

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

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The August 12, 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	8:15	
William A. Fulmer	5:30	8:15	
Juan R. Guerrero	5:30	8:15	
Larry Jones	5:30	8:15	
Michael Lane	5:30	8:15	
Donna Martin	5:30	8:15	
Jim L. Qualls	5:30	8:15	
 Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent	 5:30	 8:15	

Staff Members

Cindi Costa, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Development
Pam Ryan, Administrative 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 SUSPENDED EXPULSIONS
- 2.2 RECOMMENDED REVIEWS-CONTINUED EXPULSIONS
- 2.3 RECOMMENDED REINSTATEMENTS
- 2.4 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE
- 2.5 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ASSIGNMENT/REASSIGNMENT/APPOINTMENT
- 2.6 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
 - 1. Agency Negotiator: Cindi Costa
 - 2. Employee Organizations
 - 1. CSEA
 - 2. VUTA
 - 3. Management

REGULAR SESSION

The Board convened the regular Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. President Guerrero announced that no action was taken in closed session. A revised Routine Action Item 7.3.2 Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 13) was distributed before the meeting to replace the report that was a part of the original Board Agenda Packet.

Jim Qualls led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

applicable)

**GENERAL PUBLIC
COMMENT**

Phil Cox, Tulare County Supervisor, addressed the Board as a community member and distributed information regarding his concern to have a gate repaired at Conyer Elementary School.

Rollan Westly, a VUSD teacher, organized the Association of American Educators in Visalia and announced that he will continue to meet at school sites this year.

**WONDER PROJECT
UPDATE**

Scott Smith, Director of Instructional Technology, and his staff updated the Board on the 5th Grade Wonder Project. (Encl. No. 1) The project is a 3-year Enhancing Education Through Technology federal grant awarded to the Visalia Unified School District. The project focuses on 5th grade teachers and students at thirteen elementary schools (Conyer, Crestwood, Elbow Creek, Golden Oak, Hurley, Linwood, Mt. View, Pinkham, Royal Oaks, Veva Blunt, Oak Grove, Goshen, and Cottonwood Creek) emphasizing improvement in writing and science content.

For students, the Wonder Project has increased technology access levels to ensure success for all students and laid a foundation for tech-rich learning experiences that are active, engaging, and student-centered.

For teachers, the Wonder Project built capacity to reform classroom instruction to engage the wide range of needs in our diverse population.

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

Superintendent's Report:

- Superintendent Carrizosa welcomed back staff for the fall and thanked principals for their hard work and preparation for school to start on Thursday the 14th.
- He visited staff development the past two days at school sites. He thanked the facilities staff for getting all sites ready for the first day of school.
- The ceremony for the new Highland School Multi-purpose Building was held yesterday.
- Earlier this summer the ribbon cuttings for the two new elementary schools, Manuel F. Hernandez and Annie R. Mitchell, were held.
- He reported on the recent Grand Jury Report that came out and the information regarding our non-profit foundation organizations, specifically El Diamante. The District and the El Diamante Miner Foundation have prepared their responses and have given those to the Grand Jury.
- He stated that there are a number of middle school and high school non-profit foundations in the District. The emphasis will be renewed this year for each foundation to provide the District with a summary and year-end report which will then be given to the Board.
- He distributed and reviewed the Parent Partnership Statement that will be distributed to each school site for posting in English and Spanish. Letters explaining the process that took place were sent to each student's home with the Parent Partnership Statement included.
- He assured the Board that whatever improvements are necessary for the gate or fence at Conyer School will be made. That information will be sent to the Board.

The Board members' reports included the following:

- Congratulated the Visalia Education Foundation on the Kenny Loggins Concert fundraiser that will benefit VUSD students in the areas of music and the arts.
- Reminder of the All VUSD Inservice Day Convocation at the Convention Center on Friday, August 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- Attended Hispanic Community Advisory Committee

**FOCUS ON
STUDENT
LEARNING**

Presentation/Public

Comment/Board

Discussion/ACTION

(as applicable)

**VISALIA DISTRICT
ASSISTANCE AND
INTERVENTION
TEAM (VDAIT)
REPORT**

Dr. Craig Wheaton, Area Administrator 7-12, presented the Visalia District Assistance and Intervention Team (VDAIT) Report. (Encl. No. 2) The responsibility of the VDAIT (Alternative Governance Board) includes advising, planning, and monitoring the Program Improvement (PI) activities of schools in PI Phase 3-5 as prescribed by No Child Left Behind (NCLB) regulations.

Currently, VDAIT functions in an advisory capacity for the Program Improvement schools and monitors the implementation of restructuring plans for Phase 5 schools. The schools currently monitored by VDAIT are: Divisadero, Green Acres, and Valley Oak Middle Schools; Annie R. Mitchell, Crowley, Fairview, Houston, Highland, and Mineral King Elementary Schools. The report provided updated information about VDAIT's activities for the 2008-2009 school year.

