

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

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The April 28, 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	9:25	
	William A. Fulmer	5:30	9:25	
	Juan R. Guerrero	5:30	9:25	
	Larry Jones	5:30	9:25	
	Michael Lane	5:30	9:25	
	Donna Martin	5:30	7:25	
	Jim L. Qualls	5:30	9:25	
	Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent	5:30	9:25	

Staff Members

Robert Gröeber, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services
Cindi Costa, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Development
Pam Ryan, Administrative Assistant, Superintendent's Office
Chris Ruiz, 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 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Government Code Section 54957.6)
 - 1. Agency Negotiator: Cindi Costa
 - 2. Employee Organizations
 - 1. CSEA
 - 2. VUTA
 - 3. Management
- 2.4 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Government Code Section 54956.8) (Encl. No. 1)
Property: 1821 West Meadow Avenue, Visalia – APN No. 096-011-022
Agency Negotiator: Robert Gröeber, Randy Groom
Negotiating Parties: NGPA Inc., Marty Zeeb
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of potential purchase
- 2.5 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Encl. No. 2)
Property: Approximately 9.5 acres of land situated at northwest corner of

Linwood Street and Cherry Avenue, Visalia – APN Nos. 119-590-058 and 119-600-035

Agency Negotiator: Robert Gröeber, Randy Groom

Negotiating Parties: Sue Lafferty, Ennis Homes

Under Negotiation: Price and terms of potential purchase

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. Michael Lane led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board, administration, staff, and the school community welcomed Donna Martin back from her extended illness. She attended closed session and the opening of the regular session. She will continue serving as Board member in intervals as she continues to recover.

Mrs. Martin was excused for the rest of the meeting.

**PUBLIC
RECOGNITION/
PROCLAMATIONS/
ACTION**

**RESOLUTION - IN
LOVING MEMORY
OF HEATHER
NUGENT AND IN
RECOGNITION OF
CHILDREN'S
HOSPITAL OF
CENTRAL
CALIFORNIA** Board Clerk, Jim Qualls, read the resolution. Skip Nugent, Heather's father, gave a brief history of the Best Buy Market fundraiser for the Children's Hospital of Central California. (Encl. No. 3)

Motion No. 141 Bill Fulmer moved to approve the Resolution in Loving Memory of Heather Nugent and In Recognition of Children's Hospital of Central California. Michael Lane seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**NATIONAL SCHOOL
NURSE DAY –
MAY 6, 2009** May 6, 2009 is designated "National School Nurse Day", a day that we voice our appreciation and recognize the nurses of Visalia Unified School District who, with care and compassion, meet the challenge of providing for the health needs of our children. (Encl. No. 4) Letters will be sent to each of the nurses in the District acknowledging their dedication.

**RESOLUTION -
CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION DAY OF
THE TEACHER,** Clerk Qualls read the California Department of Education Resolution designating May 13, 2009 as Day of the Teacher. (Encl. No. 5)

Michael Lane moved to approve the resolution. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

MAY 13, 2009
Motion No. 142

RESOLUTION -
CLASSIFIED
SCHOOL EMPLOYEE
WEEK - MAY 18-22,
2009
Motion No. 143

Clerk Qualls read the California Department of Education resolution declaring Classified School Employee Week – May 18-22, 2009. (Encl. No. 6)

Larry Jones moved to approve this resolution. Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION
DECLARING MAY
2009 ASIAN PACIFIC
HERITAGE MONTH
Motion No. 144

Clerk Qualls read the Resolution Declaring May 2009 Asian Pacific Heritage Month. (Encl. No. 7)

Michael Lane moved to approve the resolution. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Todd Oto, Principal of Redwood High School, recognized the Mock Trial Team that won 5th place in the State competition. Mock Trial is an organization that fosters an understanding of our legal system through a competition based series of events. This is the highest place that any Tulare County Mock Trial Team has placed.

Karl Kildow, VUTA President, spoke on the California Special Election on May 19. He also asked for clarification on where the funding would come from for purchasing the proposed VUSD acquisition of property that would house the Independent Study program.

Superintendent Carrizosa stated that Independent Study is basically a financial self-contained program, so they generate revenue and pay their expenses. They are currently in a lease agreement. The District has reviewed their growth enrollment and the projected growth that could come with expanded enrollment. The revenues for any type of a new facility would be completely contained by money that has been earned by Independent Study or that would be earned as part of their annual ADA to pay a debt service in order to be able to do this. The revenue source will be self-contained and not a part of the District's general fund.

