

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

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The October 23, 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	9:15	
Juan R. Guerrero	5:30	9:15	
Larry Jones	5:30		X
Michael Lane	5:30	9:15	
Donna Martin	5:30	9:15	
Jim L. Qualls	5:30	9:15	
Robert Stephenson	5:30	9:15	
 Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent	 5:30	 9:15	

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 EXPULSIONS
- 2.2 RECOMMENDED REVIEWS-CONTINUED EXPULSIONS
- 2.3 RECOMMENDED REINSTATEMENTS
- 2.4 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ASSIGNMENT/REASSIGNMENT/APPOINTMENT
- 2.5 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE
- 2.6 PENDING LITIGATION - The Board will meet in closed session to consider a student matter involving confidential pupil record information (Ed Code Sections 35146)
- 2.7 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
 - 1. Agency Negotiator: Cindi Costa
 - 2. Employee Organizations
 - 1. VUTA

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. Larry Jones was excused from this meeting because he is out of town attending a work-related conference. Michael Lane led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC
RECOGNITION/
PROCLAMATIONS/
ACTION**

**RECOGNITION:
TOOLS FOR
SCHOOLS PROGRAM**

Visalia Unified School District has been involved in the Tools for Schools Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Program since 1990 and has received numerous awards for the District's participation in the program. Dr. Susan Cox, Director of Risk Management, and Joe Haley, Director of Maintenance/Grounds, have been asked to speak at the 8th Annual IAQ Tools for Schools Symposium in Washington D.C. December 6-8, 2007 representing Visalia Unified School District. David Rowson, Director, Center for Asthma and Schools, US EPA Indoor Environments Division; Tracy Enger, Public Affairs Specialist, US EPA, Indoor Environments Division; Michele Curreri, Public Affairs Specialist, US EPA, Indoor Environments Division; and Matthew Hiester, Senior Associate of The Cadmus Group, Inc., recognized the District for its on-going efforts and involvement in Tools for Schools Indoor Air Quality Program. (Encl. No. 1)

**RESOLUTION –
AMERICAN INDIAN
HERITAGE MONTH-
NOVEMBER 2007
Motion No. 46**

Clerk Michael Lane read the Resolution declaring American Indian Heritage Month – November 2007. (Encl. No. 2)

Jim Qualls moved to approve this Resolution. Rodney Elder seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION – RED
RIBBON WEEK:
OCTOBER 24-31,
2007
Motion No. 47**

Clerk Lane read the Resolution declaring Red Ribbon Week October 24-31, 2007. (Encl. No. 3)

Rob Stephenson moved to approve this Resolution. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

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

**GENERAL PUBLIC
COMMENT**

No one from the public addressed the Board.

**CAREER
TECHNICAL
EDUCATION (CTE)
GRANT FUNDING**

Pat Flattley, Director, Alternative Ed/CTE-ROP, presented examples of Career Technical Education (CTE) purchases, projects, and activities funded through the CTE Equipment Grant. (Encl. No. 4) This was a one-time funding received last year using Prop 1D monies in the amount of \$234,207 from the California Department of Education (CDE) and \$33,098 from Tulare County Occupational/Vocational Education (TCOVE). All sites were involved in the budget proposal submitted to the state. Examples of the purchases are as follows:

- Digital Film Photography – high definition video camera
- Consumer Family Studies – ice machine to cool food
- Automotive Technology – tire changer model currently used in auto businesses

and vehicle lift

- Ag Mechanics – portable cold saw and plasma cutter
- Digital Film Productions – Redwood and El Diamante editing lab

There was discussion to address the issue of the excess funding of ROP revenues for ADA over the cap and the overage going to the large districts in the state, such as Los Angeles. VUSD lost approximately \$100,000. District staff will draft a Resolution or letter voicing dissatisfaction with losing those dollars.

VUSD SITE BLOCK GRANT IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

Last year's State budget sent one-time block grant funds directly from the State to School Site Councils to spend on school priorities. Doug Bartsch and Myron Sheklian, Area Administrators-K-6, and Craig Wheaton, Area Administrator-7-12/Adult, presented the continuing update on how different schools are spending their funds to meet the specific needs of their students and staff. (Encl. No. 5) Highlights included the following types of purchases and investments:

- Golden Oak Elementary School – upgraded the crash-bar hardware on classroom doors and purchased digital projectors to support instruction
- Cottonwood Creek Elementary School – library books, guided reading books to support the base program and a LCD projector mounted on a cart to be used in more classrooms
- Mineral King Elementary School – profile computers
- Fairview Elementary School – converted a vacant classroom into the library; purchased book shelves and a new circulation desk
- Valley Oak Middle School – security cameras, golf cart for administrators to access the campus, Interwrite Boards for the Math program, digital projects, and choir uniforms

