

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

**OPENING  
BUSINESS**

The October 28, 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			X
Donna Martin	5:30	8:15	
Jim L. Qualls	5:30	8:15	
Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent	5:30	8:15	

**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. **CLOSED SESSION** (May reconvene after the public meeting, if necessary)
  - 2.1 RECOMMENDED EXPULSIONS
  - 2.2 RECOMMENDED SUSPENDED EXPULSIONS
  - 2.3 RECOMMENDED REVIEWS-CONTINUED EXPULSIONS
  - 2.4 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
    1. Agency Negotiator: Cindi Costa
    2. Employee Organizations
      1. VUTA
      2. Management
  - 2.5 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

**EARLY BIRD  
SESSION**

The Early Bird Session opened at 6:30 p.m.

**ANNUAL HUMAN  
RESOURCES  
DEVELOPMENT  
REPORT TO THE**

Cindi Costa, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Development, and Dr. Fernie Marroquin, Administrator, presented their department's annual report. (Encl. No. 1) The report provided information for the Governing Board related to all aspects of the Human Resources Development Division including data related to District-

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BOARD OF THE  
VISALIA UNIFIED  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Wide Goals for 2008-2009. Included in the report were student and staff demographics, hiring data, and other pertinent general information:

- California Basic Educational Data System (CBEDS) Day – October 1, 2008
  - 27,048 Students in K-12 Grades
- 5-year growth: +1,244 – Average growth: +249 per year
- Enrollment by Ethnicity:
  - 57.8% Hispanic
  - 30.9% White
  - 11.3% Other (American Indian, Asian, Pacific Islander, Filipino, African American)
- K-2 Class Size Reduction Number of Classes
  - Option I Classes: 282 serving 5,396 students
  - Option II Classes: 29 serving 802 students
- Certificated Staff by Ethnicity
  - 77.2% White
  - 15.9% Hispanic
  - 6.9% Other (American Indian, Asian, Pacific Islander, Filipino, African American)
- Supervisory Certificated Management by Ethnicity
  - 71 White
  - 37 Hispanic
  - 8 Other
- Classified Employees
  - 1,160
  - 61 Management
- Highly Qualified Teachers (No Child Left Behind)
  - Elementary – 99.7%
  - Middle School – 95.1%
  - High School – 96.1%
- Highly Qualified Paraprofessionals
  - AA/AS; BA/BS/ 48+ College Units; Instructional Aide Exam – 263-99%
- VUSD Fully Credentialed Teachers – 96.9%

**REGULAR SESSION** The Board convened the regular Board meeting at 7:15p.m. President Guerrero announced that no action was taken in closed session. Michael Lane is out of town on work related business and was excused from the meeting. Donna Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC  
RECOGNITION/  
PROCLAMATIONS/  
ACTION**

RESOLUTION –  
AMERICAN INDIAN  
HERITAGE MONTH-  
NOVEMBER 2008  
Motion No. 41

Board Clerk, Rodney Elder, read the Resolution proclaiming November as American Indian Heritage Month. (Encl. No. 2)

Jim Qualls moved to approve the Resolution. Larry Jones 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.

**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 the Cornerstone Ceremony at the Manuel F. Hernandez School in honor of the opening of Oak Grove, Annie R. Mitchell, and Manuel F. Hernandez Schools. The Masons donated \$1,000 to each school.
- Attended dedication of the new Visalia Childrens' Library
- Attended the Rabbit Hide game
- COS sponsoring a Latino Leadership Conference for Middle School students. Superintendent Carrizosa will be presenting the beginning "Welcome" to the students.

Superintendent Carrizosa's report:

- Thanked the Visalia Lions Club for sponsoring their Annual Band Review
- Attended the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) Urban Education Committee meeting in Ontario
- Attended Gang Task Force Committee meeting
- Today the Visalia District Assistance Intervention Team (VDAIT), formerly known as the Alternative Governance (AG) Board, met. Principals are working with the Area Administrators and VDAIT looking specifically at how to improve their schools, monitoring their progress, accounting for that activity, and sharing ideas.

**ROUTINE ACTION**

A revised Student Field Trip Request list (Encl. No. 15) was distributed at the beginning of the Board meeting adding one request.

