

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

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The May 26, 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	9:05	
	William A. Fulmer	5:30	9:05	
	Juan R. Guerrero	5:30	9:05	
	Larry Jones	5:30	9:05	
	Michael Lane	5:30	9:05	
	Donna Martin	5:30	9:05	
	Jim L. Qualls	5:30	9:05	
	Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent	5:30	9:05	

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. **CLOSED SESSION** (May reconvene after the public meeting, if necessary)
 - 2.1 RECOMMENDED EXPULSIONS (Education Code Sections 48900, et. seq.)
 - 2.2 RECOMMENDED SUSPENDED EXPULSIONS
 - 2.3 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ASSIGNMENT/REASSIGNMENT/ APPOINTMENT (Government Code Section 54957)
 1. Visalia Charter Independent Study - Principal
 - 2.4 CONSIDERATION OF STUDENT RECORDS (Education Code Section 49070)
 - 2.5 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Government Code Section 54957.6)
 1. Agency Negotiator: Cindi Costa
 2. Employee Organizations – 2009-2010
 1. CSEA
 2. VUTA
 3. Management

**EARLY BIRD
SESSION
ANNUAL DELAC
PRESENTATION**

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

Mimi Bonds, Coordinator—State and Federal Projects, presented the Annual District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC) report. (Encl. No. 1) Rosa Montoya, the DELAC Secretary, served as interpreter to ensure that the report was understood completely. DELAC is composed of representatives from each school’s English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC). Annually, the District is required under state regulations to provide an opportunity for DELAC to present their comments and recommendations about the English Learner program to the Governing Board. The presentation outlined the committee’s work and recommendations on the implementation of services for English Learners, including the legal requirement outlined by state regulations.

A needs assessment parent survey is disseminated every January to all parents of English Learners in multiple languages. A copy of the survey was included in the Board agenda packet. Over 2,000 parent surveys were returned this year, which is a 60-70% return rate. The survey gives the committee the opportunity to look at information from a broad parent audience with their opinions and recommendations about the programs and services.

Ana Michel, the President of DELAC for this year and next year, presented these recommendations of the DELAC parent committee:

- After-school programs
 - Cultural activities
 - Organized sports expansion
 - Clubs
- Parent Education
 - Parents helping parents classes
 - Positive discipline classes
 - ESL classes at different levels
 - Expand PIQE for 2nd year
 - Continue to provide opportunities for parent education at all sites
 - Continue to include child care
- Translations
 - Continue written translations for better communication
- When hiring personnel
 - Hire staff that speak the language of the parents
- Technology
 - Increase access to computer labs
 - Offer technology classes to parents
- Other suggestions
 - Continue to promote healthy eating at school sites

**ENGLISH LEARNER
SUBGROUP SELF
ASSESSMENT
(ELSSA)**

Mimi Bonds also presented the English Learner Subgroup Self Assessment (ELSSA) report. (Encl. No. 2) State compliance and regulations require districts to perform an annual program evaluation of services for English Learners. The English Learner Subgroup Self Assessment (ELSSA) is conducted each spring and evaluates the

effectiveness of the district's program for English Learners through analysis of State data, including the California English Language Development Test (CELDT), California Standardized Test (CST), California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE), and other related assessment information. VUSD English Learners started at 6.4% proficient in 2002 and have advanced to 25.3% proficient in 2008 and in Math started at 10.9% proficient in 2002 and 34.1% proficient in 2008 showing great strides.

REGULAR SESSION
Motion No. 159

The Board convened the regular Board meeting at 7:10p.m. President Guerrero announced that action was taken in closed session. On a motion by Jim Qualls and seconded by Bill Fulmer, the Board voted unanimously in favor to appoint Heather Rocha to the position of Principal of Visalia Charter Independent Study effective July 1, 2009.

