

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

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The February 9, 2010 Board meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Jim Qualls 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>
Tim Chaney	5:30	9:50	
Rodney Elder	5:30	9:50	
William A. Fulmer	5:30	9:50	
Larry Jones	5:30	9:50	
Donna Martin	5:30	9:30	
Jim L. Qualls	5:30	9:50	
Charles Ulmschneider	5:30	9:50	
 Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent	 5:30	 9:50	

Staff Members

Robert Gröeber, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services
Cindi Costa, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Development
Pam Ryan, Administrative Assistant, Superintendent's Office
Matthew Sweeney, Student Representative

CLOSED SESSION

President Qualls 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 REVIEWS-CONTINUED EXPULSIONS
- 2.4 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ASSIGNMENT/REASSIGNMENT/APPOINTMENT (Government Code Section 54957)
- 2.5 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 7:10 p.m. President Qualls announced that no action was taken in closed session. He 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.

2010-2011 SCHOOL CALENDAR – FIRST READING

Cindi Costa, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Development, presented the 2010-2011 school calendar for a first reading. (Encl. No.1) She distributed a revised school calendar which included July 5 as a holiday. The proposed calendar for 2010-2011 was reviewed and approved by the Visalia Unified Teachers Association and closely mirrors the current year calendar. Staff continues to support the three-week winter break. A parent survey indicated greater interest in an August start date (rather than a September start date to conserve energy costs) that most closely resembles the current calendar. Action will be taken by the Board at the February 23 meeting.

REPORT ON K-12 AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Doug Bartsch, Area Administrator-Elementary, and Frank Escobar, Manager-After School Programs, presented the Report on K-12 After School Programs. (Encl. No. 2) The update included a brief summary on the background, goals, and components of the VUSD programs. In addition to the K-6 HEART programs, the overview included an update on the Promoting Unity and Leadership through Successful Enrichment (PULSE) After School Program and the Academic Enrichment Center (AEC) at each of the middle schools. The AEC is a homework accountability program that targets students who have not completed homework. The report also included an update of the After School Safety and Enrichment for Teens (ASSETs) Programs at Redwood, Golden West, and Mt. Whitney High Schools and the partnership with ProYouth/HEART.

INTER-DISTRICT TRANSFERS (ANNUAL BOARD ADOPTED PROTOCOLS)

Drew Sorensen, Area Administrator-Instructional Services, presented the Inter-District Transfers (Annual Board Adopted Protocols). (Encl. No. 3) For the past several years, the District has not approved inter-district transfers (from other school districts to VUSD) in the elementary schools. Education Code 48204 allows people who are employed in the VUSD attendance boundaries to enroll their children in our District. The District is proposing to send a letter via email to all certificated and classified VUSD employees who work at least 30 hours a week in Visalia to participate in this opportunity for K-12 schools dependent upon space availability for the 2010-2011 school year. Verification of employment will need to be received each year.

Bill Fulmer moved to approve offering K-12 inter-district transfers to those working at least 30 hours or more in Visalia the opportunity to enroll their students at a District site dependent upon space availability. Tim Chaney seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

K-2 CLASS SIZE REDUCTION PLANNING UPDATE FOR 2010-11

Doug Bartsch, Area Administrator-Elementary, presented the K-2 Class Size Reduction (CSR) Planning Update for 2010-11. (Encl. No. 4) VUSD currently implements CSR in Grades K, 1st and 2nd. The update included an overview of how CSR started in 1996 and the VUSD proposal for using CSR “Flexibility” for 2010-2011 with a target district average of 25:1 with an estimated cost savings of \$315,000.

Public Comment

Karl Kildow, President, Visalia Unified Teachers Association (VUTA), asked how many fewer teachers would be needed. Mr. Bartsch responded that the estimate would represent five fewer teaching positions.

