

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

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The July 14, 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	8:50	
William A. Fulmer	5:30	8:50	
Juan R. Guerrero	5:30	8:50	
Larry Jones	5:30	8:50	
Michael Lane	5:30	8:50	
Donna Martin	5:30	8:50	
Jim L. Qualls	5:30	8:50	
 Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent	 5:30	 8:50	

Staff Members

Pam Ryan, Administrative Assistant, Superintendent's Office

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: Stan Carrizosa
 - 2. Employee Organizations
 - 1. CSEA
 - 2. VUTA
 - 3. Management

REGULAR SESSION

The Board convened the regular Board meeting at 7:05 p.m. President Guerrero announced that no action was taken in closed session. Juan Guerrero led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

There was no public comment.

VUSD CAMPUS
SAFETY VEHICLE
PARTNERSHIP WITH
VISALIA FIRE
DEPARTMENT

The Visalia Fire Department has presented the Visalia Unified School District with a unique opportunity to create an important safety and emergency resource for the district. Administrative Services Director, Randy Groom, presented information on this opportunity to the Board. Before the meeting tonight, Board members were able to view the Visalia Fire Department's surplus vehicle, a 1999 Chevrolet Suburban with specialized equipment. (Encl. No. 1) Nearly all costs for converting and equipping the vehicle were covered by donations from Visalia businesses and local service clubs:

- Visalia Fire Department – surplus vehicle and specialized equipment
- Premier Color Graphics – vinyl graphics “wrap”
- Above & Beyond – alarm, step tubes, repainted fender flares
- Visalia Rotary Clubs
 - Breakfast Rotary – AED-Defibrillator
 - Downtown Rotary - \$2,000 grant approved
 - County Center Rotary - \$2,000 grant pending
 - Care Medical & AMR/Mobile Life Support - emergency medical supplies

The vehicle could be used as an incident command or coordination with police/fire command at major emergency incidents on any VUSD school site or other location involving VUSD students/property and a mobile base and home for resources needed by the VUSD incident management team. It will be used as a VUSD presence at major district events and activities as needed. The Board thanked the Visalia Fire Department and all the listed organizations for their generous donations.

STATE BUDGET
UPDATE: IMPACT
ON VUSD

Christine Statton, CPA, Chief Financial Officer, presented the State Budget Update: Impact on VUSD. (Encl. No. 2) The presentation provided continued analysis of the current state budget crisis and deficit, the status of the proposed state reductions to school district funding, the status of the federal stimulus funding, and further discussion of the potential effects on the 2009-10 Visalia Unified budget. It also covered the state legislature's current attempts to pass a new state budget and the anticipated effects upon state K-12 funding.

She stated publicly that there is no position that is not of great value or that the district does not highly value. The reality is that the district must cut almost \$9M from the General Fund.

The district's balanced budget proposals are the same as what was presented at the June 23rd Board meeting:

- Salary freeze – no scheduled pay increases – negotiable
- Share increased health premium costs 50/50 employee/employer - negotiable
- Across the board reduction of 3% in all departments, divisions, and school sites
 - Area Administrators to facilitate site/department reduction process
 - Assistant Superintendents to facilitate division reduction process
 - Reduction process from July 1, 2009 to July 1, 2010
 - Recommendations to the Board by December 2009
 - HRD/district processes for implementation from January 1, 2010 to July 1, 2010

There will be four Public Budget Study Sessions starting August 18, 2009. The district has come to tentative agreements with both negotiating groups which will limit the ongoing costs for 2009-10 and future years.

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

The Board members' reports included the following:

- Donna Martin gave each Board member a reusable water container to save on using plastic water bottles to benefit the environment and to reduce costs
- She met with staff from Technological Services to work on using the website to read the Board agenda packet to save paper
- H1N1 update for fall at upcoming meeting
- Participated in a conference sponsored by the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce called "Get Involved con Ganas – Pathway into Community Leadership"

Superintendent Carrizosa thanked Donna Martin for the water containers and also for her continued dedication to work on a paperless model for the district's Board agenda packet that would allow the Board to interact at the Board table. Staff will continue to work on this. This summer staff is working to rebuild the VUSD website. By September, the entire Board agenda including all enclosures will be posted online. The goal has been not only the use of technology but also to reduce the use of so much paper.

