

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

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The March 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	8:55	
Rodney Elder	5:30	8:55	
William A. Fulmer	5:30	8:55	
Larry Jones	5:30	8:55	
Donna Martin	5:30	8:55	
Jim L. Qualls	5:30	8:55	
Charles Ulmschneider	5:30	8:55	
Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent	5:30	8:55	

Staff Members

Robert Gröeber, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services
Cindi Costa, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Development
Delia Smart, Executive Assistant, Superintendent's Office
Pam Ryan, Administrative Assistant, Superintendent's Office, prepared the minutes
Ben Hash sat in for 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 REINSTATEMENTS
- 2.4 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE (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
- 2.6 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ASSIGNMENT/REASSIGNMENT/APPOINTMENT (Government Code Section 54957)

**EARLY BIRD
SESSION**

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

**STUDENT
ACHIEVEMENT
AWARDS**

The Board honored outstanding students in Science and Business Education from the four comprehensive high schools and Business Education from the Visalia Adult School. Students from Sequoia High School, Charter Alternatives Academy-Union, and Visalia Charter Independent Study were recognized for overall achievement. (Encl. No. 1)

Sequoia High School

- Yvette Munoz (Overall Achievement)

Charter Alternatives Academy-Union

- Luis Ramirez-Reyna (Overall Achievement)

Visalia Charter Independent Study

- Jessica Montes (Overall Achievement)

Visalia Adult School

- Jim Balliet (Business Education)

Golden West High School

- John Gonzalez (Business Education)
- Chad Bean (Science)

El Diamante High School

- Christina Rodriguez (Business Education)
- Kaitlyn Holmes (Science)

Mt. Whitney High School

- Shelby Saldivar (Business Education)
- Ryan Chung (Science)

Redwood High School

- Ashley Eastman (Business Education)
- Adeel Lakhani (Science)

REGULAR SESSION The Board convened the regular Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. President Qualls announced that the Board took the following action in closed session. On a motion by Tim Chaney with a second by Rodney Elder, the Board voted unanimously to take action to accept a resolution to non-reelect employee #12369 pursuant to the Education Code 44921.21.

Larry Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**GENERAL PUBLIC
COMMENT**

Public Comment

Maria Hernandez, a concerned parent, expressed her concern when the district hires outside contractors for work that the VUSD Maintenance Department could do. She asked that the district use its employees first before a bid goes out to save the money for the school sites and the children.

Dave Tonini, Principal of Green Acres Middle School, recognized Rocky Guerrero, School Psychologist, for being one of ten finalists for the Educator of the Year Award by the California League of Middle Schools. Mr. Guerrero was instrumental in establishing a peer helper program eight years ago serving over 200 each year who have been trained as peer helpers giving students the tools to resolve conflicts in a peaceful way. This program has had a significant impact on the school climate at Green Acres. This year, for example, the school's suspension rate has been decreased by 26%. He has started the same program at Charter Alternatives Academy and Elbow Creek Elementary School.

DISTRICT-WIDE
GOALS-2010-2011-
FIRST READING

Superintendent Carrizosa reviewed the first reading of the District-Wide Goals for 2010-2011. (Encl. No. 2) These goals have gone through the normal, annual process beginning with the Board's opportunity to review them at the Board President's Retreat in January; being reviewed by district advisory committees made up of a cross-section of business representatives, parents, and staff; the district's senior leadership; meetings with all school principals; and to Cabinet for the final review. The second reading will come to the Board at the next meeting on March 23 for action.

CAL SAFE SERVICES
REORGANIZATION
FOR 2010-11

John Ramirez, Director, Educational Options, presented the Cal Safe Services Reorganization for 2010-11 as a cost savings to the district. (Encl. No. 3) Currently the program runs at Sequoia High School with three full-time teachers and five child care providers, which allows for two self-contained classrooms to offer for the expectant mother program. The proposal for the program is to consolidate the program and still provide similar services but reduce the cost. The new structure would have five child care providers, one of which will have the credentials necessary to stay compliant which would allow the district to have one section. This is consistent with one of the recommended models for Cal Safe and expands on the general consensus which is to have students mainstreamed as much as possible. This is a model that is similar to the program at Visalia Charter Independent Study (VCIS). The reorganization is projected to save the categorical budget \$270,000.

