

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

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The August 11, 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	8:30	
William A. Fulmer	5:30	8:30	
Juan R. Guerrero	5:30	8:30	
Larry Jones	5:30	8:30	
Michael Lane	5:30	8:30	
Donna Martin	5:30	8:30	
Jim L. Qualls	5:30	8:30	
 Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent	 5:30	 8:30	

Staff Members

Robert Gröeber, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services
Cindi Costa, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Development
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 REINSTATEMENTS (Education Code Sections 48900, et. seq.)
- 2.2 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Government Code Section 54957.6)
 - 1. Agency Negotiator: Cindi Costa
 - 2. Employee Organizations
 - 1. CSEA
 - 2. VUTA
 - 3. Management 2009-2010

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. Donna Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

STATE BUDGET UPDATE: IMPACT ON VUSD

The presentation by Christine Statton, CPA, Chief Financial Officer, provided analysis of the newly adopted state budget and continued analysis of the ongoing state budget crisis and deficit. (Encl. No. 1) She presented the resulting reductions to K-12 funding and the specific effects on the 2009-2010 Visalia Unified budget and addressed the new state funding deferrals and the effects on cash balances for Visalia Unified.

Public Comment

Karl Kildow, President of Visalia Unified Teachers Association (VUTA), asked if the \$15B structural deficit includes taking 10% increase in the withholding for state taxes to spend next year's money this year. Ms. Statton answered, "Definitely, this is a one-time fix for one year."

VISALIA DISTRICT ASSISTANCE & INTERVENTION TEAM (VDAIT) ANNUAL MEETING CALENDAR

Dr. Craig Wheaton, Area Administrator – Instructional Services, reviewed the Visalia District Assistance & Intervention Team (VDAIT) Annual Meeting Calendar. (Encl. No. 2) VDAIT's responsibilities include advising, planning, and monitoring the Program Improvement (PI) activities of schools in PI Phase 3-5 as prescribed by 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; and Annie R. Mitchell, Crowley, Fairview, Houston, Highland, and Mineral King Elementary Schools.

Bill Fulmer moved to approve the VDAIT annual meeting calendar for 2009-2010. Donna Martin seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

UPDATE ON SCHOOLS ADMINISTRATIVE STUDENT INFORMATION SOFTWARE (SASI) TRANSITION TO THE POWERSCHOOL SYSTEM

Myron Sheklian, Area Administrator – Instructional Services, presented the update on Schools Administrative Student Information Software (SASI) transition to the PowerSchool System. (Encl. No. 3) Since 1997, Visalia Unified has used the School Administrative Student Information (SASI) system. The SASI system provides staff with access to student demographics, attendance, schedules, discipline, and grades. On June 16, 2008, Pearson Education Company announced their "SASI Customer First Program" which granted free licenses to existing SASI customers to move them over to their new PowerSchool Premier program. This is the first of three (3) updates on the transition from SASI Software to the PowerSchool System. The new system will be fully functional in the fall 2010. There will be virtually no increase in cost for the new system.

H1N1 VIRAL FLU INFORMATION UPDATE

Lucinda Mejdell-Awbrey, Director – Student Services, presented the H1N1 Viral Flu Information Update. (Encl. No. 4) Visalia Unified School District is working closely with Tulare County Health and Human Services to prepare for and prevent H1N1 flu outbreaks in our schools. Key H1N1 facts and guidelines from the National Center for Disease Control with additions from Dr. Haight, Tulare County Health Officer:

- Symptoms are very similar to seasonal flu—fever, cough, sore throat with other flu- like symptoms such as body aches, headache, chills, feeling tired, diarrhea, and vomiting.
- Staff and students who are out ill with a fever, coughing, or sore throat are required to stay home until their fever and flu symptoms have been gone for 24 hours and they are not taking fever-reducing medication anymore.
- Tulare County Health and Human Services is directing more precaution at Sequoia High School because of pregnant students and mothers with young infants by staying home seven days after the symptoms are gone.
- Early treatment for high-risk students and staff.
- Staff that work closely caring for sick students with fevers at school should protect themselves. N95 masks will be provided for nurses and staff who care for sick students when the nurse is not at the school.
- The good news is that, at this time, the H1N1 virus is not causing any greater illness than the season flu.
- Plans are in place for communications, reporting of illnesses, lab testing, and referrals.

