

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

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The September 23, 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	8:10	
William A. Fulmer	5:30	8:10	
Juan R. Guerrero	5:30	8:10	
Larry Jones	5:30	8:10	
Michael Lane	5:30	8:10	
Donna Martin	5:30	8:10	
Jim L. Qualls	5:30	8:10	
Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent	5:30	8:10	

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 EXPULSIONS
- 2.2 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ASSIGNMENT/REASSIGNMENT/APPOINTMENT
- 2.3 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
 - 1. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Subdivision (b) of Government Code §54956.9: (1 case)
- 2.4 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
 - 1. Agency Negotiator: Cindi Costa
 - 2. Employee Organizations
 - 1. VUTA
 - 2. Management

**PUBLIC
COMMENT**

President Juan Guerrero took Public Comment out of the agenda order.

Debbie Leslie and Sharyle Lovasco, presented their concerns about a safety incident at Crestwood Elementary School and met with Area Administrator Myron Sheklian and Principal Jim Sullivan after their comments.

**EARLY BIRD
SESSION**

The Early Bird Session opened at 6:40 p.m.

**VISALIA UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Mimi Bonds, Coordinator-State and Federal Projects, presented the Visalia Unified School District Parent University Update. (Encl. No. 1) VUSD has completed the first

**PARENT UNIVER-
SITY UPDATE**

year of Parent Education Sessions—Parent Institute of Quality Education (PIQE)--for parents over the course of the 2007-08 school year. PIQE is a nonprofit organization sponsored through private and public funding. The program's goal is to engage and connect parents through active recruitment and outreach and includes nine weeks of parent work sessions designed to assist parents in building an understanding of school site systems and how schools and parents work together to ensure student success with the option and access to a post-secondary education. Elbow Creek and Four Creeks Elementary Schools conduct "Family Leadership Connection Parenting Partners" programs similar to PIQE. Parent graduates totaled 979 at the elementary and secondary sites. The presentation included a review of the 2007-08 activities and future plans for the 2008-09 school year.

Organizations that provide support for these programs are HEART, College of the Sequoias, Comcast, and Kawneer (an Alcoa Company).

REGULAR SESSION

The Board convened the regular Board meeting at 7:15 p.m. President Guerrero announced that no action was taken in closed session. Rodney Elder led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC
RECOGNITION/
PROCLAMATIONS/
ACTION**

**RECOGNITION OF
LUCINDA MEJDELL-
AWBREY – 2008
CALIFORNIA
SCHOOL NURSE
ADMINISTRATOR
OF THE YEAR**

Lucinda Mejdell-Awbrey, Director of Student Services, was selected as the 2008 California School Nurse Administrator of the Year. (Encl. No. 2) Judges included representatives from The Association of California School Administrators, California School Nurses Organization, California Nurse's Association, California School Boards Association and the Parent Teachers Association. She will be presented this award at the California School Nurse Organization State Conference in Sacramento in March 2009.

The Visalia Unified Board of Education, Superintendent, and District staff acknowledged Lucinda for this outstanding accomplishment.

**RESOLUTION –
CHARACTER
COUNTS! WEEK –
OCTOBER 19-25,
2008
Motion No. 27**

Clerk Rodney Elder read the Resolution for *Character Counts! Week* – October 19-25, 2008. (Encl. No. 3)

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

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

There was no public comment at this time.

**STATE BUDGET
UPDATE**

Robert Gröeber, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services, presented the State Budget Update. (Encl. No. 4) The State has a signed budget as of this morning. The Governor has the authority to implement mid-year cuts this school year. Depending on what and how much he cuts will determine the future cuts the District will need to make.

**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 high schools.

The Board members' reports included the following:

- Attended a breakfast for the Child Care Planning Council
- Attended Back to School Night at Charter Alternatives Academy-Union
- Participated in Relay for Life at the Mt. Whitney track
- Discussed the proposal to implement Algebra for all 8th graders
- Attended Hispanic Roundtable Awards – Raul Gonzalez of Fairview Elementary recognized as a leader in education
- Green Acres Middle School will be sending approximately 100 students to the Latino Boys Leadership Training at COS on Saturday, November 1. Encouraged other middle school principals to look for information on the conference and send students.

**FOCUS ON
STUDENT
LEARNING**

Presentation/Public

Comment/Board

Discussion/ACTION

(as applicable)

**VUSD LINK CREW:
REPORT**

Dr. Craig Wheaton, Area Administrator for Secondary Schools, presented the VUSD Link Crew Report. (Encl. No. 5) Link Crew is a program designed to support 9th grade students as they transition into high school. The report reviewed 2007-2008 activities and previewed plans for 2008-2009.

**VUSD 9TH GRADE
ACADEMY: REPORT**

Dr. Wheaton also presented the VUSD 9th Grade Academy Report. (Encl. No. 6) The 9th Grade Academy, implemented in 2007-2008, was designed to support fifty academically at-risk students at each of the comprehensive high schools. The report reviewed student progress that provides baseline data for the program and the next steps for 2008-2009.

ROUTINE ACTION

Juan Guerrero pulled Routine Action Item 9.3.5 (Encl. No. 19) – Community Challenge Grant – Agreement with Proteus, Inc.

Motion No. 28

Bill Fulmer moved to approve the remaining Routine Action Items. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: Elder, Fulmer, Guerrero, Jones, Martin, and Qualls. Absent from the room: Lane. Motion carried.

Motion No. 29

Larry Jones moved to approve the pulled Routine Action Item 9.3.5, Encl. No. 19. Donna Martin seconded the motion. Ayes: Elder, Fulmer, Jones, Martin, and Qualls. Absent

from the room: Lane. Abstain: Guerrero because he works for Proteus, Inc. Motion carried.

9.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Warrant List - August 28, 2008 through September 5, 2008 (Encl. No. 7)
2. 2008-2009 Budget Revision No. 5 (Encl. No. 8)
3. VUSD General Fund Cash Flows as of July 31, 2008 (Encl. No. 9)
4. Board Resolution Authorizing Application for Local and State Grants (Encl. No. 10)

9.2 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 11)
2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 12)
3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 13)
4. Certification of Temporary Athletic Team Coach List for 2008-09 (Encl. No. 14)

9.3 INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

1. Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 15)
2. Request to Attend Conference/Workshop (Encl. No. 16)
3. Kagan Cooperative Learning Conference (Encl. No. 17)
4. Network for a Healthy California Contract (Encl. No. 18)
5. Community Challenge Grant - Agreement with Proteus, Inc. (Encl. No. 19)

9.4 SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

1. Minutes of the Board Meeting of August 26, 2008 (Encl. No. 20)

**ADMINISTRATIVE
PANEL RECOM-
MENDATIONS/
ACTION**

EXPULSIONS
Motion No. 30

Jim Qualls moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendation for Expulsion Case No. 09-13 E. (Encl. No. 21) Donna Martin seconded the motion. Ayes: Elder, Fulmer, Guerrero, Jones, Martin, and Qualls. Absent from the room: Lane. Motion carried.

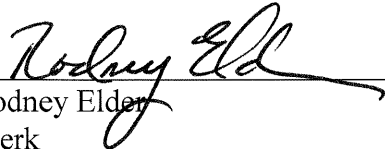
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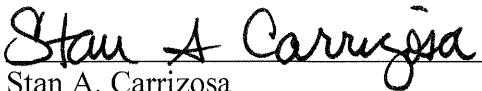
The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 14, 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