Public Comment

The following teachers, students, and community members spoke in support of maintaining the current structure of the Cal Safe Services Program and the benefits it provides:

- Eric Charles
- Leslie Mosley
- Jessica Bravo
- Janis Christopher
- Penney Morrelli
- Charlene Minetti
- Justin Mosley

Superintendent Carrizosa reminded the Board that the state has cut all categorical funding 20%, of which the Cal Safe Services program is a part of. In order for the state to bail out their budget cuts, these now become the district's general fund of which VUSD must cut approximately \$15M over two years. Due to additional resignations that have been

received by the district, there will be an opportunity for every teacher to be placed in a position and no pink slips will be issued because of the Cal Safe reorganization.

Bill Fulmer moved to approve the Cal Safe Services Reorganization for 2010-11. Tim Chaney seconded the motion. Ayes: Chaney, Elder, Fulmer, Jones, Martin, and Qualls. Noes: Ulmschneider. Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION AND RESOLUTION TO ELIMINATE POSITIONS DUE TO A REDUCTION OF PARTICULAR KINDS OF CERTIFICATED SERVICES FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR: SOCIAL SCIENCE, HOME ECONOMICS/ CONSUMER STUDIES

Cindi Costa, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Development, stated that due to changes in staffing from additional resignations and retirements that have been received by the district, there will be an opportunity for every teacher to be placed into a position for which they are qualified without the need to conduct a layoff. She recommended that the Board table this agenda item.

Larry Jones moved to table Agenda Item No. 5.4 (Encl. No. 4). Tim Chaney seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

TIER III FUNDING SHIFTS FOR 2010-11 – FIRST READING

Christine Statton, CPA, Chief Financial Officer, presented a proposal for a first reading for Tier III Funding Shifts for 2010-11. (Encl. No. 5) In accordance with Education Code Section 42605(c)(2), Visalia Unified School District held a Public Hearing on the proposed use of funds under the state categorical flexibility transfer authority (SBX3 4) and on June 23, 2009, the District approved state flexibility transfers under the provisions of the budget trailer bill (SBX 3 4) that gives local school agencies the authority to use the funds received from the state for Tier III programs for “any educational purpose, to the extent permitted by federal law”. The flexibility to transfer funds from these programs is authorized for five years (through 2012-13).

The District plans to utilize this authority to transfer \$2.8 million in on-going revenues from thirteen separate programs into unrestricted general fund expenditure needs, to be used for instruction and instruction related purposes for 2010-11 and in all future years for which the flexibility is allowed.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/ SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Ben Hash sat in for Matthew Sweeney, Student Representative to the Board from Golden West High School, and gave a brief summary of the events that are taking place at each of the high schools.

The Board members’ reports included the following:

- Announced that the City Recreation Department sponsors volleyball in three different levels and needs coaches. Contact Hector Torres with the City of Visalia, Recreation Department-713-4178 if interested in coaching.

- In the process of reviewing the collective bargaining agreements
- Discussed newspaper article stating decline in children being bullied and/or beaten up by their peers due to the Olweus Bullying Program which is a part of the VUSD curriculum
- Visited school sites with the principals and open houses at school sites
- Met with vocational education instructors
- Met with students regarding sex education taught in the schools
- Congratulated Mt. Whitney boys basketball team for playing in the Valley finals

Superintendent Carrizosa reported on the work that the Board has been doing for succession planning after his departure. On March 3, they held a comprehensive special session to discuss the process and sequencing and agreed to set another meeting March 17 to consider public employee assignment/reassignment/appointment and for the purpose of reviewing due process and the procedure which will be used to fill the superintendency. The Board has made a commitment to release a public announcement of the process and/or action to be taken by the March 23 Board meeting.

ROUTINE ACTION

Public Comment

Mark Adams, with Xerox Corporation, commented on the proposal from Ray Morgan Company for equipment that would replace the Xerox equipment in the district Print Shop. He presented his proposal today to district staff for that same purpose. He requested that the Board pull Routine Action Item 7.1.3-Print Shop Request for Copier Lease Using Piggyback Off California Multiple Award Schedule (CMAS) (Encl. No. 8)

Tito Molfino, with Ray Morgan Company, was also present and heard Mark Adams' request.

