

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

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The February 24, 2009 Board meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Juan Guerrero at the Rotary Theater, 330 S. Dollner St., Visalia, CA. 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			X
 Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent	 5:30	 9:15	

Staff Members

Robert Gröeber, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services
Cindi Costa, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Development
Pam Ryan, Administrative Assistant, Superintendent's Office
Taylor Guthrie, 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 RECOMMENDED SUSPENDED EXPULSIONS
- 2.3 RECOMMENDED REINSTATEMENTS
- 2.4 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE (Government Code Section 54957)
- 2.5 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ASSIGNMENT/REASSIGNMENT/APPOINTMENT (Government Code Section 54957)
- 2.6 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Government Code Section 54957.6)
 - 1. Agency Negotiator: Cindi Costa
 - 2. Employee Organizations
 - 1. CSEA
 - 2. VUTA
 - 3. Management

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. He excused Donna Martin due to illness and Jim Qualls for a family commitment. Rodney Elder led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC
RECOGNITION/
PROCLAMATIONS/
ACTION**

RESOLUTION Michael Lane read the Resolution Declaring March 2009 Women's History Month.
DECLARING MARCH (Encl. No. 1)
2009 WOMEN'S
HISTORY MONTH Bill Fulmer moved to approve the Resolution. Larry Jones seconded the motion. Ayes:
Motion No. 96 All. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION Michael Lane read the Resolution Declaring March 2009 Arts Education Month. (Encl.
DECLARING MARCH No. 2)
2009 ARTS
EDUCATION Rodney Elder moved to approve the Resolution. Larry Jones seconded the motion.
MONTH Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.
Motion No. 97

RESOLUTION OF Michael Lane read the Resolution of Recognition – César E. Chávez Day – March 31,
RECOGNITION – 2009. (Encl. No. 3)
CÉSAR E. CHÁVEZ
DAY – MARCH 31, Bill Fulmer moved to approve the Resolution. Michael Lane seconded the motion.
2009 Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.
Motion No. 98

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

GENERAL PUBLIC There was no general public comment at this time.
COMMENT

VUSD BALANCED Before General Public Comment, Superintendent Stan Carrizosa reported that changes in
BUDGET PROPOSAL the state adopted budget have given staff an opportunity to make some revisions to the
FOR 2008-09 AND proposed VUSD budget that was presented for a first reading at the February 10th Board
2009-10 meeting. (Encl. No. 4) In the adopted state budget, there will be a combined 20% cut to
Motion No. 99 nearly all of the categorical funds that come to public schools. This was not a part of the
 initial proposal. VUSD was not proposing cuts in categorical funds but concentrated on the
 general fund. Categorical budgets are typically governed by School Site Councils that
 provide funding for specific services, positions, and structures.

In the budget proposal presented at the last Board meeting, staff were estimating the need for a \$10M cut to the general fund based on the best state information that was available. The good news is that the state budget, as it is currently adopted, reduces the estimated \$10M in cuts to approximately \$8.4M, so \$1.6M will be restored in services and proposed

cuts from the original list presented on February 10. The revised recommendation from staff to the Board will be that no change will be made in Kindergarten from Option 1 to Option 2. The revised recommendation to the Board includes not cutting the Registered Nurse program. The District will work closely with CSEA for an appropriate change to library services, campus supervision services, and career center services so that reductions in those services will be minimized. This proposed balanced budget for VUSD is contingent upon the results of the special election that the governor has ordered May 19.

Christine Statton, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the details of the revised proposed balanced budget for 2008-09 and 2009-10.

GENERAL PUBLIC
COMMENT

Not all members of the public stated their name before they spoke. The following people spoke to the Board with their concerns for cutting the Registered Nurse program:

- Jenifer Lechtman – PTA Council President
- Debbie Wood
- Shaunnee Arreola
- Nancy Cervantes
- Joseph Durante
- Thuong Ngugen
- Dr. Ron Marconi
- Everardo Cabrera
- Deborah Baxter
- Ronni Aguilar
- Barbara Miller
- Raul Gonzalez – AMAE
- Candelaria Arzate
- Joyce Bauer

The following people spoke with their concerns for Kindergarten classes being changed from Class Size Reduction Option 1 to Option 2:

- Karl Kildow – VUTA President
- Kristi Blatner

Bill Davis spoke on his concern for the proposed elimination of the school farm classified employee.

