

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

**OPENING  
BUSINESS**

The June 10, 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	8:30	
William A. Fulmer	5:30	8:30	
Juan R. Guerrero	5:30	8:30	
Larry Jones	5:30	8:30	
Michael Lane	5:30	8:30	
Donna Martin			X
Jim L. Qualls	5:30	8:30	
Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent	5:30	8:30	

**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

**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
  - 1. Principal – Annie R. Mitchell Elementary School
- 2.5 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
  - 1. Agency Negotiator: Cindi Costa
  - 2. Employee Organizations
    - 1. CSEA
    - 2. VUTA
    - 3. Management
- 2.6 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE CONTRACT - Superintendent

**REGULAR SESSION**

The Board convened the regular Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. President Guerrero announced that there was action taken in closed session. On a motion by Bill Fulmer and a second by Jim Qualls, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Andy Di Meo as the Principal of Annie R. Mitchell effective July 1, 2008.

President Guerrero excused Board member Donna Martin from tonight's meeting because she is out of town on business.  
 Juan Guerrero led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT      There was no public comment.

2008-09 BUDGET PLANNING UPDATE: VISALIA ADULT SCHOOL      Jill Rojas, Principal of the Visalia Adult School (VAS), reviewed the various programs offered by the Adult School and presented the 2008-09 Budget Planning Update. (Encl. No. 1) Last year the Adult School offered classes at 36 locations and awarded 87 High School Diplomas, 321 GED Certificates and there were 321 Career Technical Completers.

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

The Board members' reports included the following:

- Attended High School graduations and shook approximately 1,200 hands
- Attended Fairview PIQE where 50 parents graduated
- Attended appreciation event in Ivanhoe for Detective Kent Haws
- Attended Middle School promotion ceremonies

**ROUTINE ACTION**

- 6.1      **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**
1.      Warrant List - May 16, 2008 through May 30, 2008 (Encl. No. 2)
  2.      2007-08 Budget Revision No. 15 (Encl. No. 3)
  3.      Renewal of Agreement with California State University, Fresno, Dietetic Internship Program (Encl. No. 4)
  4.      Renewal of Food Service Agreement for Tulare County Office of Education Child Care (Encl. No. 5)
  5.      Vendor Contracts for Various Maintenance and Service Needs (Encl. No. 6)
  6.      Request to Piggyback off Los Angeles County Office of Education for Computers (Encl. No. 7)
  7.      Approval of Bid 4665 - Mt. Whitney High School Locker Room HVAC Project (Encl. No. 8)
  8.      Change Order #3 - El Diamante High School Chiller System Upgrade (Encl. No. 9)
  9.      Five-Year Deferred Maintenance Plan (Encl. No. 10)
- 6.2      **AREA ADMINISTRATORS, K-6; 7-12/Adult**
1.      Student Field Trip Request(s) (Encl. No. 11)
- 6.3      **CURRICULUM/EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**
1.      School Site Plans (Encl. No. 12)
  2.      Quarterly Uniform Compliant Report (Encl. No. 13)
  3.      Foster Youth Services Grant (Encl. No. 14)
- 6.4      **HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT**
1.      Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 15)
  2.      Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 16)
  3.      Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 17)

4. Notice to Employ Certificated Personnel for Extended Year - Middle and High Schools (Encl. No. 18)
- 6.5 SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE
  1. Minutes of the Board Meeting of May 13, 2008 (Encl. No. 19)

Motion No. 186 Rodney Elder moved to approve the Routine Action Items, Encl. No. 2-19. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATIVE  
PANEL RECOM-  
MENDATIONS/  
ACTION**

**EXPULSIONS**

Motion No. 187

Bill Fulmer moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Expulsions Case No. 08-174 E, Case No. 08-175 E, Case No. 08-176 E, Case No. 08-177 E, Case No. 08-178 E, Case No. 08-179 E, Case No. 08-180 E, Case No. 08-181 E, Case No. 08-182 E, Case No. 08-183 E, Case No. 08-184 E, and Case No. 08-185 E. (Encl. No. 20) Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

**SUSPENDED  
EXPULSIONS**

Motion No. 188

Bill Fulmer moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Suspended Expulsions Case No. 08-39 SE and Case No. 08-40 SE. (Encl. No. 21) Rodney Elder seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

