

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

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The October 26, 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	9:45	
Rodney Elder	5:30	9:45	
William A. Fulmer	5:30	9:45	
Larry Jones	5:30	9:45	
Donna Martin			X
Jim L. Qualls	5:30	9:45	
Charles Ulmschneider	5:30	9:45	
 Dr. Craig Wheaton, Superintendent	 5:30	 9:45	

Staff Members

Robert Gröeber, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services
Cindi Costa, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Development
Pam Ryan, Administrative Assistant, Superintendent's Office
Ben Hash, 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 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 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
Property: 505 North Court (Downtown Annex), Visalia APN - #94355011
Agency negotiator: Robert Gröeber
Negotiating parties: HEART/Pro Youth
Under negotiation: Shared Use Agreement

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. He stated that board member Donna Martin was in Santa Barbara for an appointment and was excused from the meeting. Tim Chaney led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC
RECOGNITION/
PROCLAMATIONS/
ACTION**

PROCLAMATION – Board Clerk, Bill Fulmer, read the Proclamation for American Indian Heritage Month-
AMERICAN INDIAN November 2010. (Encl. No. 1)
HERITAGE MONTH –
NOVEMBER 2010 Charles Ulmschneider moved to approve the proclamation. Tim Chaney seconded the
motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

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

applicable)

**GENERAL PUBLIC
COMMENT**

Public Comment

Nathan Hernandez, Director, Finance, recognized and congratulated members of the VUSD team that participated in the city's Corporate Games competition. Approximately 60 teachers, classified staff, and administrators participated. VUSD took first place again this year. He presented the first place cup to the board.

Karl Kildow, President, Visalia Unified Teachers Association, spoke concerning the state's decision to change the age for kindergarten enrollment and the creating of a transitional kindergarten. Superintendent Wheaton stated that the district has been waiting for clear direction from the state department, realizing that this will be a significant change. District leadership will be discussing this and will get back to teachers soon as to the development of the program.

**STATE AND
DISTRICT BUDGET
UPDATE**

Robert Gröeber, Assistant Superintendent-Administrative Services, presented the State and District Budget Update. (Encl. No. 2) The new state budget was signed October 8, 100 days late; the latest in California history. Mr. Gröeber reviewed and compared the May revision figures to the final budget figures. In the final signed budget, VUSD would receive \$7M, but the cash would be deferred until 2011-12. Because the district is receiving no money, it continues to deficit spend. The state budget will be revisited by the new governor and state legislature and is predicted to change again. The 45-Day Budget Revision will be presented at the November 9 board meeting.

**NORTHWEST
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL PROJECT**

Doug Bartsch, Area Superintendent-Elementary, presented the Northwest Elementary School Project and reviewed information he shared at the October 12 board meeting. (Encl. No. 3) Student enrollment continues to climb in the northwest area of the Visalia Unified School District. The impact on Oak Grove and Manuel F. Hernandez Elementary Schools has been significant. The presentation provided additional information to the board regarding enrollment projections and options for providing sufficient school facilities for elementary school students in the northwest attendance areas.

He stated that the district has the funds available to add portables if this option is chosen by the board. If portables are added for more students, it would not include more restrooms, cafeteria space, or parking space, and there would be additional traffic in the neighborhood. Transporting students from an overcrowded school to a less crowded school would mean spending general fund dollars for added drivers, fuel, and maintenance. An important issue to consider is keeping siblings at the same school site for continuity. A third option is to change school boundaries, which is complicated. The fourth option is school construction. The district owns thirteen acres of property in the Shannon Ranch development with a plan that has already been designed for this property.

Robert Gröeber, Assistant Superintendent-Administrative Services, stated that the district has enough money in the developer fee fund to match the state's funding. The district is getting in line to receive the state funding for the other half of the cost for constructing a new elementary school. A goal has been set to open a new elementary school for the fall of 2013-14. A special study session on this topic will be held on November 9 at 6:30 p.m.

ANNUAL HUMAN
RESOURCES
DEVELOPMENT
REPORT TO THE
GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE VISALIA
UNIFIED SCHOOL
DISTRICT

Cindi Costa, Assistant Superintendent-Human Resources Development, and Dr. Judy Burgess, Administrator-Human Resources Development, presented the Annual Human Resources Development Report. (Encl. 4) The report provided information related to all aspects of the Human Resources Development Division, including data related to district-wide goals for 2010-2011. Included in the report were student and staff demographics, hiring data and process, and other pertinent general information.

October 6, 2010, was California Basic Educational Data System (CBEDS) Day, where every student is counted with the hope that each student stays until the end of the school year. The count was 27,430 students in K-12th grades. Unofficially, the district has 348 more students than on CBEDS Day last school year, 54.8% are elementary students.

Goals of the Hiring Process

- ✓ Locate the most qualified candidates for teaching, classified, and management positions as these new hires will have a significant impact on student achievement
- ✓ Recruiting a staff that reflects the demographics of our students
- ✓ Meet the instructional and program needs that are specific to sites and departments
- ✓ Meeting legal requirements including a legal application process, a defensible and fair interview process, and gathering information about candidates from previous employers by asking appropriate questions is critical to ensuring that the district not be exposed to liability
- ✓ Carefully follow the language found in both Collective Bargaining Agreements
 - All teachers are guaranteed an interview for an open position for which they apply
- ✓ All certificated and classified positions are posted on Ed-Join, a web-based system
- ✓ All applicants are screened for meeting the technical aspects of the position
- ✓ Site principal/supervisor reviews and selects applicants to interview

- ✓ HRD staff set up the interview to be held at the site or department
- ✓ Classified Bargaining Agreement states must have a CSEA member on the interview panel
- ✓ Site or panel return the results to the HR Department
- ✓ Certificated documents are re-checked
- ✓ Reference calls are made by management staff to previous employers for both certificated and classified positions
- ✓ It is critical to ask the right questions that can be legally asked and legally answered. Generally, the first question asked is, “If you had an open position for which this candidate was qualified, would you rehire them?”
- ✓ Previous employers can also share information if their action was taken in a public meeting
- ✓ If all references are positive, an offer of employment is made, which leads to an orientation, finger printing under FBI and the Department of Justice
- ✓ Board is asked to ratify the completion of this process through Routine Action

A similar but shortened version of the process is used for the selection of guest teachers. There are 385 active guest teachers in the system with 63 in the process of being added if they complete the process.

Process Used in the Selection of a Site Principal

- Open positions are posted on the Ed-Join website and Ed Cal publication
- Panels are one part of the process: School Community Panel (certificated and classified school site staff, and community members) and Technical Panel (Cabinet and other principals)
- Hold orientation meeting with Community Panel
- Applicants are screened
- Applicants are selected to interview
- All three parts of the interview are held on a single day; two panels and written simulation activity
- Top candidates are identified by combining results of all three portions
- References calls are made
- Finalist candidates are forwarded to the Superintendent for a final interview including the Area Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent-Human Resources Development
- Superintendent presents a recommendation for appointment to the Board in closed session
- If action is taken, it is reported in open session of the board meeting

There was no public comment.

Ben Hash, 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.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/

The Board members’ reports included the following:

- Tim Chaney

SUPERINTEN- DENT'S REPORT

- Visited the four high schools with Dr. Todd Oto, Area Superintendent, Alternative/Adult Education
- Attended Redwood play, "It Happens Every Summer"
- Attended "Meet and Greet" at VTEC
- Met with Terry Potter, owner of the company adjacent to VTEC campus that produces milk products. He has agreed to be a member of the VTEC Advisory Board.
- Attended Bus Drivers Awards Banquet, where VUSD employee, David Cesena, was the 2010 Bus Driver of the Year awarded for the Visalia Area by the CHP office
- Rodney Elder
 - Attended the "Meet and Greet" at VTEC. Assemblywoman Connie Conway was also present.
 - Attended joint meeting with the VUSD board, City Council, and COS board
 - Attended the El Diamante/Tulare Union football game
- Charles Ulmschneider
 - Attended the joint local public entities meeting with the Visalia City Council, College of Sequoia trustees, and the VUSD board
 - Attended his daughter's carnival at Oak Grove Elementary
 - SCICON is starting throughout the district
 - Redwood vs. El Diamante football game is coming up
- Larry Jones
 - Visited Oak Grove, Willow Glen, Hurley, Goshen, Elbow Creek, Four Creeks, Mineral King, Divisadero Schools
 - Attended Open House at VTEC
 - Attended Pro-Youth/HEART Breakfast
 - Attended joint meeting with the VUSD board, City Council, and COS board
 - Had lunch at the Redwood Café
 - Will attend the PTA Principals' luncheon October 27
 - October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- Bill Fulmer
 - Attended VDAIT visits at various schools
 - Attended Open House at VTEC
 - Attended School Services program on the state budget in Bakersfield
 - Attended awards ceremony with his grandson at Willow Glen School
 - Attended Gang Prevention Task Force meeting
- Jim Qualls
 - Attended VTEC Open House
 - Attended joint meeting with the VUSD board, City Council, and COS board
- Superintendent Wheaton
 - Thanked teachers for attending board meeting where they see governance in action and hear how interested the board members are taking time to visit schools and classrooms

ROUTINE ACTION Bill Fulmer pulled Routine Action Item 7.1.1 (Encl. No. 5) – Warrant List – October 01, 2010 through October 14, 2010.

Charles Ulmschneider pulled Items 7.1.3 (Encl. No. 7) – Change Order #3, #4, #5 – Bid 4718 Irrigation Improvements at Mt. Whitney High School; Item 7.2.4 (Encl. No. 11) – Certification of Temporary Athletic Team Coach List for 2010-11; and Item 7.2.5 (Encl. No. 12) – MOU for the Student Teaching Agreement Between VUSD and Brandman University.

Tim Chaney pulled Item 7.3.5 (Encl. No. 17) – Addenda to Memorandum of Understanding Between VUSD and Pro-Youth/HEART.

Larry Jones moved to approve the remaining Routine Action Items, Encl. No. 6-18. Tim Chaney seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Rodney Elder moved to approve Encl. No. 5. Larry Jones seconded the motion. Ayes: Chaney, Elder, Jones, Qualls, and Ulmschneider. Absent: Martin. Abstain: Fulmer. Motion carried.

Encl. No. 7 – Charles Ulmschneider asked how much the change orders amounted to. Superintendent Wheaton answered that at the bottom of the front page BAI it stated that it increases the original amount of the contract from \$632,359 to \$649,953.36.

Charles Ulmschneider moved to approve Encl. No. 7. Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Encl. No. 11 – Charles Ulmschneider asked if there was a screening process for the temporary athletic team coaches. Cindi Costa, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Development, explained that in the summary section of the BAI it states that every coach on the attached list have met the qualifications and competencies including a background check, fingerprinting, TB and contagious disease clearance, knowledge of first aid, CPR, injury prevention, rules of athletic activity, coaching theory and techniques, and allegiance to the Code of Ethical Conduct.

Charles Ulmschneider moved to approve Encl. No. 11. Tim Chaney seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Encl. No. 12 – Charles Ulmschneider asked how many universities have agreements with VUSD for student teachers. He stated that some universities are more rigorous than others and he does not know anything about Brandman University. Ms. Costa explained that Chapman University is now Brandman University and is a fully accredited university; one of several universities that the district partners with to provide teaching opportunities for new, upcoming teachers. The district currently has 49 student teachers and one is from Brandman.

Bill Fulmer moved to approve Encl. No. 12. Rodney Elder seconded the motion. Ayes: Chaney, Elder, Fulmer, Jones, and Qualls. Absent: Martin. Abstain: Ulmschneider. Motion carried.

Encl. No. 17 – Rodney Elder moved to approve Encl. No. 17. Larry Jones seconded the motion. Ayes: Elder, Fulmer, Jones, Qualls, and Ulmschneider. Absent: Martin. Abstain: Chaney. Motion carried.

7.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Warrant List – October 01, 2010 through October 14, 2010 (Encl. No. 5)
2. 2010-2011 Budget Revision No. 6 (Encl. No. 6)
3. Change Order #3, #4, #5 – Bid 4718 Irrigation Improvements at Mt. Whitney High School (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 2010-11 (Encl. No. 11)
5. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Student Teaching Agreement Between Visalia Unified School District (VUSD) and Brandman University (Encl. No. 12)

7.3 INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

1. Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 13)
2. Kagan Cooperative Learning Training (Encl. No. 14)
3. Memorandum of Understanding – Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), Title II, Part A (Encl. No. 15)
4. Child Care and Development Infant-Toddler Resource for Quality Improvement (Encl. No. 16)
5. Addenda to Memorandum of Understanding Between VUSD and Pro-Youth/ HEART (Encl. No. 17)

7.4 SUPERINTENDENT’S OFFICE

1. Minutes of the Board Meeting of September 28, 2010 (Encl. No. 18)

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

Charles Ulmschneider moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Expulsions Case No. 11-17 E, Case No. 11-18 E, Case No. 11-19 E, Case No. 11-20 E, Case No. 11-21 E, Case No. 11-22 E, Case No. 11-23 E, Case No. 11-24 E, and Case No. 11-25 E. (Encl. No. 19) Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**SUSPENDED
EXPULSIONS**

Charles Ulmschneider moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendation for Suspended Expulsions Case No. 11-08 SE. (Encl. No. 20) Tim Chaney seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

RECOMMENDED
CONTINUED
EXPULSIONS

Tim Chaney moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Continued Expulsions Case No. 11-10 RCE and 11-11 RCE. (Encl. No. 21) Charles Ulmschneider seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL AGENDA

Review/Public Hearing/

Public Input/

Board Discussion/

ACTION (as

applicable)

VALLEY LIFE

CHARTER SCHOOL

PETITION

Dr. Todd Oto, Area Superintendent-Alternative/Adult Education, presented the Valley Life Charter School Petition, submitted by David Humerickhouse and Lori Lackey. (Encl. No. 22) The petition proposes to open as a site-based K-6 program and would also provide for a limited program in independent study and home schooling for grades K-12, allowing the school to serve students from grade K-12 in its opening year. The school plans to add an additional site-based grade level each year until it is fully composed of site-based classrooms. The projected enrollment for the school is 212 students with an estimated number of eleven staff members. The school would be located at 3737 West Walnut, the southwest corner of Walnut and Demaree and would open in August 2011. The stated focus of the school is leadership through character development and development of personal strengths.

Per Education Code Section 47600, within 30 days of receiving a petition to establish a charter school, the board shall hold a public hearing to determine the level of support for the petition by teachers, other employees of the district and parents/guardians, which was the purpose of tonight's presentation. The district received the petition on October 5. Within 60 days of receiving a petition, or within 90 days with the consent of the petitioners and the board, the board shall either grant or deny the request to establish a charter school. The Board of Trustees is tentatively scheduled to take action on whether or not VUSD will be the authorizing agency for this charter on Tuesday, November 9, 2010.

President Qualls opened the Public Hearing for public comment.

Public Comment

David Humerickhouse, co-lead petitioner, stated that Valley Life Charter School drew its inspiration from a successful model of education infused with character training from Life Schools, Dallas, Texas. One of the goals of the Valley Life Charter Development team is to education students who will have a positive influence on their peers and eventually the community that they live in. Stephen Covey's *7 Habits for Highly Effective People* and basic quality principles will be taught starting in kindergarten.

Lori Lackey, co-lead petitioner, stated that in researching the need for a charter school in Visalia, the following issues have been taken into account:

- Demographics

- Academic achievement
- Socio economics
- Dropout rate
- Educational status of Visalia among the residents
- College readiness
- Crime
- Gangs
- Lack of parental involvement
- School safety

Karl Kildow, President, Visalia Unified Teachers Association, stated that there was supposed to be teacher input, but the association has not received anything other than what was included in the board agenda packet tonight.

Superintendent Wheaton requested from the lead petitioners to send an electronic copy of the two volume petition for the board to review, and he will forward to VUTA.

Superintendent Wheaton stated that it is our due diligence to make sure the Charter School is fiscally sound. He asked that David Humerickhouse and Lori Lackey contact Christine Statton, CPA, Chief Financial Officer for the district, to meet with her regarding the budget and fiscal data. District staff will have a recommendation for the board at the November 9 board meeting.

The public hearing was closed.

GASB 45
ACTUARIAL
VALUATION 2010

David Loverin, Internal Auditor, presented the GASB 45 Actuarial Valuation 2010 as an information only item. (Encl. No. 23) GASB is a non-governmental organization that stands for Government Accounting Standards Board, a group that establishes and improves standards of state and local accounting and financial reporting. In June 2004, GASB 45 was issued requiring public employers to perform actuarial valuations to measure and disclose their retiree healthcare liabilities. Before that time, cities, public school districts, and other municipalities did not show retiree insurance as a liability. At this time, the district's actuarial liability as of July 1, 2010 is \$107,043,831. This represents the present value of all benefits expected to be paid by the district for its current and future retirees moving 30 years into the future. The district currently pays \$3,570,617 on a "pay as you go" annually for retiree healthcare. After age 65, VUSD does not pay retiree healthcare benefits.

Three funding options:

- ❖ Establish an Irrevocable Trust (recommended by the Actuarial Consultant)
- ❖ Pay as You Go (current district practice)
- ❖ Set Aside a Dedicated Reserve (current balance is \$8.6M)

There was no public comment.

District staff will come back to the board in the future on a recommendation on creating an Irrevocable Trust.

MID-VALLEY
TRANSPORTATION
ANNUAL REPORT

Robert Gröeber, Assistant Superintendent-Administrative Services, and Katie White, Director-Administrative Services, presented the Mid-Valley Transportation Annual Report. (Encl. No. 24) Mid-Valley Transportation has been in operation since August 2002. Services that are provided by Mid-Valley Transportation included home-to-school transportation, school bus maintenance and driver in-service, and charter bus services for extra and co-curricular activities are available for activity trips for Visalia Unified and neighboring school districts. The Transportation Service Department is an approved BlueBird school bus warranty repair station, in addition to providing pre-delivery inspections of new BlueBird school buses sold in central California. The presentation reviewed each facet of Mid-Valley's operations including the annual financial summary. Mid-Valley Transportation currently makes an \$85K contribution to the General Fund. After five years, buses that were purchased for Mid-Valley Transportation are rotated into the VUSD bus fleet as bus replacement, and new buses are purchased through Mid-Valley Transportation.

NOTICE OF INTENT
TO EMPLOY
CERTIFICATED
PERSONNEL AND
APPROVAL OF
VARIABLE TERM
WAIVER REQUEST
FOR CLAD
CERTIFICATION

Cindi Costa, Assistant Superintendent-Human Resources Development, presented the Notice of Intent to Employ Certificated Personnel and Approval of Variable Term Waiver Request for CLAD Certification. (Encl. No. 25) She stated that a revised Variable Term Waiver Request was distributed to update the Education Code and the wording that is now used for the CLAD, but does not change the intent of the document. Both changes were done at the request of Tulare County Office of Education. The variable term waiver request, if approved, would grant the holder of a designated subject credential, whose previous teaching experience has all been post secondary, time to complete an English Learner authorization.

Bill Fulmer moved to approve the Notice and Waiver. Tim Chaney seconded the motion.

Charles Ulmschneider stated that he could not find this individual on the California Teacher Commission site. Ms. Costa guaranteed that she holds a designated subject credential. The district has complete verification that she holds a credential and is able to teach.

Mr. Fulmer asked to call for the question. Ayes: Chaney, Elder, Fulmer, Jones, and Qualls. Absent: Martin. Abstain: Ulmschneider. Motion carried.

Superintendent Wheaton reviewed the first reading of the California School Boards Association (CSBA) revisions to the following policies. The revisions have been reviewed by district staff and the Board Policy Committee. The first reading is for discussion only. The second and final reading will come to the board for consideration at the next meeting on November 9. If there are detailed questions, he requested that the board members contact him to give detailed answers.

CSBA REVISION TO
BP 1240 –
VOLUNTEER

BP 1240 – Volunteer Assistance. (Encl. No. 26) The updated policy reflects new law AB 346 which requires any volunteer who works with students in a student activity program to obtain an Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate from the Commission on

ASSISTANCE – FIRST READING	Teacher Credentialing (CTC), unless the district requires the volunteer to clear a Department of Justice (DOJ) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) criminal background check.
CSBA REVISION TO BP 3314.2 - REVOLVING FUNDS- FIRST READING	BP 3314.2 – Revolving Funds. (Encl. No. 27) The updated policy is reorganized to reflect various types of revolving funds authorized by law, including the purposes and limits of the funds. The policy also contains new language specifying that such funds are subject to the district’s internal control procedures established for the purpose of fraud prevention and financial impropriety and must be maintained in accordance with the California School Accounting Manual.
NEW CSBA BP 3555- NUTRITION PROGRAM COMPLIANCE- FIRST READING	New BP 3555 – Nutrition Program Compliance. (Encl. No. 28) The new mandated policy reflects state and federal law prohibitions against discrimination in the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Special Milk Program, and other child nutrition programs as well as recent enforcement activities of CDE’s Nutrition Services Division based on U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food and Nutrition Service instructions.
CSBA REVISION TO MANDATED BP 4020 - DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE WORKPLACE – FIRST READING	Mandated BP 4020 – Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace. (Encl. No. 29) The mandated policy is revised to more accurately reflect the assurances that districts must make to the CDE, including the provision of a drug-free workplace, notifications to employees about the district’s policy, action that will be taken in the event an employee has violated the prohibition, and the requirement that employees abide by the policy and notify the district if convicted.
CSBA REVISION TO BP 4127/4227/4327- TEMPORARY ATHLETIC TEAM COACHES – FIRST READING	BP 4127/4227/4327 – