

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

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The February 26, 2008 Board meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Juan Guerrero 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	8:25	
William A. Fulmer	5:30	8:25	
Juan R. Guerrero	5:30	8:25	
Larry Jones	5:30	8:25	
Michael Lane	5:30	8:25	
Donna Martin	5:30	8:25	
Jim L. Qualls	5:30	8:25	
 Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent	 5:30	 8:25	

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
 July Hong, Student Representative

CLOSED SESSION

President Guerrero 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. CSEA
 - 2. VUTA
 - 3. Management

**EARLY BIRD
SESSION**

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

**DISTRICT PROGRAM
IMPROVEMENT
PROGRESS REPORT
Motion No. 113**

Mimi Bonds, Coordinator, State and Federal Projects, presented the District Program Improvement Progress Report. (Encl. No. 1) As a result of being identified as a Program Improvement District under No Child Left Behind (NCLB) requirements, Visalia Unified School District was required to consult with an outside provider for services (Tulare County Office of Education –Guadalupe Solis) from 2005-2007. Meeting dates and review of progress are performed as a monitoring of progress and recommended improvements to the instructional program for identified subgroups of students as directed by the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum/Education Services. VUSD has met

proficiency rates for 40 of the 42 academic targets under the Federal NCLB statutes. The two targets not met are under the English Learner and Special Education subgroups. Districts failing to make all targets for three or more years are identified as “Corrective Action”. The State Board of Education is in the process of considering the different levels of assistance it will provide to school districts that are identified in the Program Improvement Status of “Corrective Action”.

Dr. Guadalupe Solis, Administrator, Tulare County Office of Education, Student Support and Academic Services/Educational Resources Services, reported to the Board on the fall progress review of the work the district is implementing.

Bill Fulmer moved to approve the District Program Improvement Progress Report. Donna Martin seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

TITLE III ACTION PLAN

Motion No. 114

Ms. Bonds presented the Title III Action Plan. (Encl. No. 2) As a result of being identified as a Program Improvement District under NCLB requirements, Visalia Unified School District is required to develop a comprehensive action plan under Title III (Federal funding for English Learners) regulations. The plan was developed in consultation with West Ed and the Title III region lead. The plan includes a comprehensive needs assessment, identification of challenge areas, and planned solutions tied to the goal of improving language proficiency and academic achievement for English Learners. The State of California has 1.5M English Learners--more than Texas (500,000), New York, Florida, and Arizona combined.

Bill Fulmer moved to approve the Title III Action Plan. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

REGULAR SESSION

The Board convened the regular Board meeting at 7:05 p.m. President Guerrero announced that no action was taken in closed session. Donna Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION/ PROCLAMATIONS/ ACTION

RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION – CÉSAR E. CHÁVEZ DAY – MARCH 31, 2008
Motion No. 115

Clerk Rodney Elder read the resolution declaring March 31, 2008 as “César E. Chávez Day encouraging District staff and students to support this special day. (Encl. No. 3)

Michael Lane moved to approve the resolution of recognition. Donna Martin seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION DECLARING MARCH 2008 WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH
Motion No. 116

Clerk Rodney Elder read the resolution declaring March 2008 Women’s History Month encouraging educational personnel to commemorate this time with appropriate instructional activities. (Encl. No. 4)

Donna Martin moved to approve the resolution. Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes:

All. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION
DECLARING MARCH
2008 ARTS
EDUCATION MONTH
Motion No. 117**

Clerk Rodney Elder read the resolution declaring March 2008 as Arts Education Month encouraging all schools to celebrate the arts with meaningful student activities and programs that demonstrate learning and understanding in the visual and performing arts. (Encl. No. 5)

Jim Qualls moved to approve the resolution. Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

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

**GENERAL PUBLIC
COMMENT**

Karl Kildow, President, Visalia Unified Teachers Association, thanked Superintendent Carrizosa for inviting him to participate in the Sacramento legislative visit on March 3 to speak for the students concerning the proposed budget cuts in education. He requested for an invitation to be extended to the PTA as well.

**STATE BUDGET
UPDATE**

Christine Statton, CPA, Chief Financial Officer, presented the State Budget Update. (Encl. No. 6) With the current State budget crisis, administration will bring regular updates on Visalia Unified's 2008-09 budget development process. The presentation provided information on the State Legislation implementation of mid-year reductions to the State budget and a review of the Governor's proposed State Budget for 2008-09.

**DISTRICT BLOCK
GRANT UPDATE:
ONE-TIME FUNDS –
MUSIC**

Carlyn Lambert, Assistant Superintendent – Curriculum/Educational Services, and Libby Romani, Program Specialist – Music Program, presented a summary of the process that went into the 609 items of equipment and instruments purchased by the District Level Block Grant Funds for the Music program. (Encl. No. 7) Last year the State issued a one-time Block Grant for music, the arts, and PE with 75% being given to each school with School Site Councils assisting in how the money would be spent and 25% given to the District. This was the first in a series of three presentations on purchases made with the one-time funds.

**VUSD INTERESTS
FOR 2008-09
CERTIFICATED
CONTRACT
NEGOTIATIONS**

Cindi Costa, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Development, presented the first reading of VUSD Interests for 2008-09 Certificated Contract Negotiations. (Encl. No. 8) Government Code Section 3547 requires all initial contract proposals of the Board and an employee organization which relate to matters within the scope of representation be presented at a public meeting and be made available for public review at the District Office for a reasonable period of time. In accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement, the current contract is in effect from July 1, 2007 until June 30, 2010. This document will serve as the District's initial contract proposal for the opening of negotiations for 2008-2009.

The District's initial contract "interests" will be available for review in the Assistant

Superintendent, Human Resources Development office until the next regular Board meeting on March 11, 2008. The Board will hold a public hearing on March 11, 2008 and allow the public to comment on the “interests” submitted by VUSD prior to adopting its initial contract “interests”.

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

July Hong, 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:

- Read to Kindergarten and first graders at Washington Elementary as part of their Rotary Club project
- Attended the El Diamante High School musical “The Wizard of Oz”
- Attended the WASC receptions for Golden West and Mt. Whitney high schools
- Attended Visalia Education Foundation meeting. They are negotiating a contract for a fund raiser concert on August 2 with details to follow.
- Attended a focus group with Channel 30/ABC to discuss positive stories at school sites
- Attended a meeting where State Deputy Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Tony Monreal, addressed area superintendents on the Governor’s proposed budget and the impact it would have on school districts.
- Met with students at Sequoia High School. They were asking for letterman jackets, girls’ sports, a marquee and mural with school logo and school T-shirts reflecting the positive morale and school spirit that is being felt there.

Superintendent Carrizosa reported on speaking to English Learner parents at the District DELAC Committee meeting discussing topics such as the State budget and school safety.

**FOCUS ON
STUDENT
LEARNING**

**DISTRICT-WIDE
GOALS FOR 2008-09**

Superintendent Carrizosa presented the first draft of the proposed district-wide goals for 2008-09. (Encl. No. 9) The goals have been drafted to represent Board and staff input. They were reviewed as a first reading and will be brought before the Board for a second reading and adoption on March 11, 2008.

Recommendations to add to the district-wide goals from the Board included developing a VUSD Parent Partnership Agreement to clarify shared responsibility, to include outreach to all appropriate community service clubs in the community, and to include Southeast Asian parents in the Parent Education program.

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

Stan Carrizosa presented the first reading of the following board policy revisions that staff and the Board Policy Committee have reviewed.

Mandated AR 1312.4 – Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures. (Encl. No. 10) These procedures were put into place to monitor the implementation of that settlement and funding. Under Community Relations, the revisions bring the District policy into

PROCEDURES – FIRST READING compliance with what the new requirements are for the posting of those complaint procedures throughout our schools so that parents and staff know if there is something not adhering to the Williams Settlement how to bring that to the attention of the District.

CSBA REVISION TO BP 3516 – EMERGENCIES AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PLAN – FIRST READING Mandated BP 3516 – Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan. (Encl. No. 11) The updated policy directs the development of an emergency plan for each school site and encourages collaboration with local health departments and emergency responders when developing the response plan. It also contains revised language regarding the use of the Standardized Emergency Management System guidelines and the National Incident Command System.

CSBA REVISION TO BP 5142 – SAFETY – FIRST READING BP 5142 – Safety. (Encl. No. 12) The updated policy includes language reflecting new court decisions regarding district liability against unforeseeable criminal acts and liability in sports activities. It also contains material on crossing guards and safety patrols.

ROUTINE ACTION Motion No. 118 Rodney Elder moved to approve the Routine Action Items, Encl. No. 13-23. Michael Lane seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

9.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Warrant List - February 1, 2008 through February 8, 2008 (Encl. No. 13)
2. VUSD General Fund Cash Flows as of December 31, 2007 (Encl. No. 14)
3. Approval of RFP 4658 - Annual Audit Services (Encl. No. 15)

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

1. Student Field Trip Request(s) (Encl. No. 16)
2. Community Based English Tutoring (CBET) Plan (Encl. No. 17)

9.3 CURRICULUM/EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. Memorandum of Understanding - Tulare County Office of Education Improvement Technical Assistance/Title III (Encl. No. 18)

9.4 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 19)
2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 20)
3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 21)
4. Certification of Temporary Athletic Team Coach List for 2007-08 (Encl. No. 22)

9.5 SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

1. Minutes of the Board Meeting of February 12, 2008 (Encl. No. 23)

ADMINISTRATIVE PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS/ ACTION

EXPULSIONS

Motion No. 119

Michael Lane moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Expulsions Case No. 08-101 E, Case No. 08-102 E, Case No. 08-103 E, Case No. 08-104 E, Case No. 08-105 E, Case No. 08-106 E, Case No. 08-107 E, Case No. 08-108 E, Case No. 08-109 E, Case No. 08-110 E, Case No. 08-111 E, Case No. 08-112 E, Case No. 08-

113 E, Case No. 08-114 E, and Case No. 08-115 E. (Encl. No. 24) Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

**SUSPENDED
EXPULSIONS**
Motion No. 120

Donna Martin moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Suspended Expulsions Case No. Case No. 08-25 SE and Case No. 08-26 SE. (Encl. No. 25) Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

**REVIEWS-
CONTINUED
EXPULSION**
Motion No. 121

Michael Lane moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendation for Reviews-Continued Expulsion Case No. 08-21 RCE. (Encl. No. 26) Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

GENERAL AGENDA

**2008-09 SCHOOL
CALENDAR**
Motion No. 122

Myron Sheklian, Area Administrator, Elementary, presented the second reading of the proposed 2008-09 School Calendar. (Encl. No. 27)

There was no public comment.

Bill Fulmer moved to approve the 2008-09 School Calendar. Donna Martin seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION TO
RELEASE
TEMPORARY
CERTIFICATED
EMPLOYEES**
Motion No. 123

Cindi Costa, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Development, presented the Resolution to Release Temporary Certificated Employees. (Encl. No. 28) Each year, prior to March 15, the Board is asked to release from employment at the end of the school all temporary teachers per Education Code 44954. Teachers are designated temporary because they replace a teacher on leave or on special assignment or were hired under categorical funding.

Rodney Elder moved to approve the Resolution to Release Temporary Certificated Employees. Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2008, 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,

Rodney Elder
Clerk

Stan A. Carrizosa
Superintendent