Motion No. 43

Bill Fulmer moved to approve the Routine Action Items, Encl. No. 3-21. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

**8.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

1. Warrant List – October 3, 2008 through October 9, 2008 (Encl. No. 3 )
2. 2007-2008 Budget Revision No. 19 (Encl. No. 4)
3. 2008-2009 Budget Revision No. 7 (Encl. No. 5)

4. VUSD General Fund Cash Flows as of September 30, 2008 (Encl. No. 6)
  5. Notice of Completion – Bid 4661 – Crestwood Field/Irrigation Project (Encl. No. 7)
  6. 2008-2009 Operations Application: K-3 Class Size Reduction (Encl. No. 8)
  7. Resolution – Adoption of the CalSTRS 403(b) Plan Compliance and Administration Program (Encl. No. 9)
- 8.2 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 10)
  2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 11)
  3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 12)
  4. Certification of Temporary Athletic Team Coach List for 2008-09 (Encl. No. 13)
  5. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the School Psychologist Practicum Field Experience Agreement Between Visalia Unified School District (VUSD) and CSU Fresno (CSUF) (Encl. No. 14)
- 8.3 INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES
1. Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 15)
  2. Agreement Between Visalia Adult School and Creative Center (Encl. No. 16)
  3. Visalia Adult School 2008-2012 Local Plan for Career Technical Education (Encl. No. 17)
  4. Visalia Unified School District 2008-2012 Local Plan for Career Technical Education (CTE) (Encl. No. 18)
  5. Memorandum of Understanding Between Tulare County Office of Education (TCOE), Visalia Unified School District and Divisadero Middle School – Character Counts Program (Encl. No. 19)
  6. Agreement Between Tulare County Organization for Vocational Education in Conjunction with Visalia Unified School District and Westgate Gardens Convalescent Center and Linwood Gardens Convalescent Center (Encl. No. 20)
- 8.4 SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE
1. Minutes of the Board Meeting of September 23, 2008 (Encl. No. 21)

**ADMINISTRATIVE  
PANEL RECOM-  
MENDATIONS/  
ACTION**

**EXPULSIONS**  
Motion No. 43

Donna Martin moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Expulsions Case No. 09-16 E, Case No. 09-17 E, Case No. 09-18 E, and Case No. 09-19 E. (Encl. No. 22) Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

**SUSPENDED  
EXPULSIONS**  
Motion No. 44

Bill Fulmer moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Suspended Expulsions Case No. 09-08 SE, Case No. 09-09 SE, and Case No. 09-10 SE. (Encl. No. 23) Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

REVIEWS-  
CONTINUED  
EXPULSIONS  
Motion No. 45

Donna Martin moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendation for Reviews-Continued Expulsion Case No. 09-10 RCE. (Encl. No. 24) Rodney Elder 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

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. These two Provisional Internship Permits for the 2008-09 school year are in difficult to fill SDC/RSP and Music positions. (Encl. No. 25) 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 this permit. The candidates will be completing the requirements to demonstrate subject-matter competency.

Motion No. 46

Donna Martin moved to approve the Provisional Internship Permits Requests. Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

MID-VALLEY  
TRANSPORTATION  
ANNUAL REPORT

Mid-Valley Transportation (MVT) has been in operation since August 2002. (Encl. No. 26) Services that are provided by Mid-Valley Transportation include home-to-school transportation for Lindsay Unified School District and Stone Coral Elementary. School bus maintenance and driver in-service are being provided to Sequoia Union Elementary, Oak Valley Union Elementary, and Woodville Union Elementary. A charter bus division consisting of four school buses is available for activity trips for Visalia Unified and neighboring school districts. The VUSD transportation service department is an approved BlueBird school bus warranty repair station in addition to providing pre-delivery inspections of new BlueBird school buses sold in central California. MTV has purchased nine buses (seven new and two used) between 2003 and 2008.

45-DAY BUDGET  
REVISION – STATE  
BUDGET UPDATE

Christine Statton, Chief Financial Officer, presented the 45-Day Budget Revision – State Budget Update. (Encl. No. 27) The State Adopted Budget in late September had the following changes to the previous “May Revision”:

- .68% General Fund Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)
- Restoration of 6.5% cuts to categorical programs
- Title 1 PI Corrective Action Grant received

CSBA REVISION TO  
BP/MANDATED AR  
0430 – COMPREHEN-  
SIVE LOCAL PLAN  
FOR SPECIAL  
EDUCATION –

Superintendent Carrizosa reviewed revisions to Board policies and administrative regulations that were proposed as a first reading on October 14 and are being reviewed again as a second and final reading.

