

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

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The November 18, 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	5:30	8:30	
Jim L. Qualls	5:30	8:30	
 Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent	 5:30	 8:30	

Staff Members

Robert Gröeber, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services
Cindi Costa, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Development
Pam Ryan, Administrative Assistant, Superintendent's Office
Melissa Cook, 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 RECOMMENDED SUSPENDED EXPULSIONS
- 2.3 EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE
- 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**

**VISALIA GANG
TASK FORCE
UPDATE**

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

Chief Bob Carden, Visalia Police Department, presented the Visalia Gang Task Force Update. (Encl. No. 1) The Visalia Gang Task Force was formed over two years ago. Community leaders Chief Bob Carden, Superintendent Stan Carrizosa, Sheriff Bill Wittman, Chief Janet Honadle – Probation, Mayor Jesus Gamboa, District Attorney

Phil Cline, Juan Guerrero, and others have been working to implement Gang Prevention, Intervention, and Suppression strategies in our community.

Statistics from the Cal Grip Quarter 1 October 2008 Report:

- 86 VUSD students enrolled in the program
- Grades
 - 45% show improvement
 - 39% no change
 - 12% worsened
- Attendance
 - 60% improvement
 - 39% no change

Discipline Events:

- 69% improvement
- 24% no change
- 3% behavior worsened

REGULAR SESSION The Board convened the regular Board meeting at 7:10 p.m. President Guerrero announced that no action was taken in closed session. Student Representative, Melissa Cook, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Roland Soltoz, with the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO), brought his concern that a letter was distributed by a VUSD Middle School soccer coach stating that if students participated in the AYSO Championships, they would be kicked off the team. Drew Sorensen, Area Administrator, assured Mr. Soltoz that there will not be a problem. He will discuss the issue with the principals.

**STATE BUDGET
UPDATE**

Robert Gröeber, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services, provided an analysis of the current status of the proposed state budget and ramifications for Visalia Unified School District's 2008-2009 budget. (Encl. No. 2)

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

Melissa Cook, Student Representative to the Board from El Diamante 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 Redwood/ Mt. Whitney Cowhide football game and the Golden West/El Diamante Battle for the Saddle football game
- Congratulated:
 - Mt. Whitney girls and Redwood boys for their cross country wins
 - Redwood's Gabrielle Gatewood - 2nd straight Valley individual tennis title

- Redwood girls water polo team – Division III championship
- Redwood girls tennis team – Valley championship
- Redwood boys cross country Division II team championship
- Redwood’s Justin Vilhauer – Division II individual cross country championship
- El Diamante girls water polo – Valley championship
- Commended Doug Bartsch and the Neighborhood Church for the graffiti cleanup and working with Houston School
- Attended celebration at Four Creeks School for doing well on STAR testing. One student received a perfect score in English.
- Involved with PULSE and Streetwise flag football and volleyball programs
- Attended the Hispanic Community Advisory Committee meeting

Superintendent Carrizosa attended the Golden West High School dinner reception for a contingent of agriculture students from four different areas of Australia that will be studying agriculture in the Valley.

Nancy Powell, Principal at Golden West, recognized Ag teacher, Bill Davis, for being appointed to the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges to serve on the State-wide Career Pathways Steering Committee. This project will bring together high school and college faculty to meet, collaborate, and articulate templates which will be available for educators across the State.

**FOCUS ON
STUDENT
LEARNING**

Presentation/Public
Comment/Board
Discussion/ACTION

(as applicable)

**ANNUAL
PRESENTATION OF
DISTRICT AND
SCHOOL SITE
COMPREHENSIVE
SAFE SCHOOL
PLANS**

Motion No. 48

Lucinda Mejdell-Awbrey, Director of Student Services, presented the District and School Site Comprehensive Safe School Plans for review, outlining the required components of the Safe School Plan. (Encl. No. 3)

Bill Fulmer moved to approve the District and School Site Comprehensive Safe School Plans as presented. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: Motion carried.

ROUTINE ACTION

Motion No. 49

Jim Qualls pulled Routine Action Item 8.4.1 – Minutes of the Board Meeting of October 14, 2008 (Encl. No. 19) because he was unable to attend that meeting.

