

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

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The April 8, 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	8:50	
William A. Fulmer	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	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
 Lauren Evans, 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 REVIEWS-CONTINUED EXPULSIONS
- 2.3 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ASSIGNMENT/REASSIGNMENT/APPOINTMENT
 - 1. Principal – High School
 - 2. Director IV, Area Administration
- 2.4 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
 - 1. Agency Negotiator: Cindi Costa
 - 2. Employee Organizations
 - 1. CSEA
 - 2. VUTA
 - 3. Management

REGULAR SESSION

Motion No. 142

The Board convened the regular Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. President Guerrero announced that the Board took the following action in closed session. On a motion by Donna Martin and second by Michael Lane with a unanimous vote, John Ramirez was appointed to the position of Director IV for Area Administration. He currently serves as Principal of Sequoia High School.

Motion No. 143

On a motion by Jim Qualls, a second by Bill Fulmer and a unanimous vote, the Board appointed Mike Waters for the position of Principal for El Diamante High School. He currently serves as Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Instruction at Golden West

High School.

Jim Qualls led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC
RECOGNITION/
PROCLAMATIONS/
ACTION**

RECOGNITION OF
MT. WHITNEY HIGH
SCHOOL DECA
ADVISOR STEPHEN
ROGERS –
RECIPIENT OF THE
DECA OUTSTAND-
ING SERVICE
AWARD

Mt. Whitney High School DECA Advisor, Stephen Rogers, is the recipient of the DECA Outstanding Service Award in recognition of his demonstrated leadership in the Mt. Whitney High School DECA program of student activity. Mr. Rogers is to be honored with this award at the International Conference on April 25-29, 2008 in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Visalia Unified Board of Education, Superintendent and District staff acknowledged Advisor Stephen Rogers for this achievement. (Encl. No. 1)

RESOLUTION
DECLARING APRIL
22, 2008
CALIFORNIA
SCHOOL BUS
DRIVER'S DAY
Motion No. 144

VUSD recognized all school bus drivers for their continued and excellent services to the youth of the District. (Encl. No. 2) They currently transport 4,500 students to school each day traveling in excess of 700,000 miles and 120,000 miles for field trips.

Board Clerk Rodney Elder read the Proclamation declaring April 22nd as California School Bus Driver's Day.

Bill Fulmer moved to approve the Proclamation and Michael Lane seconded the motion.
Ayes: All. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION
SUPPORTING
SCHOOL LIBRARY
MEDIA MONTH
Motion No. 145

The Board recognized school library media center staff for their significant contributions made to further academic achievement and lifelong learning of our students. (Encl. No. 3)

Clerk Elder read the Proclamation supporting April 2008 as School Library Media Month.

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

RESOLUTION
DECLARING MAY
2008 ASIAN PACIFIC
HERITAGE MONTH
Motion No. 146

Clerk Elder read the Resolution declaring May 2008 as Asian Pacific Heritage Month. (Encl. No. 4)

Michael Lane moved to approve the Resolution and Donna Martin seconded the motion.
Ayes: All. Motion carried.

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

**GENERAL PUBLIC
COMMENT**

Nancy Powell, Principal of Golden West High School, thanked the Board and the Maintenance Department for their support in improving and maintaining the District's facilities. When the school sites are well-maintained, it lifts the morale of the school environment and the pride of the students and staff.

**VUSD 2008-09
INTERESTS FOR
CLASSIFIED
NEGOTIATIONS**

Fernie Marroquin, Administrator, Human Resources Development, presented and reviewed the VUSD 2008-2009 Interests for Classified Negotiations. (Encl. No. 5) 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. These will be available for review in the office of the Administrator of Human Resources Development until the next regular Board meeting of April 22 at which time the Board will hold a public hearing to allow the public to comment on the interests submitted by VUSD prior to adopting its initial contract interests.

The initial contract interests will be "sunshined" and then negotiated after the California School Employees Association submits its initial contract interests.

**VISALIA UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL LIBRARY
REPORT**

Jayne Forbes, Library Media Manager, Grades 7-12, and George Pilling, District Library Media Specialist, presented the Annual Library Report. (Encl. No. 6) Connected to School Library Media Month, this report provided a clear overview of the work and services provided by our District and site library staff to the students of VSUD to directly support in their learning goals. The report detailed the positive impact our partnerships with national authors have on student reading.

**SPRING FACILITIES
COMPLETION
UPDATE**

Randy Groom, Director, Administrative Services, presented the Spring Facilities Completion Update. (Encl. 7) The Administrative Services Department has been involved in numerous facilities construction, repair, refurbishing, and upgrade projects over the past several months including the completion of the Mt. Whitney High School classrooms and the Royal Oaks field to be used by Redwood High School baseball.

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

Lauren Evans, Student Representative to the Board from Redwood 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:

- Green Acres Middle School wind ensemble represented VUSD well in Washington D.C.
- Attended El Diamante High School Open House
- Attended Golden West High School musical - "West Side Story"

- Attended Mason's Public Schools Recognition
- Congratulated Donna Martin for being selected as a representative of the CSBA Delegate Assembly
- Attended PIQE graduations at Valley Oak Middle School and Goshen Elementary School
- Toured Visalia Charter Independent Study

Superintendent Carrizosa congratulated Mike Wilson and Golden West High School for their successful musical.