Larry Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Charles Ulmschneider, Flagstaff Ave., Visalia, stated, "I am fully credentialed with BCLAD and cannot even sub for VUSD, so stop the blackballing. The next step up is Grand Jury, and we will go from there. That particularly goes to the administration, Mr. Carrizosa, Ms. Costa. With regard to Redwood and other schools, stop the language discrimination. You have a German teacher there. Don't let her credential gather dust. Offer opportunities to the kids who were here earlier. There is much more than learning English or learning Spanish in this district. Broadcast these meetings on Podcast or the local cable channel. You can do that. A lot of people don't like to come to these meetings. There's a chilled atmosphere at times. Not just literally but figuratively as well. You open it up and people are comfortable watching these meetings from the comfort of their homes. They might have child care problems and other things. I will be badgering you about that. OK? Another thing is consider dropping the GPA for participation in sports. Why? Well, there are a number of reasons. There is a teen obesity problem. There is a high school teen pregnancy issue. There is a direct link with participation in sports and a decrease in teen pregnancies. Also, there is a high school dropout crisis. We need to retain those kids. OK? Moreover, it is lack of inclusion and it's an incentive to keep kids in school. Make their participation in sports, for us teachers, behavior driven. It helps everybody that way. So if you make it behavior driven, then it helps us in the classroom. It helps the administration. It helps everybody and that's the way, if they can't behave right then, they wouldn't be in there. But drop that GPA requirement. A lot of students cannot, and a lot of those who cannot are economically, socially, and linguistically disadvantaged. And I will come to the other stuff later. Thank you."

Marsha Dennewitz, a teacher at Veva Blunt School, discussed the problems they encountered on a field trip on May 14 to Monterey using Midvalley Transportation and gave the Veva Blunt teachers' and parents' future expectations for field trips. She has met with Robert Gröeber and Terry White regarding this.

Brian and Cindy Summers, parents of Caitlin Summers, a sophomore softball player at Mt. Whitney High School, asked that the Board direct staff to review and revise sections of the VUSD high school athletic handbook, specifically, the expectations of coaches section and the definition of mistreatment of athletes section. The only reference to mistreatment of athletes is found in the handbook's grievance procedure. He gave examples of what his daughter experienced this year. He is requesting for more clearly defined terms for clarification and the fair and impartial implementation. He distributed a sample of the revisions he is suggesting for the handbooks and policies.

**STATE AND
DISTRICT BUDGET
UPDATE**

Christine Statton, CPA, Chief Financial Officer, presented the State and District Budget Update. (Encl. No. 3) Information on the state budget changes daily. The presentation provided analysis of the current state budget deficit, the status of the proposed state reductions to school district funding, the status of the federal stimulus funding, and further discussion of the proposed 2009-10 Visalia Unified budget. It also covered the Governor's May Revision to the extent it has been published, and the results of the recent state election affecting school district funding. As of today, the district is in deficit spending.

**VUSD 9-12 CAREER
TECHNICAL
EDUCATION
CHARTER SCHOOL
PROPOSAL
PLANNING UPDATE**

John Ramirez, Director, Alternative Education/CTE/ROP, presented the VUSD 9-12 Career Technical Education Charter School Proposal Planning Update. (Encl. No. 4) The following proposals were reviewed:

- 2010-2011 First Year – 50 students at COS farm in two existing VUSD portables
- 2011-2012 – 100 sophomore and junior students - add two portables – share labs with COS
- 2012-2013 – 10th – 12th grade students - assume lease for all classrooms
- Entrance requirements
- Pathways
- Instructional program
- Graduation requirements

**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:

- Attended Mt. Whitney High School FFA dinner and awards night
- Reported that Golden West girls softball team is going to the playoff finals
- Attended elementary open houses
- Attended VUSD retirees' reception at El Diamante Theatre
- Attended session on the Wonder Grant
- Members of Breakfast Rotary worked with 6th grade students at Royal Oaks School with case situations reflecting honesty and responsibility
- Thanked those that attended the Board Study Session on the budget
- With regards to broadcasting Board meetings, this has been researched and with the current budget, the cost is prohibitive. All regular Board meetings are open to the public and the public is welcome to attend

- Attended AMAE awards presentation where Mr. Ramos, teacher at Crowley School and Mr. Jimenez from Mt. Whitney were honored
- Attended PIQE parent graduation
- Attended Goshen Gang Summit
- Requested that 8th grade promotion assemblies be scheduled at different times so that Board members can attend all four

Superintendent Stan Carrizosa recognized Donna Martin for her continued recovery efforts. She gives encouragement to all of us.