ROUTINE ACTION

Bill Fulmer pulled Routine Action Item 7.1.1 – Warrant List (Encl. No. 3).

Donna Martin pulled Routine Action Item 7.2.3 – Encl. No. 10 because it is an agreement with her employer.

Motion No. 9

Michael Lane moved to approve the remaining Routine Action Items, Encl. No. 4-23. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

7.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Warrant List - June 27, 2008 through July 24, 2008 (Encl. No. 3)
2. 2008-2009 Budget Revision No. 2 (Encl. No. 4)
3. Approval of Bid 4676-Campus Security Alarm Services-Monitor Alarms and Digital Fire Alarms (Encl. No. 5)
4. Approval of Bid 4677-Security Patrol and Response to Alarms (Encl. No. 6)
5. Resolution of Intention to Grant Easement to California Water Service Company (Encl. No. 7)

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

1. Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 8)
 2. Promoting Safe and Stable Families Grant, Goshen Family Resource Center (Encl. No. 9)
 3. Clinical Training Agreement Between Visalia Adult School and Tulare County Office of Education (Encl. No. 10)
 4. Clinical Training Agreement Between Visalia Adult School and Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency (Encl. No. 11)
- 7.3 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 12)
 2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 13)
 3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 14)
 4. Certification of Temporary Athletic Team Coach List for 2008-09 (Encl. No. 15)
- 7.4 INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES
1. 2008 Innovation in Education Conference MOU with CVCUE (Encl. No. 16)
 2. Contract Renewal with Tulare County Sheriff's Department (Encl. No. 17)
 3. Renewal Tulare County Health and Human Services MediCal Administrative Services Program (Encl. No. 18)
 4. Supplemental Educational Service (SES) Providers (Encl. No. 19)
 5. Community Project Services Agreement-College of Sequoias CAL Works/State Work Study and Federal College Work Study Programs (Encl. No. 20)
- 7.5 SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE
1. Minutes of the Board Meeting of June 10, 2008 (Encl. No. 21)
 2. Minutes of the Board Meeting of June 24, 2008 (Encl. No. 22)
 3. Minutes of the Board Meeting of July 8, 2008 (Encl. No. 23)

Motion No. 10 Larry Jones moved to approve Routine Action Item 7.1.1 (Encl. No. 3). Rodney Elder seconded the motion. Ayes: Elder, Guerrero, Jones, Lane, Martin, and Qualls. Abstain: Fulmer. Motion carried.

Motion No. 11 Rodney Elder moved to approve Routine Action Item 7.2.3 (Encl. No. 10). Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: Elder, Fulmer, Guerrero, Jones, Lane, and Qualls. Abstain: Martin. Motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
PANEL RECOM-
MENDATIONS/
ACTION**

SUSPENDED
EXPULSIONS
Motion No. 12 Donna Martin moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Suspended Expulsions Case No. 09-04 SE and Case No. 09-05 SE. (Encl. No. 24) Rodney Elder seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

REVIEWS-
CONTINUED
EXPULSIONS
Motion No. 13 Michael Lane moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Reviews-Continued Expulsions Case No. 09-01 RCE, Case No. 09-02 RCE, and Case No. 09-03 RCE. (Encl. No. 25) Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

REINSTATEMENTS
Motion No. 14

Bill Fulmer moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Reinstatements Case No. 09-01 R, Case No. 09-02 R, Case No. 09-03 R, Case No. 09-04 R, Case No. 09-05 R, Case No. 09-06 R, Case No. 09-07 R, Case No. 09-08 R, Case No. 09-09 R, Case No. 09-10 R, Case No. 09-11 R, Case No. 09-12 R, Case No. 09-13 R, Case No. 09-14 R, Case No. 09-15 R, Case No. 09-16 R, Case No. 09-17 R, Case No. 09-18 R, Case No. 09-19 R, Case No. 09-20 R, Case No. 09-21 R, Case No. 09-22 R, Case No. 09-23 R, and Case No. 09-24 R. (Encl. No. 26) Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

GENERAL AGENDA

Review/Public Hearing/

Public Input/

Board Discussion/

ACTION (as applicable)

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

Motion No. 15

The Provisional Internship Permit (PI) 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. 27) The three requests are for Provisional Internship Permits for the 2008-09 school year in difficult to fill positions (English, Science, and Special Education). The District has conducted an extensive search for qualified applicants. The candidates have met the requirements established by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing to receive the permit. The candidates will be completing the requirements to demonstrate subject-matter competency.

Jim Qualls moved to approve the Notice of Intent to Employ Certificated Personnel and Provisional Internship Permits. Donna Martin seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 26, 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