ANNUAL
DECLARATION OF
IMPACTED
ENROLLMENT

Doug Bartsch, Area Administrator, Elementary Schools, presented the Annual Declaration of Impacted Enrollment. (Encl. No. 8) For the past several years, VUSD has not approved inter-district transfers (from other school districts to VUSD) in the elementary grades K-6 due to impacted enrollment in our elementary schools. Elementary school

enrollment continues to grow and many sites continue to have impacted enrollment. The opening of two new elementary schools and the cyclical nature of neighborhood populations have resulted in some space availability at some schools. This available space could allow for the acceptance of inter-district transfers in grades 3-6 on a limited basis.

Public Comment

Karl Kildow, VUTA President, asked if there was a possibility and if space was available, that employees within the District but who live outside the District could have priority in bringing their children to Visalia.

Doug Bartsch explained that if the Board approves the proposal, employees outside the District could apply for an inter-district transfer, the same as anyone else. In the bargaining agreement with VUTA, teachers would have priority to transfer their children to the school where they teach, contingent on space availability. It does not speak to inter-district transfers. The current practice at the 7-12 level is to receive inter-district transfers and there is no prioritization. Superintendent Carrizosa stated that this could be reviewed at a later date.

Motion No. 145

Rodney Elder moved to accept applications for inter-district transfers in grades 3-6 dependent upon space availability at specific sites for the 2009-10 school year. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: Elder, Fulmer, Guerrero, Lane, and Qualls. Noes: Jones. Absent: Martin. Motion carried.

2009-10 HEALTH
INSURANCE
FUNDING RATE
REPORT

Cindi Costa, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Development, reviewed the 2009-10 Health Insurance Funding Rate Report. (Encl No. 9) The rate increases will take effect on October 1, 2009. SISC remains the most cost effective provider to keep all options equivalent to our current plan design. The SISC composite rate for certificated and management increased 4.8% overall and the classified composite rate increased 4.9% overall. There could be a slight difference in the classified rate because their dental and vision rates do not come in until June.

FEDERAL
STIMULUS
FUNDING UPDATE

Christine Statton, CPA, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Federal Stimulus Funding Update. (Encl. No. 10) The presentation provided analysis of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) federal stimulus funding that will be coming to the state of California and is expected to flow to Visalia Unified School District. She also discussed possible impacts of this funding to the VUSD budget.

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

Chris Ruiz, Student Representative to the Board from Golden West 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:

- Welcomed Student Board Representative, Chris Ruiz from Golden West High School, serving on the Board through May 26
- Attended Crystal Apple Awards Ceremony

- Attended PTA Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony – Missy Yavasile was one of the Honorees and also Visalia Police Department’s Gang Task Force
- Attended Masons Educators of the Year Ceremony
- Continue diligence on monitoring the swine flu virus and consider cancelling student field trips to Los Angeles, the Bay area, and other large population centers
- Attended MECHA Conference at Redwood High School

Superintendent Carrizosa reported:

- Today is “School Bus Driver Appreciation Day”
- Visalia Adult School has just gone through their mid-term WASC review with a good report
- Press Release on the VUSD Energy Cost Savings Plan – reduce utility use throughout the District – implementing a four (4) day work-week with ten (10) hour work days with some exemptions during the summer
- Serious announcement – discussed the steps the District has taken regarding the swine flu that has been breaking out nationwide; sent information home to parents on the signs, symptoms, and precautions
- Late this afternoon the District was contacted by the Tulare County Health Department that there is one child at Mt. View School who is ill with a probable case of the new strain of swine flu. The District will continue to work closely with the County Health Department in case there are any future cases, including any further steps the District will need to take. At this point, the County Health Department is not recommending school closures.

ROUTINE ACTION Bill Fulmer pulled Routine Action Item 7.1.1 (Encl. No. 11) and Robert Gröeber pulled Routine Action Items 7.1.7 (Encl. No. 17) and 7.1.8 (Encl. No. 18).

