

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

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The May 25, 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	8:50	
Rodney Elder	5:30	8:50	
William A. Fulmer	5:30	8:50	
Larry Jones	5:30	8:50	
Donna Martin	5:30	8:50	
Jim L. Qualls	5:30	8:50	
Charles Ulmschneider	5:30	8:50	
 Stan A. Carrizosa, Superintendent	 5:30	 8:50	

Staff Members

Robert Gröeber, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services
Cindi Costa, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Development
Pam Ryan, Administrative Assistant, Superintendent's Office
Kayla Doyle, 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 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Government Code Section 54957.6)
 - 1. Agency Negotiator: Cindi Costa
 - 2. Employee Organizations
 - 1. CSEA
 - 2. VUTA
 - 3. Management
- 2.5 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EVALUATION – SUPERINTENDENT

**EARLY BIRD
SESSION**

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

**ANNUAL DELAC
PRESENTATION**

Araceli Ozuna, Coordinator of State & Federal Projects, presented the Annual DELAC report. (Encl. No. 1) The District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC) is composed of representatives from each school's English Learner

Advisory Committee (ELAC). Approximately 80% of English Learner students in the district speak Spanish as their primary language followed by Southeast Asian and Arabic languages. 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. Included in the report was the English Learner Parent Survey-March 2010 and the results of an overall positive response to all of the questions.

Ana Michel, President of DELAC, thanked the Board for supporting the committee and all English Learner programs in the district. She encouraged support for all after school programs, especially programs that would help support academic growth and struggling students.

Bill Fulmer moved to approve the Annual DELAC Report as presented. Larry Jones seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR SESSION The Board convened the regular Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. President Qualls announced that no action was taken in closed session. Tim Chaney led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC
RECOGNITION/
PROCLAMATIONS/
ACTION**

RECOGNITION OF
JEFF CATES –
FOUNDER OF THE
VISAIA
ELEMENTARY
TRACK
ASSOCIATION

Myron Sheklian, Area Administrator, Elementary Schools, recognized Jeff Cates, sixth grade teacher at Mineral King Elementary School, for being the founder of the Visalia Elementary Track Association. (Encl. No. 2) In 1977, Mr. Cates started the track and field program at Mineral King School and later formed the Visalia Elementary Track Association in which eighteen VUSD elementary schools currently participate. With Mr. Cates' encouragement and involvement, students have participated and received gold, silver, and bronze medals in the Junior Olympics, Valley, Regional, and National championships. President Qualls presented Mr. Cates with a plaque recognizing him for his dedication to the students of VUSD.

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

Public Comment
Jeff Hohne, Principal of Mt. Whitney High School, presented Kayla Doyle, Student Representative to the Board from Mt. Whitney High School, with her certificate of

appreciation. She was unable to attend the VUSD Student and Staff Awards Night where the other high school students received recognition for their involvement with the Board this year.

Yolanda Flores, Principal, Sequoia High School, introduced and acknowledged the student authors of *Against the Odds-Visalia Voices*, a collection of personal narratives. Dr. Joythi Bathina, a California State University-Fresno professor, in connection with the Literate Voices Project, helped students reconnect to school and the importance of their education. The Grand Book Launch will be held May 27 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Satellite Student Union, CSUF.

Lee Coehlo, representing the California School Employees Association (CSEA), spoke concerning the effort in negotiations to withhold the final payment due to classified employees under the current agreement. Superintendent Carrizosa and Assistant Superintendent Costa clarified the legal ramifications of the agreement.

VISALIA
TECHNICAL
EDUCATION
CENTER (VTEC)
CHARTER
SCHOOL
PLANNING UPDATE

Victoria Porter, the new Principal for Visalia Technical Education Center (VTEC) Charter School, presented the planning update for the new center that will open August 19, 2010. (Encl. No. 3) There will be an enrollment limit of 70 sophomores. In Year 1, the two pathways will focus in the area of agriculture with the emphasis in Veterinary Technician (RVT) and Food Science Technology. In Year 2 & 3, the district will be reviewing data from the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) to identify the best pathways for immediate employability. Tentative ideas to explore are the fields of construction/building, public safety, and industrial maintenance. Ms. Porter's update included current details on the facility, the courses and instructors, and the proposed timeline.