**FOCUS ON
STUDENT
LEARNING
Presentation/Public
Comment/Board
Discussion/ACTION**

(as applicable)

**K-2 CLASS SIZE
REDUCTION
PROGRAM
IMPLEMENTATION
FOR 2009-10**

Myron Sheklian, Area Administrator-Elementary, presented the K-2 Class Size Reduction (CSR) Program Implementation for 2009-10. (Encl. No. 3) The presentation summarized the key concepts that would be used in decision making in order to accommodate enrollment growth and provide for class size reduction at grades K-2 as per the budget limitations and the new California state guidelines. The hiring of CSR Option 2 teachers may be required at some sites to minimize the loss of CSR Option 1 funding.

ROUTINE ACTION

Larry Jones pulled Routine Action Item 7.2.3 – Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 10) for clarification. Juan Guerrero pulled Item 7.3.2 – Memorandum of Understanding Between Visalia Unified School District PULSE Program and After School Program Providers (Encl. No. 18) because it involves his employer.

Jim Qualls moved to approve the balance of the Routine Action Items, Encl. No. 4-24. Rodney Elder seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

7.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Warrant List – June 11, 2009 through June 25, 2009 (Encl. No. 4)
2. 2008-2009 Budget Revision No. 19 (Encl. No. 5)
3. Approval of Agreement for Legal Services with Lozano Smith for 2009-10

- Fiscal Year (Encl. No. 6)
4. Adoption of Resolution Electing to Close Escrow for the Purchase of Real Property on Lovers Lane, Approximately 1255 Feet South of Caldwell Avenue, Visalia, and to Defer Determination of Site Suitability and Compliance with California Environmental Quality Act (Encl. No. 7)
- 7.2 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 8)
 2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 9)
 3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 10)
 4. Certification of Temporary Athletic Team Coach List for 2009-10 (Encl. No. 11)
 5. Contract for Employer-Employee Relations Council Between VUSD and TCOE for 2009-10 and 2010-11 (Encl. No. 12)
 6. Committee on Assignment Committee (Encl. No. 13)
 7. Subject Matter Verification Committee (Encl. No. 14)
 8. Rejection of Claim No. 090052 (Encl. No. 15)
 9. Rejection of Claim No. 090054 (Encl. No. 16)
- 7.3 INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES
1. Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 17)
 2. Memorandum of Understanding Between Visalia Unified School District PULSE Program and After School Program Providers (Encl. No. 18)
 3. Kagan Cooperative Learning Conference (Encl. No. 19)
 4. Agreement Between Tulare Adult School, Dinuba Adult School, and Visalia Adult School (Encl. No. 20)
 5. Edusoft License Agreement (Encl. No. 21)
 6. First Five School Readiness Cycle 2, Year 3 Program Contracts (Encl. No. 22)
 7. Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment (BTSA) Data Base Service Contract (Encl. No. 23)
- 7.4 SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE
1. Minutes of the Board Meeting of May 26, 2009 (Encl. No. 24)

**ADMINISTRATIVE
PANEL RECOM-
MENDATIONS/
ACTION**

After clarification, Larry Jones moved to approve Routine Action Item 7.2.3 – Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 10). Rodney Elder seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Rodney Elder moved to approve Routine Action Item 7.3.2 – Memorandum of Understanding Between Visalia Unified School District PULSE Program and After School Program Providers (Encl. No. 18). Larry Jones seconded the motion. Ayes: Elder, Fulmer, Jones, Lane, Martin, and Qualls. Abstain: Guerrero because this directly affects his employer. Motion carried.

EXPULSIONS

Donna Martin moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Expulsions Case No. 10-01 E, Case No. 10-02 E, Case No. 10-03 E, Case No. 10-04 E, Case No. 10-05 E, and Case No. 10-06 E. (Encl. No. 25) Michael Lane seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

SUSPENDED
EXPULSIONS

Larry Jones moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Suspended Expulsions Case No. 10-01 SE and Case No. 10-02 SE. (Encl. No. 26) Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL AGENDA

Review/Public Hearing/
Public Input/
Board Discussion/

ACTION (as
applicable)

VUSD TRUSTEE
AREA ELECTION
BOUNDARY STUDY
PLAN:
COMMUNITY
ADVISORY
COMMITTEE

Superintendent Carrizosa stated that this item is the continued effort to implement the Trustee Area Election Boundary Study Plan. (Encl. No. 27) Included was the next process that the Board adopted for the plan in which the first reading of the Community Advisory Committee that has been recommended for the Board’s consideration for appointment. The attached Proposed Trustee Area Election Boundary Committee is a list of organizations or interest groups that were listed in the plan that was adopted and the names they have submitted to sit on this committee to represent them.

The second part of the committee composition is the names that have been recommended by each Board member. Board members may also submit the name of an alternate to sit on the committee as non-voting members. Also included was a list of meeting dates for the Community Advisory Committee starting Tuesday, September 15, 2009.

The position of Past VUSD Board Member has not been decided yet. A list containing those names was distributed. After discussion, Laura Pace, Robert Stephenson, and Milt Morrison were three names that were suggested. Superintendent Carrizosa will contact these past Board members to see if they are interested in serving on the committee and bring his findings to the August 11th Board meeting.

REQUEST FOR
CHARTER
PETITION
APPROVAL –
VISALIA
TECHNICAL
EDUCATION
CENTER (VTEC)

John Ramirez, Director-Alternative Ed/CTE/ROP, presented the Request for Charter Petition Approval – Visalia Technical Education Center (VTEC). (Encl. No. 28) California Legislation allows for the creation and operation of charter schools in California. Under current law, governing boards must hold a public hearing on the charter application within thirty (30) days of receipt of the petition and must approve or deny the petition within sixty (60) days of its receipt. If approved, the duration of this charter will be for five (5) years from August, 2010 to September, 2015.

The VTEC Advisory Committee has worked together during the 2008-2009 school year to develop this petition. Members of the committee included teachers and administrators from each of the four (4) traditional high schools, Sequoia High School, and Charter Alternatives Academy. John Ramirez, Director, Christine Statton, CFO, Drew Sorensen, Area Administrator, and Cindi Costa, Assistant Superintendent, also provided support in the development of the petition. The intent of this petition is for the charter school to be self-funding, requiring no contributions from the General Fund.

There was no public comment.

Larry Jones moved to approve the Charter Petition for the Visalia Technical Education Center (VTEC). Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION –
VALLEY
COALITION FOR
SUPPORT OF THE
UC MERCED
MEDICAL SCHOOL

The Valley Coalition for Support of the UC Merced Medical School is working on a project covering a nine county area to educate and gain input from the public regarding the planning process for the UC Merced Medical School. The coalition believes it is most important that students know and understand that as a part of the planning process thus far, UC Merced will be starting a Biomedical Program in 2010. This means that students will no longer need to go out of the area to study pre-med and other health sciences. Visalia Unified School District supports the establishment of the UC Merced Medical School. (Encl. No. 29)

Rodney Elder moved to approve the Resolution - Valley Coalition for Support of the UC Merced Medical School. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

CSBA REVISION TO
BP 0520.2 – TITLE I
PROGRAM
IMPROVEMENT
SCHOOLS – SECOND
AND FINAL
READING

Superintendent Carrizosa summarized the first reading of the proposed CSBA policy revisions that were reviewed by VUSD staff and the Board Policy Committee at the June 23rd Board meeting. This is the second reading for Board action. There were no Board questions nor public comment.

Bill Fulmer moved to approve the entire slate of policy revisions together: BP 0520.2; BP 5116.1; Mandated AR 5144.1; BP 5145.7; BB 9012; BB 9220; BB 9310; and BB 9320. (Encl. No. 30-37) Rodney Elder seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

CSBA REVISION TO
MANDATED BP
5116.1-
INTRADISTRICT
OPEN ENROLLMENT
- SECOND AND
FINAL READING

CSBA REVISION TO
MANDATED AR
5144.1-SUSPENSION
AND EXPULSION/
DUE PROCESS –
SECOND AND FINAL
READING

CSBA REVISION TO
MANDATED BP
5145.7 - SEXUAL
HARASSMENT –
SECOND AND FINAL
READING

NEW CSBA BB 9012 -
BOARD MEMBER
ELECTRONIC
COMMUNICATIONS-
SECOND AND FINAL
READING

CSBA REVISION TO
BB 9220 –
GOVERNING BOARD
ELECTIONS –
SECOND AND FINAL
READING

CSBA REVISION TO
BB 9310 – BOARD
POLICIES –
SECOND AND FINAL
READING

CSBA REVISION TO
BB 9320 – MEETINGS
AND NOTICES –
SECOND AND FINAL
READING

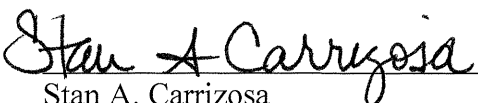
ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

NEXT MEETING The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 11, 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 L. Qualls
Clerk



Stan A. Carrizosa
Superintendent