Tim Chaney moved to approve the proposed average of 25:1 student/teacher ratio for Grades K, 1st and 2nd. Charles Ulmschneider seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/ SUPERINTEN- DENT'S REPORT

Matthew Sweeney, 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 the Green Acres Middle School musical "The Wizard of Oz" and Redwood High School's "Seussical the Musical"
- Suggestion to post Board member's pictures at the district office for the community
- Would like website to be more "user friendly" to find the web cast of Board meetings
- School visit to Mt. Whitney High School
- El Diamante High School/La Joya Middle School production "Oliver" February 12, 13, 18, 19, and 20
- Met with vocational teachers
- Band students were honored
- Visiting VDAIT campuses
- Attended Joint City Council/VUSD Board meeting
- Participated in Jump for the Record at Conyer Elementary School

ROUTINE ACTION

Rodney Elder moved to approve the Routine Action Items, Encl. No. 5-15. Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

6.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Warrant List – January 15, 2010 through January 22, 2010 (Encl. No. 5)
2. 2009-2010 Budget Revision No.10 (Encl. No. 6)

6.2 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 7)
2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 8)
3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 9)
4. Certification of Temporary Athletic Team Coach List for 2009-10 (Encl. No. 10)

6.3 INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

1. Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 11)
2. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between Visalia Adult School and Kings County Office of Education Youth Services (Encl. No. 12)
3. 2009-2010 Migrant Education District Service Agreement Revision Request (Encl. No. 13)

4. Clinical Affiliation Agreement – Nursing; California State University, Dominguez Hills & Visalia Unified School District (Encl. No. 14)
- 6.4 SUPERINTENDENT’S OFFICE
 1. Minutes of the Board Meeting of January 26, 2010 (Encl. No. 15)

**ADMINISTRATIVE
PANEL RECOM-
MENDATIONS/
ACTION
EXPULSIONS**

Tim Chaney pulled Agenda Item 7.1.8 Case No. 10-87 E. Larry Jones moved to accept the remaining Administrative Panel Recommendations for Expulsions Case No. 10-80 E, Case No. 10-81 E, Case No. 10-82 E, Case No. 10-83 E, Case No. 10-84 E, Case No. 10-85 E, Case No. 10-86 E, Case No. 10-88 E, Case No. 10-89 E, Case No. 10-90 E, Case No. 10-91 E, and Case No. 10-92 E. (Encl. No. 16) Donna Martin seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Larry Jones moved to approve Agenda Item 7.1.8 Case No. 10-87 E. Rodney Elder seconded the motion. Ayes: Elder, Fulmer, Jones, Martin, Qualls, and Ulmschneider. Abstain: Chaney. Motion carried.

**SUSPENDED
EXPULSIONS**

Larry Jones moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Suspended Expulsions Case No. 10-22 SE, Case No. 10-23 SE, Case No. 10-24 SE, and Case No. 10-25 SE. (Encl. No. 17) Donna Martin seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**REVIEWS-
CONTINUED
EXPULSIONS**

Charles Ulmschneider moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Reviews-Continued Expulsions Case No. 10-29 RCE and Case No. 10-30-RCE. (Encl. No. 18) Tim Chaney seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**REQUEST CHARTER
RENEWAL FOR
VISALIA UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT
CHARTER SCHOOL-
VISALIA CHARTER
INDEPENDENT
STUDY**

Heather Rocha, Principal, Visalia Charter Independent Study (VCIS), presented the Request Charter Renewal for Visalia Unified School District Charter School-Visalia Charter Independent Study. (Encl. No. 19) The existing charter for Visalia Charter Independent Study will expire on June 30, 2010. The proposed renewal for the charter will be for a period of five (5) years from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2015. The original petition was for grades 7-12. The only proposed change that has been made to the existing charter would be to expand to grades K-12 in case the need arises for the District to have other options. A material revision of the provisions of the charter petition may be made only with the approval of the authority that granted the charter. District staff is recommending renewal.

Bill Fulmer moved to approve the renewal of the charter for Visalia Unified Charter School-Visalia Charter Independent Study. Donna Martin seconded the motion. Ayes: Chaney, Elder, Fulmer, Jones, Martin, and Qualls. Abstain: Ulmschneider. Motion carried.