Motion No. 146 Larry Jones moved to approve the remaining Routine Action Items, Encl. No. 12-31. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion No. 147 Larry Jones moved to approve Routine Action Item 7.1.1 (Encl. No. 11). Rodney Elder seconded the motion. Ayes: Elder, Guerrero, Jones, Lane, and Qualls. Abstain: Fulmer. Absent: Martin. Motion carried.

Robert Gröeber, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services, clarified that Encl. No. 17 and 18, Green Acres Middle School and Mineral King Elementary School irrigation projects, were pulled because notification was received regarding a potential bid protest.

Public Comment

Glen McFarland, a participant in the bid for the Green Acres and Mineral King projects addressed the Board. He attended both mandatory pre-bid meetings in which it was

stated that the basis for the award of both projects would be on a base bid only. He is disputing the verbiage in paragraph B.

Robert Gröeber recommended that the Board reject both bids. The District will make the language more clear and rebid the two projects.

Motion No. 148

Bill Fulmer moved to approve the recommendation from Robert Gröeber to reject both bids at this time for Routine Action Items 7.1.7 (Encl. No. 17) and 7.1.8 (Encl. No. 18). Michael Lane seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

7.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Warrant List – April 3, 2009 through April 17, 2009 (Encl. No. 11)
2. 2008-2009 Budget Revision No. 14 (Encl. No. 12)
3. VUSD General Fund Cash Flows as of March 31, 2009 (Encl. No. 13)
4. Approval of Bid #4684 – Mt. Whitney High School Welding Shop Electrical Upgrade Project (Encl. No. 14)
5. Approval of Bid #4686 – Rodent Control (Encl. No. 15)
6. Approval of Bid #4687 – Pest/Termite Control (Encl. No. 16)
7. Approval of Bid #4689 – Green Acres Middle School Irrigation Project (Encl. No. 17)
8. Approval of Bid #4690 – Mineral King Elementary School Irrigation Project (Encl. No. 18)
9. Short-Term Transportation Agreement with Exeter Union School District (Encl. No. 19)
10. Resolution Setting the Public Hearing for the 2009-2010 Proposed Budget (Encl. No. 20)

7.2 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 21)
2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 22)
3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 23)
4. Certification of Temporary Athletic Team Coach List for 2008-09 (Encl. No. 24)

7.3 INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

1. Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 25)
2. Request to Attend Conference/Workshop (Encl. No. 26)
3. Approval of Amendment to the Agreement Between Visalia Unified School District (VUSD) and Tulare County Organization for Vocation Education (TCOVE) for 2008-2009 (Encl. No. 27)
4. Kagan Cooperative Learning Conference (June 8, 9, and 10, 2009) (Encl. No. 28)
5. Kagan Cooperative Learning Conference (June 12, 2009) (Encl. No. 29)
6. Service Agreement Between TCOE Migrant Education Region VIII and VUSD (Encl. No. 30)
7. American Indian Education Program Grant (Encl. No. 31)

**ADMINISTRATIVE
PANEL RECOM-
MENDATIONS/
ACTION**

EXPULSIONS
Motion No. 149

Jim Qualls moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Expulsions Case No. 09-108 E, Case No. 09-109 E, Case No. 09-110 E, Case No. 09-111 E, and Case No. 09-112 E. (Encl. No. 32) Michael Lane seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

SUSPENDED
EXPULSIONS
Motion No. 150

Jim Qualls moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Suspended Expulsions Case No. 09-35 SE, Case No. 09-36 SE, and Case No. 09-37 SE. (Encl. No. 33) Larry Jones seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL AGENDA

Review/Public Hearing/
Public Input/
Board Discussion/
ACTION (as
applicable)

TRUSTEE AREA
ELECTION
BOUNDARY STUDY
PLAN (FOR
PROSPECTIVE
COMMITTEE
MEMBERS) –
SECOND READING
Motion No. 151

Superintendent Carrizosa presented the second reading of the list of the community/interest group representatives that would make up the Trustee Area Election Boundary Community Advisory Committee. (Encl. No. 34) He reviewed the process for the actual selection and appointment of the committee members.

Bill Fulmer moved to approve the list of community/interest group representatives and the process for the actual selection and appointment of the committee members. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.


ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

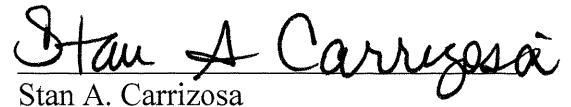
NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 12, 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