Monica Renegar and Fran Yoshida spoke on their concerns about restructuring of the middle school and high school library clerk positions.

Karl Kildow, President of Visalia Unified Teachers Association (VUTA), encouraged everyone to participation in the March 13th Stand Up For Schools events.

Motion No. 99

After Board discussion and comments, Rodney Elder moved to approve the VUSD budget proposal for 2008-09 and 2009-2010. Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**ACCEPTANCE OF
DONATION FROM
EDUCATIONAL
EMPLOYEES CREDIT
UNION**

Motion No. 100

The Educational Employees Credit Union has generously donated \$1,000 for the sponsorship of the Annual Retirement Reception to be held on May 20, 2009. (Encl. No. 5) In light of the current budget situation, this donation has been greatly appreciated.

Larry Jones moved to approve the \$1,000 donation from Educational Employees Credit Union. Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Taylor Guthrie, Student Representative to the Board from Redwood High School, presented her report at the beginning of the meeting with a brief summary of the events that are taking place at each of the high schools.

There were no Board member or Superintendent's reports.

ROUTINE ACTION
Motion No. 101

Michael Lane moved to approve the Routine Action Items, Encl. No. 6-13. Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

7.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Warrant List – January 30, 2009 through February 6, 2009 (Encl. No. 6)
2. VUSD General Fund Cash Flows as of January 31, 2009 (Encl. No. 7)

7.2 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 8)
2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 9)
3. Certification of Temporary Athletic Team Coach List for 2008-09 (Encl. No. 10)
4. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the School Psychology Practicum Agreement Between Visalia Unified School District (VUSD) and National University (Encl. No. 11)

7.3 INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

1. Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 12)

7.4 SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

1. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 10, 2009 (Encl. No.13)

**ADMINISTRATIVE
PANEL RECOM-
MENDATIONS/
ACTION**

EXPULSIONS

Motion No. 102

Larry Jones moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Expulsions Case No. 09-72 E, Case No. 09-73 E, Case No. 09-74 E, Case No. 09-75 E, Case No. 09-76 E, Case No. 09-77 E, Case No. 09-78 E, and Case No. 09-79 E. (Encl. No. 14) Michael Lane seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**SUSPENDED
EXPULSIONS**

Motion No. 103

Larry Jones moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Suspended Expulsions Case No. 09-24 SE, Case No. 09-25 SE, Case No. 09-26 SE, and Case No. 09-27 SE. (Encl. No. 15) Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

REINSTATEMENTS
Motion No. 104

Larry Jones moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Reinstatements Case No. 09-58 R and Case No. 09-59 R. (Encl. No. 16) Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL AGENDA

Review/Public Hearing/

Public Input/

Board Discussion/

ACTION (as applicable)

VUTA ADDITIONAL INTEREST FOR CERTIFICATED NEGOTIATIONS
Motion No. 105

Karl Kildow, President of Visalia Unified Teachers Association, presented the second reading of VUTA's Additional Interest for Certificated Negotiations. (Encl. No. 17)

Bill Fulmer moved to acknowledge receipt of VUTA's Additional Interest for Certificated Negotiations. Rodney Elder seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

VUSD ADDITIONAL INTEREST FOR CERTIFICATED NEGOTIATIONS
Motion No. 106

Cindi Costa, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Development, presented the second reading of VUSD's Additional Interest for Certificated Negotiations. (Encl. No. 18)

Rodney Elder moved to approve VUSD's Additional Interest for Certificated Negotiations. Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

2009-2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR UPDATE
Motion No. 107

Assistant Superintendent, Cindi Costa, presented the second reading of the 2009-2010 School Calendar. (Encl. No. 19)

Rodney Elder moved to approve the 2009-2010 School Calendar. Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION TO RELEASE TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES
Motion No. 108

Every year, prior to March 15, the Board is asked to release from employment at the end of the school year all temporary teachers per Education Code 44954 and any other applicable provision of law. (Encl. No. 20) Teachers are designated temporary because they replace a teacher on leave or on special assignment, were hired under or replace a permanent teacher funded under categorical funds, or meet other definitions as described in the Education Code.

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

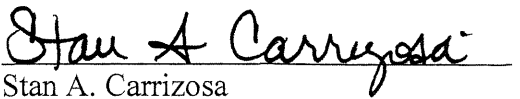
NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 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 A. Qualls
Clerk



Stan A. Carrizosa
Superintendent