**REINSTATEMENTS**

Motion No. 189

Larry Jones moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Reinstatements Case No. 08-70 R, Case No. 08-71 R, Case No. 08-72 R, Case No. 08-73 R, Case No. 08-74 R, Case No. 08-75 R, Case No. 08-76 R, Case No. 08-77 R, Case No. 08-78 R, Case No. 08-79 R, and Case No. 08-80 R. (Encl. No. 22) Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

**GENERAL AGENDA**

Review/Public Hearing/  
Public Input/Board  
Discussion/**ACTION**  
(as applicable)

**PUBLIC HEARING –  
2008-09 PROPOSED  
BUDGET**

Christine Statton, Chief Financial Officer, presented the 2008-2009 Proposed Budget for Public Hearing as a first reading. (Encl. No. 23) In accordance with Education Code Section 42103, the Governing Board of each school district shall hold a Public Hearing on the proposed budget. The Public Hearing shall be held for the purpose of permitting any District resident to appear and speak to the Board on any item in the budget.

The budget, as presented, did not reflect the State Budget in its final form and may require future updating and modification. Following the Public Hearing, the VUSD budget will be adopted and duly filed with the County Superintendent of Schools by the Governing

Board five days after the adoption or by July 1, 2008, whichever occurs first. A revised budget will be adopted no later than 45 days after the signing of the State's Annual Budget Act. The adoption provides spending authorization for the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

There was no public comment. This proposed budget will be placed on the Board agenda

for the next meeting on June 24 for adoption.

INITIAL  
NEGOTIATIONS  
PROPOSAL OF CSEA  
CHAPTER 83 TO  
VUSD FOR 2008-09  
Motion No. 190

Dr. Fernie Marroquin, Administrator, Human Resources Development, presented the Initial Negotiations Proposal of CSEA Chapter 83 to VUSD for 2008-09. (Encl. No. 24) 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 proposal was available for review in the office of the Administrator of Human Resources Development after the May 27 Board meeting when it was initially presented to the Board.

President Guerrero asked for any public comment. There was none.

Bill Fulmer moved to acknowledge receipt of CSEA's interests for 2008-09. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT  
AGREEMENT:  
SUPERINTENDENT  
Motion No. 191

Cindi Costa, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Development, presented the Superintendent's Employment Agreement. (Encl. No. 25) The Board has conducted their annual evaluation of the Superintendent. In accordance with Board Policy, the Board held both a mid-year review of the Superintendent's progress on the District goals and objectives and a year-end review and evaluation.

The length of this contract remains at three years starting July 2, 2008 and ending June 30, 2011. All terms and conditions of the Superintendent's employment agreement remain the same as in the previous contract. Effective July 1, 2008, the Superintendent will move to Step 7 on the Board approved Superintendent's base salary schedule. The Superintendent's salary schedule will be adjusted annually with the same increase cost of living adjustment (COLA) approved by the Board for all other management staff in the District. The Superintendent will be afforded health and welfare benefits consistent with all other District management staff including medical, dental, vision, employee assistant benefits and term life insurance.

There was no public comment.

Rodney Elder moved to approve the Superintendent's Employment Agreement. Michael Lane seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING –  
SCHOOL FACILITY  
NEEDS ANALYSIS  
AND FEE  
DETERMINATION  
STUDY  
Motion No. 192

David Loverin, Internal Auditor, presented the School Facility Needs Analysis and Fee Determination Study. (Encl. No. 26) The District has completed a School Facility Needs Analysis to determine the permissible alternative school facility fees allowable. The School Facility Needs Analysis has been made available for public review for at least 30 days. Notice of the public hearing was posted in the Visalia Times Delta on May 8, 2008. The recommendation from staff was to increase the commercial fees from \$.042 to \$.047 which is the new statutory rate and to keep the Residential Fees at \$3.48, the same as last year, during this bad economic time. The alternative fee will lapse in one year, thus VUSD will conduct this analysis annually effective July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

President Guerrero asked for public comment. There was none.