ROUTINE ACTION Larry Jones moved to approve the Routine Action Items, Encl. No. 5-26. Jim Qualls Motion No. 160 seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

7.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Warrant List – May 1, 2009 through May 8, 2009 (Encl. No. 5)
2. 2008-2009 Budget Revision No. 16 (Encl. No. 6)
3. VUSD General Fund Cash Flows as of March 31, 2009 (Encl. No. 7)
4. Approval of Bid #4688 – Fuel/Diesel & Gasoline (Encl. No. 8)
5. Approval of Bid #4693 – Mt. Whitney High School “B” Building Re-Roof Project (Encl. No. 9)
6. Approval of Bid #4694 – Green Acres Middle School and Mineral King Elementary School Irrigation Projects (Encl. No. 10)
7. Approval of Agreement Between Visalia Unified School District and Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team (FCMAT) for Study of Special Education Program and Operations (Encl. No. 11)
8. Approval of Pre-Annexation Agreement with City of Visalia Regarding 160-Acre District-Owned Property at Northwest Corner of Akers Street and Riggin Avenue in Visalia (Encl. No. 12)

7.2 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 13)
2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 14)
3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 15)
4. Rejection of Liability Claim No. 090044 (Encl. No. 16)
5. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Intern Agreement Between Visalia Unified School District (VUSD) and Chapman University (Encl. No. 17)
6. Notice to Employ Certificated Personnel for Extended Year – Middle and High Schools (Encl. No. 18)

7.3 INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

1. Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 19)
2. Student Field Trip Requests – High School Summer League Tournaments (Encl. No. 20)
3. Manuel F. Hernandez Elementary School – Title I Approval (Encl. No. 21)
4. Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Grant Section 131 (Encl. No. 22)

5. Carl D. Perkins Career Technical Education Application for Funding 2009-2010 (Encl. No. 23)
 6. Recommended CAHSEE Waivers (Encl. No. 24)
- 7.4 SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE
1. Minutes of the Board Meeting of April 28, 2009 (Encl. No. 25)
 2. Adoption of Resolution for Governing Board Elections on November 3, 2009 (Encl. No. 26)

**ADMINISTRATIVE
PANEL RECOM-
MENDATIONS/
ACTION**

EXPULSIONS

Motion No. 161

Michael Lane moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Expulsions Case No. 09-128 E, Case No. 09-129 E, Case No. 09-130 E, Case No. 09-131 E, Case No. 09-132 E, Case No. 09-133 E, Case No. 09-134 E, Case No. 09-135 E, and Case No. 09-136 E. (Encl. No. 27) Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**SUSPENDED
EXPULSIONS**

Motion No. 162

Jim Qualls moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Suspended Expulsions Case No. 09-41 SE, Case No. 09-42 SE, Case No. 09-43 SE, and Case No. 09-44 SE. (Encl. No. 28) Donna Martin seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL AGENDA

Review/Public Hearing/
Public Input/
Board Discussion/

ACTION (as applicable)

**REVISED
RESOLUTION TO
INITIATE A
CHANGE OF
ELECTION SYSTEM
TO TRUSTEE AREA
ELECTIONS**

The Board took action to adopt this resolution at their May 12, 2009 meeting, but there was considerable discussion about specifying the seven trustee areas and researching the issue of the mention in the Visalia City Charter of the district's elections system. The administration requested that the Board consider action to adopt the attached resolution which was revised to specifically reflect these items discussed by the Board and was reviewed by County Counsel. Action on this resolution would formalize the clarity of these important details. (Encl. No. 29) Superintendent Carrizosa distributed an updated memo that Board members could use when contacting community members explaining the purpose of the community advisory committee studying the VUSD trustee area election boundary.