STATE BUDGET
UPDATE – MAY
REVISE: VUSD
IMPACT

Christine Statton, CPA, Chief Financial Officer, presented the State Budget information update. (Encl. No. 4) The presentation provided an analysis of the Governor's Proposed May Revision to the state K-12 budget, anticipated impacts to the Visalia Unified School District 2010-11 budget, and the ongoing state budget deficit. The new target is \$6.9M in reduction to VUSD for 2010-11 and a total projected reduction of \$16.4M through 2010-11. However, the Governor's May Revision has not been approved by the Legislature.

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

Kayla Doyle, Student Representative to the Board from Mt. Whitney 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:

- Spoke at the Lion's Club meeting
- Requested that the daily bulletin be read at all high schools over the intercom
- Attended the monthly Superintendent's Advisory Forum meeting where the issue of sex education curriculum was discussed
- Visited school sites
- Attended Visalia Charter Independent Study (VCIS) student awards ceremony

- Congratulated high school spring student athletes, fine arts, and co-curricular students. They must maintain their GPAs in order to participate.
- Thanked administrators for another rewarding year
- Will be attending graduations
- Shared video clip from the CSBA Delegate Assembly meeting
- Updated Board on the TCOVE changes

Superintendent Carrizosa reported on the final public hearing and review that the Visalia Planning Commission held regarding the conditional use permit request for the new site that the district purchased for Visalia Charter Independent Study. Board member Fulmer spoke on the Board's behalf. The Planning Commission voted a unanimous 3-0 in favor of the conditional use permit. Mr. Carrizosa noted that VCIS underwent their first WASC accreditation and received the highest standard, a six-year accreditation.

ROUTINE ACTION

Assistant Superintendent Cindi Costa, Human Resources Development, distributed a revised Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 10) and a revised Notice to Employ Certificated Personnel for Extended Year – Middle and High Schools (Encl. No. 12) due to hiring additional teachers after the board agenda packet was distributed.

Rodney Elder moved to approve the Routine Action Items, Encl. No. 5-18. Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

8.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Warrant List – April 30, 2010 through May 7, 2010 (Encl. No. 5)
2. 2009-2010 Budget Revision No. 15 (Encl. No. 6)
3. VUSD General Fund Cash Flows as of March 30, 2010 (Encl. No. 7)
4. Approval of Bid #4719 – Electrical Upgrades at Various Sites (Encl. No. 8)

8.2 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 9)
2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 10)
3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 11)
4. Notice to Employ Certificated Personnel for Extended Year – Middle and High Schools (Encl. No. 12)

8.3 INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

1. Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 13)
2. Student Field Trip Requests – High School Summer League Tournaments (Encl. No. 14)
3. Clinical Affiliation Agreement – Nursing; College of Sequoias & Visalia Unified School District (Encl. No. 15)

8.4 SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

1. Minutes of the Board Meeting of April 27, 2010 (Encl. No. 16)
2. Minutes of the Board Meeting of May 11, 2010 (Encl. No. 17)
3. California School Boards Association (CSBA) Membership Renewal for 2010-2011 (Encl. No. 18)

**ADMINISTRATIVE
PANEL RECOM-
MENDATIONS/
ACTION**

EXPULSIONS

Tim Chaney moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Expulsions Case No. 10-158 E, Case No. 10-159 E, Case No. 10-160 E, Case No. 10-161 E, Case No. 10-162 E, Case No. 10-163 E, and Case No. 10-164 E. (Encl. No. 19) Donna Martin seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**SUSPENDED
EXPULSIONS**

Tim Chaney moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Suspended Expulsions Case No. 10-61 SE, Case No. 10-62 SE, Case No. 10-63 SE, Case No. 10-64 SE, and Case No. 10-65 SE. (Encl. No. 20) Rodney Elder seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**REVIEWS-
CONTINUED
EXPULSIONS**

Charles Ulmschneider moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendation for Reviews-Continued Expulsions Case No. 10-33 RCE. (Encl. No. 21) Tim Chaney seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL AGENDA