Rodney Elder moved to approve the staff recommendation to increase Commercial Fees to \$.047 and keep the Residential Fees the same as last year at \$3.48. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION  
ADOPTING  
INCREASED  
COMMERCIAL  
DEVELOPER FEE  
BASED ON THE  
APPROVED  
SCHOOL FACILITY  
NEEDS ANALYSIS  
AND FEE  
DETERMINATION  
Motion No. 193

The Resolution Adopting Increased Commercial Developer Fee Based on the Approved School Facility Needs Analysis and Fee Determination goes along with the previous agenda item that the Board adopted. (Encl. No. 27) This analysis calls for an increase in Developer Fees Level 1 commercial/industrial development. Adoption of the resolution will increase the Developer Fee to \$.047 per square foot of commercial/industrial construction (the state statutory fee). The commercial fee increase would become effective August 11, 2008.

Bill Fulmer moved to approve the increase in Developer Fees Level 1 to \$.047 per square foot of commercial/industrial construction. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION  
ADOPTING  
CONTINUED LEVEL  
2 RESIDENTIAL  
DEVELOPER FEE  
BASED ON THE  
APPROVED SCHOOL  
FACILITY NEEDS  
AND FEE  
DETERMINATION  
Motion No. 194

The adoption of this resolution will keep the Developer Fees at the current rate of \$3.48 per square foot of residential construction (an alternative fee). (Encl. No. 28) The residential fees would become effective July 1, 2008. The alternative fee will lapse in one year, thus VUSD will conduct this analysis annually effective July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

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

RESOLUTION  
AUTHORIZING  
APPLICATION FOR  
LOCAL AND STATE  
GRANTS  
Motion No. 195

Robert Gröeber, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services, presented the Resolution Authorizing Application for Local and State Grants for bus replacement. (Encl. No. 29) This would authorize staff to apply for grant funding to purchase school buses using the Lower- Emission School Bus Replacement Program administered by the local Air District. The grant will provide for up to \$140,000 per bus. The grant was designed to replace older buses with “fuel neutral”, clean burning, low sulfur diesel or with air compressed natural gas (CNG) buses. There are twenty-four VUSD buses that were built before 1987 that qualify for this grant. It is very unlikely that there will be funding for all of these buses. There are 577 buses in the area that qualify and there is only enough funding for 209. The funds are distributed on a first come first served basis. At a \$25,000 district contribution for each bus, the total potential obligation would be \$600,000. The District would be able to lease/purchase the buses over five to seven years.

Rodney Elder moved to approve this resolution authorizing staff to apply for the local and state grants. Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

REQUEST TO  
PIGGYBACK OFF

This is a request to piggyback off of Waterford Unified School District for the purchase of

**WATERFORD  
UNIFIED SCHOOL  
DISTRICT FOR  
SCHOOL BUSES**

Motion No. 196

school buses should the District be awarded the above mentioned grant. (Encl. No. 30)  
In order to participate in the piggyback option, the buses must be ordered before  
December of this year.

Larry Jones moved to approve the request and Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes:  
All. Motion carried.

**DECLARATION OF  
NEED FOR FULLY  
QUALIFIED  
EDUCATORS**

Motion No. 197

Even though the administration makes every effort to employ only fully qualified and  
credentialed certificated staff, each year some teachers must be hired under Internships,  
Short Term Staff Permits (STSPs), Provisional Internship Permits (PIPs), and emergency  
Clad permits. The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing requires that a  
Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators be adopted at a public meeting of the  
Board and be on file in their office prior to the issuance of these permits in that District.  
(Encl. No. 31)

Bill Fulmer moved to approve the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators. Jim  
Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

**NOTICE OF INTENT  
TO EMPLOY  
CERTIFICATED  
PERSONNEL AND  
APPROVAL OF  
PROVISIONAL  
INTERNSHIP  
PERMIT REQUEST**

Motion No. 198

The Provisional Internship Permit (PIP) was created as a response to the phasing out of  
emergency permits to meet the needs of the District if, after a diligent search has been  
made, a fully-credentialed teacher cannot be found. (Encl. No. 32) The candidate has  
met the requirements established by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing  
to receive this permit. The candidate will be completing the requirements to demonstrate  
subject-matter competency.

Jim Qualls moved to approve the Notice of Intent to Employ Certificated Personnel and  
Approval of Provisional Internship Permit Request. Bill Fulmer seconded the motion.  
Ayes: All. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 24, 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,

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Rodney Elder  
Clerk

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Stan A. Carrizosa  
Superintendent