Mandated BP/AR 0430 – Comprehensive Local Plan for Special Education. (Encl. No. 28) The revisions bring the current Board policy into alignment with selecting the

<p>SECOND AND FINAL READING Motion No. 47</p>	<p>appropriate option under a policy that had multiple options available to it. This identifies VUSD as participating in a multidistrict special education local plan area (SELPA) which governs special education in our District.</p>
<p>CSBA REVISION TO MANDATED BP 1330 – USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES -SECOND AND FINAL READING Motion No. 47</p>	<p>Mandated BP 1330 – Use of School Facilities. (Encl. No. 29) It contains new text clarifying options regarding charging of direct costs to nonprofit groups, including religious organizations.</p>
<p>CSBA REVISION TO BP 5141.22 – INFECTIOUS DISEASES – SECOND AND FINAL READING Motion No. 47</p>	<p>BP 5141.22 – Infectious Diseases. (Encl. No. 30) The revised policy incorporates concepts formerly included in BP/AR 5141.23-Infectious Disease Prevention and includes new material encouraging collaboration with the local health department and incorporating pandemic influenza prevention into the District’s health education program.</p>
<p>CSBA REVISION TO BP 5141.33 – HEAD LICE – SECOND AND FINAL READING Motion No. 47</p>	<p>BP 5141.33 – Head Lice. (Encl. No. 31) The revision addresses both the identification of head lice and the number of times that students may be identified in class before a particular sequence of steps have to happen. It clarifies how the District examines students and how to respond immediately to make sure we protect not only the student that is affected but also the fellow students in the class.</p>
<p>CSBA REVISION TO MANDATED BP/AR 5145.2 – FREEDOM OF SPEECH/ EXPRESSION – SECOND AND FINAL READING Motion No. 47</p>	<p>BP/AR 5145.2 – Freedom of Speech/Expression. (Encl. No. 32) The mandated policy contains new language clarifying circumstances under which a student can be disciplined for off-campus expression, including off-campus web sites, taking a look at what they may be doing electronically and establishing a policy that is consistent with what the District would do with students if they were having a verbal argument.</p>
<p>CSBA REVISION TO MANDATED BP 7212 -MELLO-ROOS DISTRICTS – SECOND AND FINAL READING Motion No. 47</p>	<p>BP 7212 – Mello-Roos Districts. (Encl. No. 33) The updated policy reflects new law which requires districts establishing a Mello-Roos community facilities district to first adopt local goals and priorities, as specified. The policy also reflects requirements for initiating the formation of a Mello-Roos district.</p>
<p>CSBA REVISION TO BP 7213 – SCHOOL FACILITIES</p>	<p>BP 7213 – School Facilities Improvement. (Encl. No. 34) The policy has been updated to reflect new law (AB 373) which now allows a school facilities improvement district to include property within the boundaries of a Mello-Roos district and specifies that any</p>

IMPROVEMENT  
DISTRICTS –  
SECOND AND FINAL  
READING  
Motion No. 47

bond issued by a school facilities improvement district is subject to the same laws governing general obligation bonds.

CSBA REVISION TO  
MANDATED BB 9323  
MEETING  
CONDUCT-  
SECOND AND FINAL  
READING  
Motion No. 47

Mandated BB 9323 – Meeting Conduct. (Encl. No. 35) The mandated bylaw has been revised to more accurately reflect the law regarding determining the number Board members that constitute a quorum when vacancies exist on a seven member Board and meeting conduct regarding participation.

Bill Fulmer moved to approve the entire list of revisions to Board policies and administrative regulations (Encl. No. 28-35) all together in one vote. Donna Martin seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

2010 FEDERAL  
CENSUS AND  
TRUSTEE AREA  
ELECTION  
BOUNDARIES:  
PROPOSED PLAN  
FOR REVIEW

Superintendent Carrizosa presented the 2010 Federal Census and Trustee Area Election Boundaries: Proposed Plan for Review for a first reading. (Encl. No. 36) In accordance with Board Policy 9223, every five years the District is required to study population trends in order to ensure that Board members represent, as nearly as possible, equal populations. The District's last review was held at the Board President's Retreat following the Board election of 2005.

The next most appropriate opportunity to conduct this study will be in accordance with the 2010 federal population census. The population in the city of Visalia and Visalia Unified School District has changed and increased significantly over this five-year period resulting in the expansion of residential and commercial development and requiring the construction and opening of six new schools in our District.

On October 14, 2008, the Board held a public discussion regarding this matter and supported the idea of proposing a formal study plan to be adopted by the Board. Superintendent Carrizosa reviewed the proposed study plan starting in January 2009 through March 2011. This item will be included on the November 11<sup>th</sup> Board agenda for action.

**ADJOURNMENT**

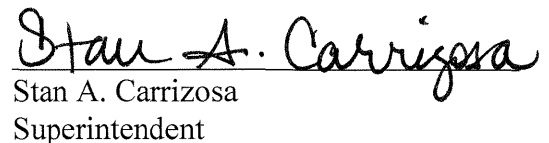
The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 18, 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,

  
Board Clerk

  
Stan A. Carrizosa  
Superintendent