**PUBLIC
COMMENT**

Public Comment

Charles Ulmschneider, Flagstaff Ave., Visalia, made a comment on Routine Action Item Human Resources Development, 7.2.5-Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Intern Agreement Between Visalia Unified School District (VUSD) and Chapman University (Encl. No. 17). "Chapman University is fine in many ways, but I have a bit of a concern regarding the intern, if that is a paid position and if it is, it undermines the student teaching aspect. I do not know all the details of that, but the most important

thing is that if you have an intern, we had this business going on where I worked before. We had interns in the classroom and not fully credentialed teachers, and that is a violation of the Williams Settlement, and so I am a bit concerned about that and undermining the classroom setting to provide a classroom teacher for those students. There are many teachers available actually. You can easily get them here if you offer them a contract. It is understandable that a probationary teacher has two years. So the reality is, there are few or no jobs in Visalia Unified School District nowadays. Ed Join is a wonderful place where you advertise those positions. I just wanted to get that clarified. The internship is a concern for me regarding those issues of not having a licensed or credentialed teacher in the classroom and thus, it undermines also the student teaching, preparing the teacher to begin that career.”

“Regarding the by-trustee area, I looked over the resolution that was made last time, and I see it as a delaying tactic. I will be going to the City Council. There is a one sentence change in the Visalia City Charter that can be easily done, so you are going to get resistance if you try to delay this until 2013. It’s going to happen, so I think that it is very important that you as a body be on the right side of the change and not be engaging in delaying tactics. It should be seamless. All you have to do is recommend to the Tulare Committee on School District Organization and from there, I am going to be working on the Visalia City Council to get that one sentence changed and you are there. We can actually have them this year. It’s possible. So I am very concerned about this, and I will try to be in touch with you. I have gotten emails back last time from four or so of you. You had the courtesy of doing that. I appreciate that. The by-trustee area elections, let’s make it perfectly clear that it is not a panacea to all the interactable problems, huge amount of problems that we have in our public schools. All the things that I said at the beginning, this thing going on with Chapman University, the internship and so forth. It is not a panacea, but it is a step in the right direction in that you are complying with the law. Otherwise, if you are delaying, dragging tactics is continuing to violate the law. That’s all.”

Board member discussion

Michael Lane:

- Appreciates the revisions of staff reflecting the Board’s discussion at the previous meeting
- Agrees with the revision on trustee areas
- Acknowledgement of the City Charter
- Be aware of the Democratic process
- Will be faithful with the City Charter process as well as the California Voting Rights Act
- Be aware of local citizen’s voting rights
- District has a plan to work with a committee that includes the public with a broad spectrum of people
- 2000 census is now out of date
- Area 5 trustee area has three trustees and has a smaller population than some of the other areas
- Issue of one person one vote
- Sensible and responsible step forward using the best census data

Rodney Elder

- Agrees with Mr. Lane
- What the district is doing is due diligence
- This is not a stall tactic
- Moving forward to implement this in 2013
- It will be done right

Juan Guerrero

- Board and staff have been working on this since January 2008
- In 2001 when he ran for election, this was one of the topics that he brought up
- Area 1 has the highest population
- Area 4 is the second highest and geographically the largest
- Important to exercise due diligence and that it is done correctly
- Revised resolution is along the lines of the first and second readings
- As a Governing Board, it is better to do this right

Motion No. 163

Clerk Jim Qualls read the resolution. Rodney Elder moved to approve the resolution “In the Matter of Instituting By-Trustee Area Elections to Comply with the California and Federal Voting Rights Acts. Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Carrizosa reassured the Board that the district is working with both County Counsel and private counsel that are very experienced in trustee area elections and closely connected to organizations who would be those organizations of interest in this type of a topic in our area. The district is aware of the needs and interests that our community has and are communicating directly with them. With the approval of this resolution, the Board is designating that the district will go to seven trustee areas and be elected by trustee areas.