Review/Public Hearing/

Public Input/

Board Discussion/

ACTION (as
applicable)

**PUBLIC HEARING-
DEVELOPER FEE
JUSTIFICATION
STUDY**

David Loverin, Internal Auditor, presented the Developer Fee Justification Study and public hearing to determine the permissible school facility fees allowable. (Encl. No. 22) This study has been made available for public review for at least 15 days. Notice of the public hearing was posted in the Visalia Times Delta on May 10, 2010. A resolution has been prepared to adopt new residential developer fee rates for the 2010-2011 year. As a result of this study, the district no longer qualifies for Level 2 developer fees and will begin collecting Level 1 developer fees, which is a decrease of \$0.40 per square foot. The Level 1 fee determined by the State is \$2.97 for residential development and \$0.47 for commercial development.

There was no public comment.

Tim Chaney moved to approve the Developer Fee Justification Study. Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION
ADOPTING LEVEL 1
RESIDENTIAL &
COMMERCIAL
DEVELOPER FEE**

David Loverin explained that this is the resolution necessary to adopt Level 1 residential and commercial developer fees based on the approved Developer Fee Justification Study just adopted by the Board. (Encl. No. 23) These changes would normally go into effect 60 days after Board approval.

BASED ON THE
APPROVED
DEVELOPER FEE
JUSTIFICATION
STUDY

There was no public comment.

Rodney Elder moved to approve the resolution. Tim Chaney seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION
ADOPTING A 30 DAY
URGENCY
AUTHORIZATION TO
CHARGE LEVEL 1
RESIDENTIAL &
COMMERCIAL
DEVELOPER FEES
BASED ON THE
APPROVED
DEVELOPER FEE
JUSTIFICATION
STUDY

This second resolution changes the implementation time of the Level 1 fees that normally goes into effect in 60 days after Board adoption to now start immediately so that the lower fee can be realized by developers over the summer to encourage development. (Enc. No. 24) This second resolution is only good for 30 days, so Mr. Loverin will request that the Board adopt another resolution in 30 days. This is an emergency resolution and requires six of the seven Board members to approve.

Charles Ulmschneider moved to approve this resolution. Tim Chaney seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

ARRA STIMULUS
FUNDING
IMPLEMENTATION
PLAN

Christine Statton, CPA, Chief Financial Officer, presented the ARRA Stimulus Funding Implementation Plan. (Encl. No. 25) In June 2009, Visalia Unified received \$10,163,000 in federal stimulus funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) – State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF). District staff brought updates to the Board at five Board meetings between April 2009 and January 2010 explaining the projected funding, anticipated compliance requirements, and proposed expenditures. District plans aligned with federal guidance to expend the funding for: 1. Saving or retaining jobs; 2. Advancing education reform; and 3. Improving facilities/infrastructures/efficiencies. Large facility/efficiency expenditures were approved by the Board on January 12, 2010.

Tim Chaney moved to approve the ARRA Stimulus Funding Implementation Plan as presented. Rodney Elder seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

DECLARATION OF
NEED FOR FULLY
QUALIFIED
EDUCATORS

Cindi Costa, Assistant Superintendent-Human Resources Development, presented the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators. (Encl. No. 26) Even though the district makes every effort to employ only fully qualified and credentialed certificated staff, in past years the district has had to hire some teachers under Internships, Short Term Staff Permits (STSPs), Provisional Interns (PIPs), and emergency CLAD permits. Interns are considered highly qualified under the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing requires that a Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators be adopted at a public meeting of the Board and be on file in their office prior to the issuance of these permits in that district.

Larry Jones moved to approve the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators. Rodney Elder seconded the motion. Ayes: Chaney, Elder, Fulmer, Jones, Martin, and Qualls. Noes: Ulmschneider. Motion carried.

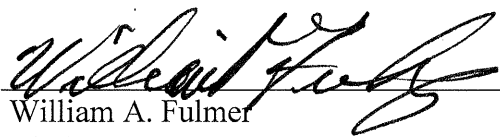
ADJOURNMENT

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

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 8, 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