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

The Board members' reports included the following:

- Welcomed everyone back and best wishes for a great school year
- Attended the Adult School LVN Graduation
- 10-year old Josh Lujan, student at Mineral King Elementary, National Golden Gloves Boxing Champion

Superintendent Carrizosa attended an appreciation recognition for the custodial teams that worked during the summer to complete the cleaning of the classrooms and school sites. There was very little absenteeism and this was the first year to complete the full cleaning regimen before school started. The annual summer facilities update will be on the agenda for the next Board meeting. Most of these projects were completed with restricted funds that can only be used for maintenance of facilities.

ROUTINE ACTION

A revised Board Report – Certificated Personnel 7/14/09-08/11/09, Routine Action Item 6.2.2 (Encl. 12) was distributed to replace the original item in the Board agenda packet.

Donna Martin pulled Routine Action Item 6.3.4 (Encl. No.18) because she is employed by Tulare County Office of Education.

Jim Qualls moved to approve the remaining Routine Action Items (Encl. 5-22). Larry Jones seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Jim Qualls moved to approve Routine Action Item 6.3.4, Encl. No.18. Rodney Elder seconded the motion. Ayes: Elder, Fulmer, Guerrero, Jones, Lane, and Qualls. Abstain: Martin. Motion carried.

- 6.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
 - 1. Warrant List – June 30, 2009 through July 16, 2009 (Encl. No. 5)
 - 2. 2009-2010 Budget Revision No. 01 (Encl. No. 6)
 - 3. Award of Construction Bid-Site Work and Related Construction for Ivanhoe Elementary School Relocatable Classroom Project (Encl. No. 7)
 - 4. Request to Piggyback for School Bus (Encl. No. 8)
 - 5. Short Term Transportation Agreement with Exeter Union School District (Encl. No. 9)
 - 6. Emergency Repair Resolution (Encl. No. 10)
- 6.2 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
 - 1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 11)
 - 2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 12)
 - 3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 13)
 - 4. Certification of Temporary Athletic Team Coach List for 2009-10 (Encl. No. 14)
- 6.3 INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES
 - 1. Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 15)
 - 2. 2009 Curricular & Technology Conference MOU with CVCUE (Encl. No. 16)
 - 3. Cayen Systems Supplemental Educational Services (SES) Software (Encl. No. 17)
 - 4. Visalia Adult School Agreement with Tulare County Office of Education (TCOE)-Clinical Training Sites for Vocational Nursing Students (Encl. No. 18)
 - 5. Agreement Between Visalia Adult School and Creative Center (Encl. No. 19)
- 6.4 SUPERINTENDENT’S OFFICE
 - 1. Minutes of the Board Meeting of June 9, 2009 (Encl. No. 20)
 - 2. Minutes of the Board Meeting of June 23, 2009 (Encl. No. 21)
 - 3. Minutes of the Board Meeting of July 14, 2009 (Encl. No. 22)

**ADMINISTRATIVE
PANEL RECOM-
MENDATIONS/
ACTION**

REINSTATEMENTS Donna Martin moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Reinstatements Case No. 10-01 R, Case No. 10-02 R, Case No. 10-03 R, Case No. 10-04 R, Case No. 10-05 R, Case No. 10-06 R, Case No. 10-07 R, Case No. 10-08 R, Case No. 10-09 R, Case No. 10-10 R, Case No. 10-11 R, Case No. 10-12 R, Case No. 10-13 R, Case No. 10-14 R, Case No. 10-15 R, Case No. 10-16 R, Case No. 10-17 R, Case No. 10-18 R, Case No. 10-19 R, Case No. 10-20 R, Case No. 10-21 R, Case No. 10-22 R, Case No. 10-23 R, Case No. 10-24 R, Case No. 10-25 R, Case No. 10-26 R, Case No. 10-27 R, Case No. 10-28 R, Case No. 10-29 R, Case No. 10-30 R, Case No. 10-31 R, Case No. 10-32 R, Case No. 10-33 R, and Case No. 10-34 R. (Encl. No. 23)

Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL AGENDA

Review/Public Hearing/

Public Input/

Board Discussion/

ACTION (as applicable)

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN VISALIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CALIFORNIA SCHOOL EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION (CSEA), CHAPTER 83

Cindi Costa, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Development, presented the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between Visalia Unified School District and California School Employee Association (CSEA), Chapter 83. (Encl. No. 24) On July 1, 2009, a Tentative Agreement was reached with CSEA and was ratified by their membership on July 15, 2009. After providing an opportunity for public comment as required by Government Code Section 3547.5, the Board considered this agreement between VUSD and CSEA for approval.

Donna Martin moved to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between VUSD and CSEA. Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. The motion carried unanimously.

AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION BID – REPLACEMENT OF WOODEN STAGE FLOOR AT L.J. WILLIAMS THEATER PROJECT

Randy Groom, Director, Administrative Services, presented the Award of Construction Bid-Replacement of Wooden Stage Floor at L.J. Williams Theater Project. (Encl. No. 25) The stage floor at L.J. Williams has become a safety hazard due to weakness in the wood as well as some areas where the floor is warped. The bid closing occurred too late to include specific bid results in the Board agenda packet. He distributed and reviewed the Bid Tabulation Sheet and recommended that bidder Gary Interrante be awarded the bid.

After discussion, Bill Fulmer moved to approve Gary Interrante the bid for the replacement of the wooden stage floor at L.J. Williams Theater project. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Randy Groom stated that a press release will be sent out tomorrow from the City of Visalia announcing that the City has been awarded two Safe Route to School Grants which will provide lighted crosswalks near three elementary schools (Cottonwood Creek, Manuel F. Hernandez, and Royal Oaks) along with sidewalk, curb, gutter, and bike lanes on Linwood Street between Cherry and Walnut Avenues. This has been a joint effort between the City and VUSD that will greatly benefit our students.

VUSD TRUSTEE AREA ELECTION BOUNDARY STUDY PLAN: COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The District is studying population trends in order to insure that Board members represent, as nearly as possible, equal populations. (Encl. No. 26) The Board directed staff to contact three past Board members (Milt Morrison, Laura Pace, and Rob Stephenson) and inquire as to their interest in being considered a representation on this committee. All three have indicated that they would serve on this committee. Superintendent Carrizosa distributed a summary of the VUSD Student Demographics for 2008-2009. This information will be a part of what the committee will be

reviewing at their first meeting on Tuesday, September 15. Randy Groom, Director, Administrative Services, will be the staff facilitator for these committee meetings.

Donna Martin moved to appoint Milt Morrison to the Trustee Area Election Boundary Community Advisory Committee. Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Michael Lane moved to invite Laura Pace and Rob Stephenson to serve as alternates on the committee. Larry Jones seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Rodney Elder moved to approve the entire list of members for the Trustee Area Election Boundary Community Advisory Committee. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**NOTICE OF INTENT
TO EMPLOY
CERTIFICATED
PERSONNEL AND
APPROVAL OF
VARIABLE TERM
WAIVER REQUEST
FOR AN EL
AUTHORIZATION**

Prior to submitting a Variable Term Waiver Request to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, a notice of intent to employ an individual on the basis of a credential waiver must be published in the Board agenda and approval granted by the Governing Board. (Encl. No. 27) Cindi Costa, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Development, stated that this waiver request to take course work for the Certificate of Staff Development is for a part-time position as an auto teacher at Redwood High School.

Donna Martin moved to approve the Notice of Intent to Employ Certificated Personnel and Approval of Variable Term Waiver Request for an EL Authorization. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

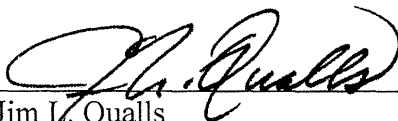
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

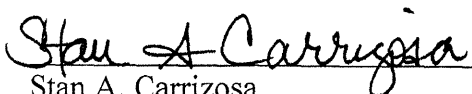
NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 25, 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