

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

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The August 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	8:40	
William A. Fulmer	5:30	8:40	
Juan R. Guerrero	5:30	8:40	
Larry Jones	5:30	8:40	
Michael Lane	5:30	8:40	
Donna Martin	5:30	8:40	
Jim L. Qualls	5:30	8:40	
Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent	5:30	8:40	

Staff Members

Robert Gröeber, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services
Cindi Costa, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Development
Pam Ryan, Administrative Assistant, Superintendent's Office
Emily Berry, 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 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 REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
Property: 816 West Goshen Avenue, Visalia APN - 093-161-005
Agency negotiator: Robert Gröeber/Randy Groom
Negotiating parties: JCH Family Partnership
Under negotiation: Potential purchase
- 2.7 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.

**INTRODUCTION
OF OFFICE/**

Dr. Craig Wheaton and Drew Sorensen, Area Administrators-Secondary, presented the 2008-2009 student representatives to the Visalia Unified School District School Board.

INSTALLATION OF
STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVES
TO THE SCHOOL
BOARD FOR THE
2008-2009 SCHOOL
YEAR

(Encl. No. 1) The following new student representatives took the Oath of Office administered by Juan Guerrero, Board President:

Emily Berry – Mt. Whitney
Melissa Cook – El Diamante
Taylor Guthrie – Redwood
Christopher Ruiz – Golden West

PRESENTATION OF
DISTRICT
ADVISORY
COMMITTEES

The District has various advisory committees that meet monthly, bi-monthly, or quarterly to discuss District topics, be apprised of current issues, concerns, or trends, provide input for policies and procedures, and advise the District and the Board when beneficial. (Encl. No. 2) These committees also serve to increase the communication and partnerships between the District and the community.

Christine Statton, CPA, Chief Financial Officer, introduced the following 2008-2009 committee members to the Board:

- Area Attendance Advisory
- Health Advisory Committee
- Hispanic Community Advisory
- Property Advisory
- Superintendent's Facilities Advisory
- Superintendent's Finance Advisory
- Superintendent's Resource Development Advisory
- Visalia Unified Education (VUE) Forum

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. Larry Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

GENERAL PUBLIC
COMMENT

Mendy and Jeffery Ellis – Pinkham parents, spoke to the Board regarding their concern about one of Pinkham's teachers moving to another grade level.

Karl Kildow – VUTA President, introduced the VUTA Board members and school site representatives.

STATE BUDGET
UPDATE

Christine Statton's presentation provided an analysis of the current status of the proposed State budget and ramifications for the Visalia Unified School District's 2008-2009 budget. (Encl. No. 3)

**CHARTER
ALTERNATIVES
ACADEMY (UNION)-
RELOCATION
UPDATE**

John Ramirez, Director, Alternative Education/CTE-ROP, presented an update on the move of Charter Alternatives Academy from the Packwood site to the Union Elementary site. (Encl. No. 4)

**VUSD SUMMER
SCHOOL REPORT –
AUGUST 2008**

Drew Sorensen, Area Administrator, presented the VUSD Summer School Report – August 2008. (Encl. No. 5) He reviewed the progress of students enrolled in the Extended Year Program offered by middle and high schools relating to the implementation of a successful summer intervention program. The on-going review of school programs, including the Extended Year Program, results in improvements to curriculum, the instructional program, student learning, and school systems.

**SUMMER 2008
FACILITIES PROJECT
UPDATE**

Randy Groom, Director-Administrative Services, and Joe Haley, Director of Maintenance/Grounds, presented the Summer 2008 Facilities Project Update. (Encl. No. 6) The projects included the following:

Projects at Existing Facilities

- Roofing
- HVAC
- Paving
- Electrical and Plumbing
- Grounds
- Remodeling

New Construction:

- Annie R. Mitchell Elementary School
- Manuel F. Hernandez Elementary School
- Highland Elementary School Multi-Purpose Building

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

Emily Berry, Student Representative to the Board from Mt. Whitney 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:

- Attended Back to School Night at Washington Elementary
- Proposal to be written for local representative to sponsor legislation to revise the Education Code so that a behavior contract could be used for suspended expulsions so that students could stay connected to school
- VUSD has a well-thought out water conservation policy
- Requested a report on the plans for the vacated Packwood School
- Redwood holding Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE) for Southeast Asian parents

