 20 (Encl. No. 7)
3. 2007-08 Budget Revision No. 5 (Encl. No. 8)
4. Resolution Authorizing the Withdraw of the Grant Application for the Social Security Administration Building (Encl. No. 9)
5. Vendor Contracts for Various Maintenance and Service Needs (Encl. No. 10)
6. Visalia Civic Facilities Authority User Contracts (Encl. No. 11)

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

1. Student Field Trip Request(s) (Encl. No. 12)
2. Memorandum of Understanding Between Visalia Adult School and Proteus, Inc. (Encl. No. 13)

9.3 CURRICULUM/EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. Request to Attend Conference/Workshop (Encl. No. 14)
2. Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report (Encl. No. 15)
3. Memorandum of Understanding Turning Point/Visalia Youth Services 2007/2008 (Encl. No. 16)

9.4 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 2007-08 (Encl. No. 20)
5. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Student Teaching Agreement between Visalia Unified School District (VUSD) and California State University Bakersfield (CSUB) (Encl. No. 21)

9.5 SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

1. Minutes of the Board Meeting of September 25, 2007 (Encl. No. 22)

Motion No. 41

Rodney Elder moved to approve Routine Action Item 9.2.2 (Encl. No. 13). Larry Jones seconded the motion. Ayes: Elder, Jones, Lane, and Stephenson. Abstain: Guerrero. Motion carried.

Larry Jones recognized the consultant requests that are to be funded with restricted, categorical funds in partnership with the community.

- Tulare County Sheriff's Department to provide mentoring and other community-related activities for School Community Violence Prevention VISION at Ivanhoe Elementary School
- "Just Say No" program at Union Elementary School
- Teaching Reconnecting Youth at PULSE After-School Youth Centers

Motion No. 42

Larry Jones moved to approve Routine Action Item 9.4.3 (Encl. No. 19). Rob

Stephenson seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATIVE  
PANEL RECOM-  
MENDATIONS/  
ACTION**

**EXPULSIONS**  
Motion No. 43

Larry Jones moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Expulsions Case No. 08-09 E and Case No. 08-10 E. (Encl. No. 23) Rodney Elder seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

**SUSPENDED  
EXPULSIONS**  
Motion No. 44

Larry Jones moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendation for Suspended Expulsions Case No. 08-08 SE. (Encl. No. 24) Juan Guerrero seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

**REVIEWS-  
CONTINUED  
EXPULSIONS**  
Motion No. 45

Rob Stephenson moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Reviews-Continued Expulsions Case No. 08-08 RCE, Case No. 08-09 RCE, and Case No. 08-10 RCE. (Encl. No. 25) Rodney Elder seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

**GENERAL AGENDA**

**45-DAY BUDGET  
REVISION – STATE  
BUDGET UPDATE**

Christine Statton, Chief Financial Officer, presented the 45-Day Budget Revision – State Budget Update. (Encl. No. 26) The State adopted a budget on August 24, 2007 that had no changes to its May Revise, so there is no District budget revision to adopt. She reviewed the District’s adopted budget and the current budget at the 45-Day Revision and gave an overview of the State Adopted Budget and economic forecast.

There was no public comment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 23, 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