In the Education Code, there is authorization for the district to go to the County Committee on School District Organization and apply for a change in trustee areas. You can seek a waiver at the state board level for the required law for election under that except if you are mentioned in the city charter. So the one little line in the Education Code that is relatively unique and applies specifically to us and is going to require more time is the relationship we have with the wording that is in the city charter.

He has sent a letter based on the Board’s consideration of this resolution tonight to City Manager, Steve Salomon. Mr. Salomon is working now with the City Council so that the City Council authorizes the city’s attorney to start to meet and confer with our legal counsel so that we can look at all possible legal avenues to be able to resolve the mention of the school district’s election system in that legal city charter and also follow the California Voter’s Rights Act. Technically, the only way to amend the city charter is through an election of the population.

Superintendent Carrizosa presented an updated memo from two Board meetings ago where the Board took action to approve the community committee composition. This

memo has been updated so that each Board member can provide the information to the individuals that they are seeking to sit on this committee.

RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING THE
IMPLEMENTATION
OF A
SUPPLEMENTAL
RETIREMENT PLAN
FOR CLASSIFIED
AND
MANAGEMENT
EMPLOYEES

Robert Gröeber, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services, presented the Resolution Authorizing the Implementation of a Supplemental Retirement Plan for Classified and Management Employees. (Encl. No. 30) It was recommended that the Board consider implementing the Supplemental Retirement Plan (SRP) to eligible classified and management employees. This program is an option for classified and management employees who are eligible for retirement through PERS or STRS, over 50 years or older, and with 5 years or more of service to Visalia Unified School District. This offer is being recommended for consideration in anticipation of the continuing budget challenges and potential additional costs due to the State's budget crisis. To date, thirty-eight employees have applied for this early retirement incentive. This does meet the fiscal requirements as set up by the district and recommended that the district move forward.

Motion No. 164

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

2009-2010
CERTIFICATED
TENURE

Cindi Costa, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Development, presented the 2009-2010 Certificated Tenure list. (Encl. No. 31) Education Code Section 44929.21 states that every employee of a school district having an ADA of 250 or more who, after having been employed by the district for two complete consecutive school years in a position requiring certification qualification shall, at the commencement of the succeeding school year, be classified as and become a permanent employee of the district. The administration recommended permanent status for eligible certificated employees on the attached list.

Motion No. 165

Bill Fulmer moved to approve the 2009-2010 Certificated Tenure list. Larry Jones seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING
ON RESOLUTION
OF SITE
SUITABILITY FOR
THE ACQUISITION
OF REAL
PROPERTY AT 1821
WEST MEADOW
LANE, VISALIA FOR
USE BY VISALIA
CHARTER
INDEPENDENT
STUDY, AND
DETERMINATION
THAT THE PROJECT

Randy Groom, Director, Administrative Services, presented the Public Hearing on the Resolution of Site Suitability for the Acquisition of Real Property at 1821 West Meadow Lane, Visalia for Use by Visalia Charter Independent Study (VCIS) and the Determination that the Project is Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. (Encl. No. 32)

The Visalia Unified School District is pursuing acquisition of the commercial property located at 1821 West Meadow Lane in Visalia (formerly occupied by Chapman University) for use by Visalia Charter Independent Study. This resolution confirms the suitability of the site for the proposed school use and makes the determination that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.

PUBLIC HEARING

President Juan Guerrero opened a public hearing on this topic.

IS EXEMPT FROM
THE CALIFORNIA
ENVIRONMENTAL
QUALITY ACT

There was no public comment.

Randy Groom explained that this acquisition will be paid completely with the revenue from Visalia Charter Independent Study funds.

President Guerrero closed the public hearing.

Motion No. 166

Larry Jones moved to approve the Resolution Determining the Suitability of Real Property for Use by the Visalia Charter Independent Study Program, Requesting an Exemption from the Field Act, and Determining the Project is Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. Donna Martin seconded the motion. Ayes: Elder, Guerrero, Jones, Lane, Martin, and Qualls. Absent from the room temporarily: Fulmer. Motion carried.