**ROUTINE ACTION
Motion No. 16**

Jim Qualls moved to approve the Routine Action Items, Encl. No. 7-27. Rodney Elder seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

- 8.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
 - 1. Warrant List - August 1, 2008 through August 8, 2008 (Encl. No. 7)
 - 2. 2008-2009 Budget Revision No. 3 (Encl. No. 8)
 - 3. Change Order #2 - Highland Elementary School (Encl. No. 9)
 - 4. Change Order #3 - Annie R. Mitchell Elementary School (Encl. No. 10)
 - 5. Change Order #3 - Manuel F. Hernandez Elementary School (Encl. No. 11)
 - 6. Notice of Completion - El Diamante High School HVAC Assessment Project (Encl. No. 12)
 - 7. Notice of Completion - Golden West Relocatable Weight Room Project (Encl. No. 13)
 - 8. Notice of Completion - Annie R. Mitchell Elementary School (Encl. No. 14)
 - 9. Notice of Completion - Manuel F. Hernandez Elementary School (Encl. No. 15)
 - 10. Remove Carlyn Lambert from Authorized Signer List (Encl. No. 16)
 - 11. Resolution Authorizing Grant of Easement to California Water Service Company (Encl. No. 17)
 - 12. Resolution - Joint Powers Agreement for Legal Services from Tulare County Counsel (Encl. No. 18)
- 8.3 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 2008-09 (Encl. No. 22)
- 8.4 INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES
 - 1. Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 23)
 - 2. Agreement Between Tulare Adult School, Dinuba Adult School and Visalia Adult School (Encl. No. 24)
 - 3. Memorandum of Understanding Between Tulare County Office of Education Child Care Educational Program and Visalia Unified School District for 2008-2009 School Year (Encl. No. 25)
 - 4. California State University, Bakersfield, School of Nursing Agreement (Encl. No. 26)
- 8.5 SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE
 - 1. Minutes of the Board Meeting of August 12, 2008 (Encl. No. 27)

**ADMINISTRATIVE
PANEL RECOM-
MENDATIONS/
ACTION
REVIEWS-
CONTINUED
EXPULSIONS
Motion No. 17**

Michael Lane moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Reviews-Continued Expulsions Case No. 09-04 RCE, Case No. 09-05 RCE, and Case No. 09-06 RCE. (Encl. No. 28) Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

REINSTATEMENTS
Motion No. 18

Donna Martin moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Reinstatements Case No. 09-25 R, Case No. 09-26 R, and Case No. 09-27 R. (Encl. No. 29) Larry Jones seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

GENERAL AGENDA

**COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING
AGREEMENT
BETWEEN VISALIA
UNIFIED SCHOOL
DISTRICT AND
CALIFORNIA
SCHOOL EMPLOYEE
ASSOCIATION
(CSEA), CHAPTER
83**

Cindi Costa, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Development, presented the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between Visalia Unified School District and California School Employee Association (CSEA), Chapter 83. (Encl. No. 30) On August 13, 2008, a Tentative Agreement was reached with CSEA and then ratified by their membership on August 25. There is no change in salary. There is a modification to increase doctor visit co-pay from \$10 to \$20 per visit and to utilize the remaining savings to increase life insurance coverage for all eligible employees from the current rate of \$50,000 to \$65,000 term life insurance.

There was no public comment.

Motion No. 19

Larry Jones moved to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between Visalia Unified School District and California School Employee Association (CSEA), Chapter 83. Donna Martin seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

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

Cindi Costa presented the Notice of Intent to Employ Certificated Personnel and Approval of Provisional Internship Permit (PIP) Request. (Encl. No. 31) The 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. The request is for a PIP for the 2008-09 school year in a Social Science position. The District has conducted an extensive search for qualified applicants. 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.

Motion No. 20

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

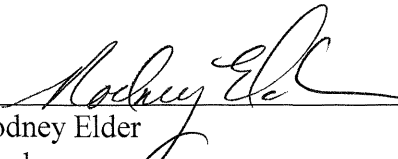
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

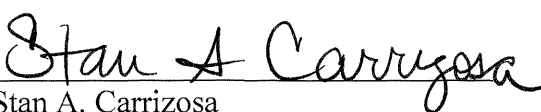
NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 9, 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