MID-VALLEY TRANSPORTATION ANNUAL REPORT

Terry White, Director, Administrative Services, presented the Mid-Valley Transportation Annual Report. (Encl. No. 6) Mid-Valley Transportation has been in operation since August 2002. Services that are provided by Mid-Valley Transportation include home-to-school transportation for Lindsay Unified School District and Stone Coral Elementary. School bus maintenance and driver in-service is being provided to Sequoia Union Elementary and Oak Valley Union Elementary. A charter bus division, consisting of four (4) school buses, is available for activity trips for Visalia Unified and neighboring school districts. The Transportation Service Department is an approved BlueBird school bus warranty repair station in addition to providing pre-delivery inspections of new BlueBird school buses sold in central California.

The Board requested an itemization of the Mid-Valley Transportation revenues and expenses.

ANNUAL HUMAN RESOURCES

DEVELOPMENT

Cindy Costa, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Development, and Dr. Fernie Marroquin, Director of Human Resources Development, presented the Annual Human Resources Development Report. (Encl. No. 7) The report provided information related to District-Wide Goals for 2007-2008, student and staff demographics, hiring, recruiting, guest teachers data and other pertinent general statistics. As of the California Basic Educational Data System (CBEDS) date of October 3, 2007, the VUSD enrollment

REPORT

was 26,713 students in K-12th grades. This is enrollment number not ADA, which is a significantly different number.

**VISALIA GANG
SUMMIT
PREPARATION
UPDATE**

Lucinda Mejdell-Awbrey, Director of Student Services, presented an update on various VUSD programs in grades K-6, middle school and high school targeted at education, prevention and intervention that will be discussed at the Gang Summit to be held on December 6 at the Visalia Convention Center from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. at the cost of \$25. (Encl. No. 8) There are scholarships available to waive the fee. The Gang Summit is a result of meetings started 1 ½ years ago held by the Tulare County Gang Prevention Task Force of which Superintendent Carrizosa has been the Co-Chair. The event is being sponsored by the Tulare County Board of Supervisors and the City of Visalia.

**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.

The Board members’ reports included the following:

- Alternative Governance (AG) visit to Fairview and Union Elementary Schools
- Attended Visalia Band Review
- Congratulated El Diamante High School band for winning the Band Review Sweepstakes Award
- Stop the Violence March to be held Saturday, November 10 starting at the Hernandez Center at 8:00 a.m. ending at the Giant Chevrolet Mineral King Bowl
- Recognized Green Acres Middle School Career Day
- Attended a gang awareness session held by the Hispanic Roundtable
- Governor Schwarzenegger signed a series of anti-gang violence measures as part of his Cal GRIP Initiative. AB 1291 included this language: “If a minor is found to be a delinquent ward of the court by reason of the commission of a gang-related offense and the court finds that the minor is a first-time offender and orders that a parent or guardian retain custody of that minor, the court may order the parent or guardian to attend anti-gang violence parenting classes.” Requested that this language be included in the policy work that is being done by County Counsel and the Board Policy Committee to work with the DA’s office and the courts on these issues.

Superintendent Carrizosa reported that at today’s Gang Prevention Task Force Meeting, it was agreed to apply for a grant through the Governor’s Cal GRIP Initiative to increase the development of neighborhood youth counselors, the model that is currently in place and working effectively in the youth centers.

**FOCUS ON
STUDENT
LEARNING**

Superintendent Carrizosa reviewed the first reading of the following policies that District staff and the Board Policy Committee have reviewed. The second and final reading will go to the Board for consideration of approval at the November 13 meeting.

**CSBA REVISION TO
MANDATED AR
1312.4 – WILLIAMS**

Mandated AR 1312.4 – Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures. (Encl. No. 9) The revisions reflect AB 607 which authorizes complaints regarding restroom cleanliness and maintenance of those facilities. Also addressed is when 15% or more of the students in a

**UNIFORM
COMPLAINT
PROCEDURE – FIRST
READING**

school speak a single primary language other than English, the response to the complainant be written in the primary language in which the complaint was filed.

**STAFF AND
COUNTY
COUNSEL’S
REVISIONS TO BP
5141-HEALTH CARE
AND
EMERGENCIES –
FIRST READING**

BP 5141 – Health Care and Emergencies. (Encl. No. 10) The revisions were made to the section “Resuscitation Orders”. Through legal counsel and the Board Policy Committee, these changes were made because school staff are not medically trained to determine life-sustaining emergency care. Accordingly, District staff shall not comply with directives from the parents, the child’s physician or others to follow their “do not resuscitate” (DNR) orders. Once transportation of the student from the school to an emergency room or medical facility has begun, any DNR order shall become the responsibility of the parents, physicians, and emergency response personnel.