Rodney Elder moved to approve the remaining Routine Action Items, Encl. No. 4-18. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

- 8.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
 - 1. Warrant List – October 17, 2008 through October 31, 2008 (Encl.No.4)
 - 2. 2008-2009 Budget Revision No. 8 (Encl. No. 5)
 - 3. Approval of Bid 4678 Flooring Replacement Four Creeks Multi-Use Building (Encl. No. 6)
 - 4. Notice of Completion Bid 4665 – Mt. Whitney High School Locker Room HVAC Project (Encl. No. 7)
 - 5. Notice of Completion Bid 4669 – Divisadero Reroofing Project (Encl. No. 8)
- 8.2 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
 - 1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 9)
 - 2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 10)
 - 3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 11)
 - 4. Certification of Temporary Athletic Team Coach List for 2008-09 (Encl. No. 12)
 - 5. Resolution – Employer Paid Member Contributions for the California Public Employees Retirement System (Encl. No. 13)
- 8.3 INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES
 - 1. Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 14)
 - 2. Expansion of Save the Children/ProYouth Partnerships (Encl. No. 15)
 - 3. Memorandum of Understanding - Tulare County Office of Education Program Improvement Technical Assistance (Encl. No. 16)
 - 4. Memorandum of Understanding Between Visalia Unified School District and Turning Point/Visalia Youth Services 2008-2010 (Encl. No. 17)
 - 5. Memorandum of Understanding Between Visalia Unified School District and Turning Point North Tulare County Mobile Unit 2008-2010 (Encl. No. 18)
- 8.4 SUPERINTENDENT’S OFFICE
 - 1. Minutes of the Board Meeting of October 14, 2008 (Encl. No. 19)

Motion No. 50

Donna Martin moved to approve Routine Action Item 8.4.1 (Encl. No. 19). Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: Elder, Fulmer, Guerrero, Jones, Lane, and Martin. Abstain: Qualls. Motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
PANEL RECOM-
MENDATIONS/
ACTION**

EXPULSIONS
Motion No. 51

Donna Martin moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Expulsions Case No. 09-20 E, Case No. 09-21 E, Case No. 09-22 E, Case No. 09-23 E, Case No. 09-24 E, Case No. 09-25 E, Case No. 09-26 E, Case No. 09-27 E, Case No. 09-28 E, Case No. 09-29 E, Case No. 09-30 E, Case No. 09-31 E, Case No. 09-32 E, Case No. 09-33 E, Case No. 09-34 E, and Case No. 09-35 E. (Encl. No. 20) Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

SUSPENDED
EXPULSIONS
Motion No. 52

Larry Jones moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Suspended Expulsions Case No.09-11 SE, Case No. 09-12 SE, Case No. 09-13 SE, and Case No. 09-14 SE. (Encl. No. 21) Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

GENERAL AGENDA

Review/Public Hearing/

Public Input/

Board Discussion/

ACTION (as

applicable)

NOTIFICATION OF

DAY AND TIME,

ANNUAL

ORGANIZATIONAL

MEETING HELD

PURSUANT TO

EDUCATION CODE

§35143

Motion No. 53

Superintendent Carrizosa presented the Notification of Day and Time of the Annual Organizational Meeting Held Pursuant to Education Code 35143 as Tuesday, December 9, 2008, the Board's next regularly scheduled meeting. (Encl. No. 22) The proposed Board meeting dates for the 2009-2010 school year and the proposed Board Committee Assignments were also discussed as a first reading. He reviewed the process for electing the President and Clerk of the Board at the December 9th meeting.

Bill Fulmer moved to approve the Notification of Day and Time for the Annual Organizational Meeting as Tuesday, December 9, 2008. Donna Martin seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

2010 FEDERAL

CENSUS AND

TRUSTEE AREA

ELECTION

BOUNDARIES –

PROPOSED PLAN

FOR REVIEW –

SECOND AND

FINAL READING

Superintendent Carrizosa presented the second and final reading of the 2010 Federal Census and Trustee Area Election Boundaries Proposed Plan for consideration of Board approval. (Encl. No. 23) 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 would be in accordance with the 2010 federal population census. 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.

Motion No. 54

Rodney Elder moved to approve the outline of the components of the proposed study plan starting January 2009 through March 2011. Larry Jones seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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

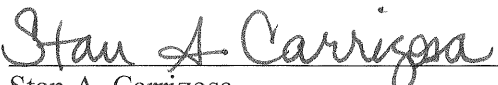
NEXT MEETING

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



Board Clerk



Stan A. Carrizosa
Superintendent