CSBA REVISION TO
BP 3320 – CLAIMS
AND ACTIONS
AGAINST THE
DISTRICT – FIRST
READING

Superintendent Carrizosa reviewed the first reading changes that were reviewed by district staff, the Board Policy Committee, and County Counsel. The second reading will come to the Board for action at the June 9th meeting.

BP 3320 – Claims and Actions Against the District. (Encl. No. 33) The updated policy more accurately describes authorization for districts to adopt procedures to govern the processing of claims not covered by the Government Claims Act (formerly the Tort Claims Act). It actually deletes then restates the intention for the district to allow compromise or settle claims not to be tied to a dollar amount but rather to be tied to the process consistent with the claims liability processing in our JPA.

CSBA REVISION TO
BP 4111.2/
4211.2/4311.2 –
LEGAL STATUS
REQUIREMENT –
FIRST READING

BP 4111.2/4211.2/4311.2 - Legal Status Requirement. (Encl. No. 34) Reflects new federal regulations which prohibit employers from accepting expired documents to verify employment authorization on an I-9 Form. Effective April 3, 2009, districts must use revised I-9 Forms developed by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

CSBA REVISION TO
BP AND
MANDATED AR
4113 –
ASSIGNMENT –
FIRST READING

BP and AR 4113 – Assignment. (Encl. No. 35) Under No Child Left Behind (NCLB), districts must have an equitable distribution of qualified teachers. There is both state and federal law that prescribes that. The regulation clarifies circumstances when a district must verify a teacher's subject matter knowledge in order to teach a departmentalized class outside his/her credential authorization and contains a new section on assignment to elective courses outside credential authorization. These are guidelines VUSD already complies with but are aligning our policy with new federal law.

CSBA REVISION TO
BP 5119 –
STUDENTS
EXPELLED FROM
OTHER DISTRICTS –
FIRST READING

BP 5119 – Students Expelled from Other Districts. (Encl. No. 36) Districts have an obligation to review and evaluate students who transfer or enroll who may have been on an expulsion from a previous district. This policy states that the district would uphold whatever the conditions of the previous expulsion were with the district they were leaving. They do not leave behind the expulsion terms or conditions when they come from one district to the next.

CSBA REVISION TO
MANDATED BP
AND MANDATED
AR 5148 – CHILD
CARE AND
DEVELOPMENT –
FIRST READING

BP and AR 5148 – Child Care and Development. (Encl. No. 37) This brings policy into alignment with new law consolidating what were several programs under the California State Preschool Program and new regulations aligning our options for the services that we provide to infants and children up to age 13 and also child care services that may be offered immediately before and after normal school hours.

NEW CSBA SAMPLE
BP 6142.2 –
WORLD/FOREIGN
LANGUAGE
INSTRUCTION –
FIRST READING

BP 6142.2 – World/Foreign Language Instruction. (Encl. No. 38) Outlines the requirements we have for making foreign language, including American Sign Language, opportunities available to students as part of our curriculum. These are programs that are available to students as elective programs. What has happened in VUSD is we have been able to successfully sustain and maintain programs based on the student’s choice. High school master schedules are built around enrollment and limited resources. In those areas where the different programs have been offered and the enrollments have been filled, then we have had the opportunity to sustain those.

Public Comment

Charles Ulmschneider, stated, “May I please state that under NCLB, foreign language among other subject areas is now technically part of the core curriculum. I know on campus there are a lot of competing interests, the English department and the math department woefully outnumber us in terms of that, and it gets quite possessive, what departments do in keeping their numbers high and so forth and so on. But I just wanted to remind you all that under NCLB, foreign language is core, and my hope is to one day get your top three, your Spanish is always going to be because of the heritage pull, but your French and your German in all four of the schools are jumping off points to other languages that are harder to find qualified teachers for that are credentialed and the materials that go along with them.”

ADJOURNMENT

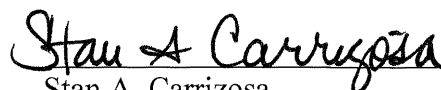
The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 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