**CSBA REVISION TO
BP 6164.4 –
IDENTIFICATION
AND EVALUATION
OF INDIVIDUALS
FOR SPECIAL
EDUCATION – FIRST
READING**

BP 6164.4 – Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education. (Encl. No. 11) The mandated policy has been re-titled and material regarding identification and evaluation of children enrolled by parents in private school was moved to the new BP 6164.41 – Children with Disabilities Enrolled by Their Parents in Private School.

**NEW CSBA BP
6164.41 – CHILDREN
WITH DISABILITIES
ENROLLED BY
THEIR PARENTS IN
PRIVATE SCHOOL –
FIRST READING**

New BP 6164.41 – Children with Disabilities Enrolled by Their Parents in Private School. (Encl. No. 12) The policy reflects new federal regulations and state law which mandates districts to adopt policies to locate, identify, and evaluate all children enrolled by their parents in private school located within the district.

**CSBA REVISION TO
BP 6171 – TITLE I
PROGRAMS – FIRST
READING**

BP 6171 – Title I Programs. (Encl. No. 13) The revisions reference parent involvement requirements and involving specified stakeholders in planning and development. The section on “Comparability of Services” updates methods for determining comparability and clarifies that calculations need to be conducted annually and corrections implemented as needed.

ROUTINE ACTION

Rob Stephenson pulled Routine Action Item 9.2.3 (Encl. No. 19) – Agreement Between Tulare Adult School, Dinuba Adult School and Visalia Adult School (Encl. No. 19) because of conflict of interest with his work.

Donna Martin and Jim Qualls pulled Routine Action Item 9.4.1 (Encl. No. 26) – Minutes of the Board Meeting of October 9 because they were not present at this meeting.

Motion No. 48

Jim Qualls moved to approve the remaining Routine Action Items, Encl. No. 14-26. Juan seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

- 9.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
 - 1. Warrant List - September 28, 2007 through October 5, 2007 (Encl. No. 14)
 - 2. 2007-08 Budget Revision No. 6 (Encl. No. 15)
 - 3. VUSD General Fund Cash Flows as of September 30, 2007 (Encl. No. 16)
- 9.2 AREA ADMINISTRATORS, K-6; 7-12/Adult
 - 1. Student Field Trip Request(s) (Encl. No. 17)
 - 2. Clinical Training Agreement Between Visalia Adult School and Tulare County Health and Human Services (Encl. No. 18)
 - 3. Agreement Between Tulare Adult School, Dinuba Adult School and Visalia Adult School (Encl. No. 19)
- 9.3 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
 - 1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 20)
 - 2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 21)
 - 3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 22)
 - 4. Certification of Temporary Athletic Team Coach List for 2007-08 (Encl. No. 23)
 - 5. Authorization to Change Disability Insurance Provider (Encl. No. 24)
 - 6. 2007-2008 Operations Application: K-3 Class Size Reduction (Encl. No. 25)
- 9.4 SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE
 - 1. Minutes of the Board Meeting of October 9, 2007 (Encl. No. 26)

Motion No. 49 Rodney Elder moved to approve Routine Action Item 9.2.3 (Encl. No. 19). Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: Elder, Guerrero, Lane, Martin, and Qualls. Absent: Jones. Abstain: Stephenson.

Motion No. 50 Rob Stephenson moved to approve Routine Action Item 9.4.1 (Encl. No. 26). Juan Guerrero seconded the motion. Ayes: Elder, Guerrero, Lane, and Stephenson. Absent: Jones. Abstain: Martin and Qualls.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
PANEL RECOM-
MENDATIONS/
ACTION**

EXPULSIONS
Motion No. 51 Michael Lane moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Expulsions Case No. 08-11 E, Case No. 08-12 E, Case No. 08-13 E, Case No. 08-14 E, Case No. 08-15 E, Case No. 08-16 E, Case No. 08-17 E, Case No. 08-18 E, Case No. 08-19 E, Case No. 08-20 E, Case No. 08-21 E, Case No. 08-22 E, and Case No. 08-23 E. (Encl. No. 27) Rodney Elder seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

REVIEWS-
CONTINUED Michael Lane moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendation for Reviews-Continued Expulsion Case No. 08-11 RCE. (Encl. No. 28) Jim Qualls seconded the

EXPULSION
Motion No. 52

motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

REINSTATEMENT
Motion No. 53

Rob Stephenson moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendation for Reinstatement Case No. 08-37 R. (Encl. No. 29) Juan Guerrero seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 13, 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