

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

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The January 27, 2009 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	9:15	
William A. Fulmer	5:30	9:15	
Juan R. Guerrero	5:30	9:15	
Larry Jones	5:30	9:15	
Michael Lane	5:30	9:15	
Donna Martin			X
Jim L. Qualls	5:30	9:15	
Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent	5:30	9:15	

Staff Members

Robert Gröeber, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services
Cindi Costa, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Development
Delia Smart, Executive 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 (Education Code Sections 48900, et. seq.)
- 2.2 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE (Government Code Section 54957)
- 2.3 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ASSIGNMENT/REASSIGNMENT/ APPOINTMENT (Government Code Section 54957)
- 2.4 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Government Code Section 54957.6)
 - 1. Agency Negotiator: Cindi Costa
 - 2. Employee Organizations
 - 1. CSEA
 - 2. VUTA
 - 3. Management
- 2.5 SUPERINTENDENT'S MID-YEAR REVIEW (Government Code Section 54957)

**EARLY BIRD
SESSION**

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

**VISALIA DISTRICT
ASSISTANCE AND**

Dr. Craig Wheaton, Area Administrator, Instructional Services, presented the Visalia District Assistance and Intervention Team (VDAIT) Mid-Year Report. (Encl. No. 1) The

**INTERVENTION
TEAM (VDAIT)
MID-YEAR
REPORT**

responsibilities of VDAIT, formerly known as the Alternative Governance (AG) 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, and Highland Elementary Schools. The Mid-Year Report provided updated information about VDAIT's activities for the 2008-2009 school year.

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. Board member, Donna Martin, is absent due to surgery. Rodney Elder led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC
RECOGNITION/
PROCLAMATIONS/
ACTION**

**RESOLUTION –
AFRICAN**

Clerk Jim Qualls read the African American History Month February 2009 Resolution. (Encl. No. 2)

AMERICAN

**HISTORY MONTH –
FEBRUARY 2009**

Rodney Elder moved to approve the Resolution. Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion No. 77

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

applicable)

**GENERAL PUBLIC
COMMENT**

Robert Rodriguez representing the California School Employees Association (CSEA), Visalia Unified Chapter 83, presented the new 2009 Chapter 83 Board. They are as follows:

- Sylvia Cisneros – Chapter Reporter
- Gladys Lopez – Chapter Treasurer
- Jo-Ann Andrew – Chapter Secretary
- Brian Andrew – Chapter Vice President
- Ceceilia Gonzales – Chapter President

**STATE AND
DISTRICT BUDGET
UPDATE**

Christine Statton, CPA, Chief Financial Officer, provided an analysis of the state budget deficit, the status of any proposed 2008-09 mid-year reductions, and further discussion of the proposed 2009-10 state K-12 budget and the possible impacts to the Visalia Unified School District budget. (Encl. No. 3)

VUSD BUDGET

DEVELOPMENT
GUIDELINES FOR
2009-2010

Superintendent Carrizosa presented and reviewed the VUSD Budget Development Guidelines for 2009-2010 with broad, guiding directives and implementation strategies. (Encl. No. 4) President Guerrero read a statement from the Board. After careful consideration and review of an exhaustive list of budget-related information, the Board directed staff to set the necessary reduction in funding amount for VUSD at \$10M for 2008-09 and 2009-10 combined.

District staff will prepare a proposed balanced budget to be reviewed by the Board at the February 10th meeting as a first reading with a second and final reading on February 24, before the critical statutory deadlines for personnel related notifications.

Motion No. 78

Rodney Elder moved to approve the VUSD Budget Development Guidelines. Larry Jones seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF EARLY
RETIREMENT
INCENTIVE OPTIONS

Robert Gröeber, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services, reviewed the Early Retirement Incentive Options. (Encl. No. 5) The District has analyzed many different retirement incentives during previous State budget crises. The presentation reviewed the various retirement incentive options available to the District to help reduce the potential for involuntary staff reductions during the current state budget crisis.

After discussion, the recommendation of staff is to reject the State “Golden Handshake” option because it is formula driven and the demographics of our district do not allow for implementation.

The Board directed staff to pursue other retirement incentive options and return with results and potential savings.

**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:

- Board President’s Special Study Session was held Friday, January 23 and Saturday, January 24
- El Diamante High School musical “*Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat*” continues this weekend
- Green Acres Middle School will present “*Singin’ in the Rain*” next weekend
- Encouraged community to contact their state legislators about passing a budget
- Attended ribbon cutting of the Parenting Network, a nonprofit organization funded through “First Five” serving parents with special needs students
- Attended Dr. Jane Nelson presentation
- Spoke with a parent that graduated from the Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE) program. She now knows how to work with the schools.