He announced that Cheri LaVerne, Principal of Linwood Elementary School, received a personal phone call from State Superintendent Jack O'Connell announcing that Linwood will be recognized in Anaheim as one of the twenty-five distinguished elementary schools in the State. He congratulated the entire staff for their dedication.

ROUTINE ACTION
Motion No. 147

Rodney Elder moved to approve the Routine Action Items, Encl. No. 8-17. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

7.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Warrant List - March 14, 2008 through March 14, 2008 (Encl. No. 8)
2. 2007-08 Budget Revision No. 11 (Encl. No. 9)
3. Resolution Setting the Public Hearing for the 2008-2009 Proposed Budget (Encl. No. 10)
4. Resolution Authorizing the Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services to Execute Agreements with the California Department of Transportation (Encl. No. 11)
5. Visalia Civic Facilities Authority User Contracts (Encl. No. 12)

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

1. Student Field Trip Request(s) (Encl. No. 13)

7.3 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 14)
2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 15)
3. Certification of Temporary Athletic Team Coach List for 2007-08 (Encl. No. 16)
4. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the School Counselor Field Experience Agreement between Visalia Unified School District (VUSD) and Fresno Pacific University (FPU) (Encl. No. 17)

**ADMINISTRATIVE
PANEL RECOM-
MENDATIONS/
ACTION**

EXPULSIONS
Motion No. 148

Donna Martin moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Expulsions Case No. 08-138 E, Case No. 08-139 E, Case No. 08-140 E, Case No. 08-141 E, Case No. 08-142 E, and Case No. 08-143 E. (Encl. No. 18) Michael Lane seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

REVIEWS-
CONTINUED
EXPULSIONS
Motion No. 149

Michael Lane moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendation for Reviews-Continued Expulsions Case No. 08-22 RCE. (Encl. No. 19) Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

GENERAL AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION
TO ELIMINATE/
REDUCE
PARTICULAR KINDS
OF CLASSIFIED
SERVICE:
CLASSIFIED
POSITIONS
Motion No. 150

Fernie Marroquin, Administrator, Human Resources Development, presented the Recommendation to Eliminate/Reduce Particular Kinds of Classified Services: Classified Positions. (Encl. No. 20) Prior to the Board taking action and in accordance with Education Code sections 45101, 45114, 45117, 45298, and 45308, the District Administration recommended reducing or eliminating particular kinds of services currently being provided by classified employees as listed on the attached letter. This categorical reduction is done annually determined at the individual site level. Some positions may be reinstated should grant funding be made available as a result of applications that have been made.

There was no public comment.

Rodney Elder moved to approve the Recommendation to Eliminate/Reduce Particular Kinds of Classified Service: Classified Positions. Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION TO
ELIMINATE/REDUCE
PARTICULAR KINDS
OF CLASSIFIED
SERVICE:
CLASSIFIED
POSITIONS
Motion No. 151

Fernie Marroquin explained that this is the formal resolution that the Education Code requires for the recommendation that the Board previously approved. (Encl. No. 21)

There was no public comment.

Donna Martin moved to approve the Resolution to Eliminate/Reduce Particular Kinds of Classified Service: Classified Positions. Rodney Elder seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

VUTA INTERESTS/
INITIAL PROPOSAL
FOR CERTIFICATED
NEGOTIATIONS
Motion No. 152

Karl Kildow, President of Visalia Unified Teachers Association (VUTA), presented the second reading of the VUTA Interests/Initial Proposal for Certificated Negotiations. (Encl. 22) 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. The initial contract interests/proposal has been available for public review since March 25, 2008 after the first reading was presented to the Board.

There was no public comment.

Rodney Elder moved to acknowledge receipt of VUTA's initial contract interests/proposal. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

NOTICE OF INTENT
TO EMPLOY

Cindi Costa, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Development, presented the Notice of Intent to Employ Certificated Personnel and Approval of Variable Term Waiver

**CERTIFICATED
PERSONNEL AND
APPROVAL OF
VARIABLE TERM
WAIVER REQUEST
Motion No. 153**

Request. (Encl. No. 23) Prior to submitting a Variable Term Waiver Request to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, a notice of intent to employ an individual on the basis of a credential waiver must be published in the Board agenda and approval granted by the Governing Board.

Jim Qualls moved to approve the Notice of Intent to Employee Certificated Personnel and Approval of Variable Term Waiver Request. Donna Martin seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

**VISALIA UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESPONSE TO
INTERVENTION (RtI)**

Carlyn Lambert, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum/Education Services, presented the Visalia Unified School District Response to Intervention (RtI). (Encl. No. 24) As a result of the reauthorization of the IDEA law, school districts are required to develop and implement a system of interventions known as Response to Intervention (RtI). RtI is a process that employs current resources in a tiered model that increases in intensity based on identified student needs. VUSD has been developing plans for revising current structures to accommodate interventions. The presentation defined and explained RtI, the implementation process for VUSD (timeline), and updated the process to date.

ADJOURNMENT

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

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 22, 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