Routine Action Item 7.1.3-Print Shop Request for Copier Lease Using Piggyback Off California Multiple Award Schedule (CMAS) (Encl. No. 8) was pulled by the Board.

Rodney Elder moved to approve the remaining Routine Action Items (Encl. No. 6-14) minus Encl. No. 8. Donna Martin seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Donna Martin moved to table Routine Action Item 7.1.3-Print Shop Request for Copier Lease Using Piggyback Off California Multiple Award Schedule (CMAS) (Encl. No. 8) in order for district staff to review this item in more detail. Charles Ulmschneider seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

7.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Warrant List – February 12, 2010 through February 19, 2010 (Encl. No. 6)
2. Resolution of Intention to Grant Easement to Southern California Edison (Encl. No. 7)
3. Print Shop Request for Copier Lease Using Piggyback off California Multiple Award Schedule (CMAS) (Encl. No. 8)

- 7.2 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
 - 1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 9)
 - 2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 10)
 - 3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 11)
 - 4. Certification of Temporary Athletic Team Coach List for 2009-10 (Encl. No. 12)
- 7.3 INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES
 - 1. Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 13)
 - 2. Request to Attend Conference/Workshop (Encl. No. 14)

**ADMINISTRATIVE
PANEL RECOM-
MENDATIONS/
ACTION**

EXPULSIONS Larry Jones moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Expulsions Case No. 10-104 E, Case No. 10-105 E, Case No. 10-106 E, Case No. 10-107 E, Case No. 10-108 E, Case No. 10-109 E, Case No. 10-110 E, Case No. 10-111 E, and Case No. 10-112 E. (Encl. No. 15) Charles Ulmschneider seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**SUSPENDED
EXPULSIONS** Donna Martin moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Suspended Expulsion Case No. 10-32 SE, Case No. 10-33 SE, Case No. 10-34 SE, and Case No. 10-35 SE. (Encl. No. 16) Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

REINSTATEMENTS Charles Ulmschneider moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Reinstatements Case No. 10-76 R, Case No. 10-77 R, and Case No. 10-78 R. (Encl. No. 17) Donna Martin seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**RECOMMENDATION
AND RESOLUTION
TO ELIMINATE
POSITIONS DUE TO
A REDUCTION OF
PARTICULAR KINDS
OF CERTIFICATED
SERVICES** Cindi Costa, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Development, recommended the reduction and elimination of Particular Kinds of Certificated Services: 2.37 FTE at the Visalia Adult School. (Encl. No. 18) In accordance with Education Codes 44949 and 44955, districts must provide notice by March 15 of the current school year to certificated employees who may be reassigned or released from their certificated positions at the end of the year. Ms. Costa requested Board approval of the recommendations and resolution.

**PROVIDED BY THE
VISALIA ADULT
SCHOOL FOR THE** Bill Fulmer moved to approve the recommendation and resolution to eliminate 2.37 FTE at the Visalia Adult School. Tim Chaney seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

2010-2011 SCHOOL
YEAR

2009-10 SECOND
INTERIM
FINANCIAL REPORT

Christine Statton, CPA, Chief Financial Officer, presented the 2009-10 Second Interim Financial Report. (Encl. No. 19) The multiyear projection showed the district with a \$4.1M deficit in 2010-11 and a \$4.8M deficit in 2011-12. This assumed \$2.8M of Tier III funding flexed and an additional \$4.5M of reductions implemented in 2011-2012. It also assumed a 1.8% COLA received in 2011-2012, no step, column, or longevity increase, and no Health & Welfare increase for 2010-11. VUSD assumed zero growth in 2010-11 and 2011-12.

Bill Fulmer moved to approve the 2009-10 Second Interim Financial Report. Rodney Elder seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

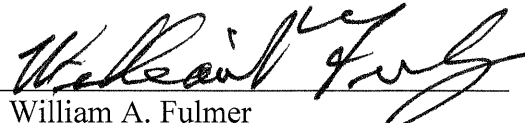
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

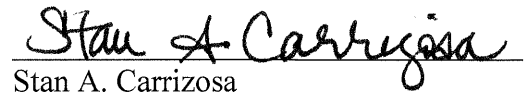
NEXT MEETING

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