VUTA INTERESTS/
INITIAL PROPOSAL
FOR CERTIFICATED
NEGOTIATIONS

Karl Kildow, President, Visalia Unified Teachers Association (VUTA), presented the second reading of the VUTA Interests/Initial Proposal for Certificated Negotiations. (Encl. No. 20) Government Code Section 3547 requires all initial contract proposals of the Board and an employee organization, which relate to matters within the scope of representation, be presented at a public meeting and be made available for public review at the District Office for a reasonable period of time. The Association presented the interests of VUTA to review salary and benefits and Article V-Hours of Employment at the January 26, 2010 Board meeting. The initial contract interests/proposal has been available for public review.

There was no public comment.

Tim Chaney moved to acknowledge receipt of VUTA's interests. Donna Martin seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ON
POTENTIAL
OPPORTUNITY TO
REFINANCE
MEASURE G BONDS

Nathan Hernandez, Finance Director, and Jonathan Edwards with Government Financial Strategies, Inc., presented the Potential Opportunity to Refinance Measure G Bonds. (Encl. No. 21) In April 1999, voters approved the issuance of \$42.5 million of general obligations bonds for the Visalia Unified School District payable from property tax collections. These bonds were issued in three series between June 1999 and August 2002 with 15 year repayment schedules. Recent declines in interest rates have presented an opportunity to refinance these bonds to save interest costs to the tax payers of approximately \$600,000 over the life of the bonds without extending the repayment period. At the February 23 meeting, the Board will consider the adoption of a resolution authorizing issuance of refunding bonds.

There was no public comment.

SHANNON RANCH
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
CONSTRUCTION
PLANNING AND
DESIGN UPDATE

Randy Groom, Director-Administrative Services, presented the Shannon Ranch Elementary School Construction Planning and Design Update. (Encl. No. 22) Design costs were budgeted in restricted Facilities Funds with no impact to the General Fund. Following the completion of Annie R. Mitchell and Manuel F. Hernandez Elementary Schools, staff transitioned immediately into site planning and design for the next proposed elementary school to be situated in the Shannon Ranch Subdivision on a finished site owned by the District. While enrollment trends and developer fee trends will ultimately dictate much of the timing of the construction of the next elementary school, it has been the intent of staff to complete the design process so that construction can begin unimpeded when conditions are right. Staff has approached this project as a continuing evolution of the prior elementary designs, maintaining the philosophy of the prior designs while taking advantage of opportunities to learn from existing facilities and make prudent improvement and refinements. The presentation was informational only and was intended to update the Board on the proposed site layout, architectural

approach, building changes, and functional changes from the previous version of the design. There was no public comment.

ALTERNATIVE
CONSTRUCTION
PLANNING FOR
MT. WHITNEY
HIGH SCHOOL AND
VISALIA CHARTER
INDEPENDENT
STUDY FACILITIES

Randy Groom, Director-Administrative Services, presented the Alternative Construction Planning for Mt. Whitney High School and Visalia Charter Independent Study Facilities. (Encl. No. 23) The District is in the process of completing construction-related projects at Mt. Whitney High School and Visalia Charter Independent Study (VCIS). In both cases, normal bidding processes were followed, but in both cases the results were not successful. In the case of the MWHS Library Remodel project, only one bid was received and it was substantially above budget. The Board took action at the previous meeting on January 26 to reject the sole bid. In the VCIS Fire Sprinkler/Alarm project, no bids were received. Staff has explored alternative approaches and presented information and recommendations on how to proceed with each of these projects that have already been budgeted in the Restricted Facilities Funds with no impact to the General Fund. A portion of the funding will come from State construction dollars already on deposit with VUSD.

There was no public comment.

Tim Chaney moved to authorize to proceed with alternative construction approaches as recommended by staff. Rodney Elder seconded the motion. Ayes: Chaney, Elder, Fulmer, Jones, and Qualls. Absent: Martin. Abstain. Ulmschneider. Motion carried.