Superintendent Carrizosa requested that CSEA submit the sunshining of their negotiations proposal as soon as possible. He thanked Karl Kildow and VUTA for presenting their

interests to the District to resume negotiations. The District offers its heartfelt prayers to Board Member Donna Martin and her family for her speedy recovery.

**FOCUS ON
STUDENT
LEARNING**

Presentation/Public

Comment/Board

Discussion/ACTION

(as applicable)

VUSD 9-12 CAREER
TECHNICAL
EDUCATION
CHARTER SCHOOL
PROPOSAL PLAN-
NING UPDATE

John Ramirez, Director, Alternative Education/CTE/ROP, presented the VUSD 9-12 Career Technical Education Charter School Proposal Planning Update. (Encl. No. 6) This was the second of four updates. The tentative opening date is fall 2010. The District is currently in the stage of the petition development and writing. The Advisory Committee has been selected and has met once to date with seven meetings scheduled. The timeline for the completion of the Petition is April 28, 2009.

ROUTINE ACTION

Bill Fulmer pulled Routine Action Item 9.1.1-Encl. No. 7.

Motion No. 79

Rodney Elder moved to approve the remaining Routine Action Items, Encl. No. 8-25. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

9.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Warrant List – December 19, 2008 through January 9, 2009 (Encl. No. 7)
2. 2008-2009 Budget Revision No. 10 (Encl. No. 8)
3. VUSD General Fund Cash Flows as of December 31, 2008 (Encl. No. 9)
4. Approval of Bid 4679 – Video Security System Various Sites (Encl. No. 10)
5. Request to Piggyback for School Buses (Encl. No. 11)
6. Approval and Ratification of Purchase Agreement (Encl. No. 12)
7. Approval of E-Rate Consultant Service (Encl. No. 13)

9.2 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 14)
2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 15)
3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 16)
4. Certification of Temporary Athletic Team Coach List for 2008-09 (Encl. No. 17)

9.3 INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

1. Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 18)
2. Resolution – Local Agreement for Child Development Services Contract (Encl. No. 19)
3. Resolution to Approve the Child Development Instructional Materials

- Contract (Encl. No. 20)
- 4. Consolidated Application Part II (Encl. No. 21)
- 5. Visalia Adult School Agreements with Farmersville Unified School District for LVN Clinical Training (Encl. No. 22)
- 6. Visalia Adult School Agreements with Kaweah Manor for CNA/LVN Clinical Training (Encl. No. 23)
- 7. Approval of Agreement Between Visalia Unified School District (VUSD) and Tulare County Organization for Vocational Education (TCOVE) for 2008-2009 (Encl. No. 24)
- 9.4 SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE
 - 1. Minutes of the Board Meeting of January 13, 2009 (Encl. No. 25)

Motion No. 80

Jim Qualls moved to approve Routine Action Item 9.1.1-Encl. No. 7. Rodney Elder seconded the motion. Ayes: Elder, Guerrero, Jones, Lane, and Qualls. Abstain: Fulmer. Motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
PANEL RECOM-
MENDATIONS/
ACTION**

EXPULSIONS

Motion No. 81

Michael Lane moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Expulsions Case No. 09-58 E and 09-59 E. (Encl. No. 26) Larry Jones seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL AGENDA

Review/Public Hearing/

Public Input/

Board Discussion/

ACTION (as applicable)

**ANNUAL ADOPTION
OF PROFESSIONAL
GOVERNANCE
STANDARDS**

The Board conducted the annual review and adoption of their Professional Governance Standards. (Encl. No. 27) These standards serve as a framework for clarifying the Board member's role and responsibilities. They also serve as a guide for Board actions and relationships with staff, each other, and the public. These standards have been developed through extensive state and national research identifying the essential practices and characteristics of effective and successful public school board governance. Through adoption of their Professional Governance Standards, the Board renews its commitment to serve in an effective and successful governance model.

Motion No. 82

Larry Jones moved to approve the Professional Governance Standards. Rodney Elder seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**2007-2008 ANNUAL
DISTRICT
FINANCIAL AUDIT**

David Loverin, Internal Auditor, presented the 2007-2008 Annual District Financial Audit. (Encl. No. 28) The District must, on an annual basis, have its financial statements audited by an independent audit firm in order to meet federal and state requirements. The auditor's report included the auditor's findings, recommendations, and opinions. In the auditor's opinion, the District's financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the

financial position of governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Visalia Unified School District, as of June 30, 2008, and the respective changes in financial positions and cash flows, where applicable, for the year ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Motion No. 83

Bill Fulmer moved to approve the 2007-2008 Annual District Financial Audit as presented. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION &
WAIVER,
BEHAVIORAL
INTERVENTION
PLANS MANDATED
COST CLAIM
SETTLEMENT

Christine Statton, CPA, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Resolution and Waiver pertaining to the Behavioral Intervention Plans Mandated Cost Claim Settlement. (Encl. No. 29) VUSD is part of a special education consortium in our local area (SELPA). As a group of SELPAs statewide, a claim was filed regarding reimbursements that were due for the kinds of federal requirements in meeting IEP documentations of individual learning plans. When this pending settlement is approved, VUSD would receive approximately \$2.2M in discretionary funding for retroactive reimbursement and \$371,242.43 beginning in 2011 for six years.

Motion No. 84

Larry Jones moved to approve the Resolution and Waiver for Behavioral Intervention Plans (Hughes Bill) Mandated Cost Claim Settlement and Agreement to Waive Future Claims. Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

ANNUAL REPORT
AND RESOLUTION
OF CAPITAL
FACILITIES FUND
(DEVELOPER FEES)

Government Code 66001 and 66006 requires that the District make available to the public and the Board, a report showing that developer fees have been received, deposited, invested, and expended by the District in compliance with all applicable laws. David Loverin, Internal Auditor, presented the Annual Report and Resolution of Capital Facilities Fund (Developer Fees) (Encl. No. 30) The report was made available to the public on December 18, 2008. For the 2007-08 school year, the residential fee was \$3.48 a square foot and the commercial fee was \$0.42 a square foot. For the 2008-09 school year, the Board agreed to maintain the residential fee at \$3.48 and to increase the commercial fee to \$0.47.

There was no public comment.

Motion No. 85

Rodney Elder moved to approve the Annual Report and Resolution of Capital Facilities Fund (Developer Fees). Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

VUSD INTERESTS
FOR 2009-2010
CLASSIFIED
NEGOTIATIONS

Dr. Fernie Marroquin, Administrator, Human Resources Development, presented the second reading of the VUSD Interests for 2009-2010 for Classified Negotiations. (Encl. No. 31) Government Code requires all initial contract proposals of the Board and an employee organization, which relate to matters within the scope of representation, be presented at a public meeting and be made available for public review at the District Office for a reasonable period of time. The District presented their interests at the January 13, 2009 Board meeting. The initial contract interest/proposal has been available for public review.

Open Public Hearing President Guerrero opened a public hearing to allow for the public to comment on the District's proposal.

There was no public comment.

President Guerrero closed the public hearing.

Motion No. 86 Bill Fulmer moved to approve the VUSD Interests for 2009-2010 for Classified Negotiations. Rodney Elder seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

VUSD INTERESTS/
INITIAL PROPOSAL
FOR CERTIFICATED
NEGOTIATIONS The same Government Code mentioned above also pertains to the VUSD Interests/Initial Proposal for Certificated Negotiations. (Encl. No. 32)

Open Public Hearing President Guerrero opened a public hearing to allow for the public to comment on the District's proposal..

There was no public comment.

President Guerrero closed the public hearing.

Motion No. 87 Rodney Elder moved to approve the VUSD Interests/Initial Proposal for Certificated Negotiations. Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

VUTA INTERESTS/
INITIAL PROPOSAL
FOR CERTIFICATED
NEGOTIATIONS Representations from Visalia Unified Teachers Association presented the second reading of the VUTA Interests/Initial Proposal for Certificated Negotiations. (Encl. 33)
VUTA will be coming forward in the future with their language proposal.

The same Government Code requirements apply to this agenda item as the previous two items.

Open Public Hearing President Guerrero opened a public hearing to allow for the public to comment on VUTA's proposal..

There was no public comment.

President Guerrero closed the public hearing.

Motion No. 88 Bill Fulmer moved to acknowledge the receipt of the VUTA Interests/Initial Proposal for Certificated Negotiations as presented. Rodney Elder seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. to Closed Session.

At 9:15 p.m., the Board returned to Open Session. President Guerrero reported that no action was taken in Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

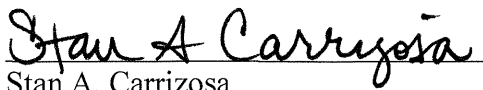
The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 10, 2009, 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,


Jim Qualls
Clerk


Stan A. Carrizosa
Superintendent