CSBA REVISION TO
BP 2210 –
ADMINISTRATIVE
DISCRETION
REGARDING BOARD
POLICY – FIRST
READING

Superintendent Carrizosa presented the first reading of proposed Board policy revisions that have been reviewed by staff and the Board Policy Committee. Both new Board Members Chaney and Ulmschneider are a part of this committee. The second and final reading of the revisions will be on the agenda for the February 23rd meeting for Board action. Summaries of the revisions follow:

BP 2210 – Administrative Discretion Regarding Board Policy. (Encl. No. 24) New laws SBX3 4 and ABX 4 2 - Retitled policy revised to reflect the flexibility for Tier 3 categorical programs. Allows districts to move specific categorical funds into the general fund if needed.

CSBA REVISION TO
BP 3280 – SALE OR
LEASE OF DISTRICT-
OWNED PROPERTY-
FIRST READING

BP 3280 – Sale or Lease of District-Owned Property. (Encl. No. 25) Reflects new law ABX 4 2 which authorizes districts, until January 1, 2012, to use the proceeds from the sale of excess property for any one-time general fund purpose. Also specifies procedures to be used in making properties available, first to other public agencies, and then to sell property to private investors, which involves competitive bids.

CSBA REVISION
TO MANDATED
AR 4117.11/4317.11-
PRERETIREMENT
PART-TIME
EMPLOYMENT –
FIRST READING

Mandated AR 4117.11/4317.11 – Preretirement Part-time Employment. (Encl. No. 26) New law that governs the amount of hours that employees can work and the reduced workloads that may be obtained as retirees and what is necessary for them to maintain health and welfare benefits should they return to full-time employment.

VUSD STAFF
REVISION TO
CURRENT BP 5123.1-
K-6 PROMOTION /
ACCELERATION /
RETENTION – FIRST
READING

BP 5123.1 – K-6 Promotion/Acceleration/Retention. (Encl. No. 27) The revision deletes unnecessary notes and adds new language authorizing the Superintendent or designee to use appropriate proficiency levels on Board approved English Language Arts/Math assessments as another indicator of academic achievement for K-6 students.

CSBA REVISION TO
BP 6111 – SCHOOL
CALENDAR – FIRST
READING

BP 6111 – School Calendar. (Encl. No. 28) Reflects new law ABX4 2 which authorizes a district, upon agreement with employee organizations, to reduce the school year through 2012-13 by up to five days of instruction without incurring financial penalties from the State.

CSBA REVISION TO
MANDATED
BP 6145 –
EXTRACURRICULAR
AND
COCURRICULAR
ACTIVITIES – FIRST
READING

BP 6145 – Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities. (Encl. 29) Reflects new law AB 81 which provides that a foster youth who changes residences is immediately eligible for participation in extracurricular activities and interscholastic sports.

CSBA REVISION TO
BP 6145.2 –
ATHLETIC
COMPETITION –
FIRST READING

BP 6145.2 – Athletic Competition. (Encl. No. 30) Reflects new law AB 343 which requires districts to be flexible in applying local rules to children of military families to facilitate their eligibility for extracurricular activities.

CSBA REVISION TO
BP 6161.1 –
SELECTION AND
EVALUATION OF
INSTRUCTIONAL
MATERIALS – FIRST
READING

BP 6161.1 – Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials. (Encl. No. 31) Reflects new laws SBX3 4 and ABX4 2 which set forth the standards for Board hearings on sufficiency of instructional materials, maintaining standards aligned materials, and continuing to use the State categorical funding for textbook and instructional materials for those purposes.

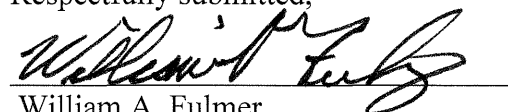
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2010, 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,



William A. Fulmer
Clerk



Stan A. Carrizosa
Superintendent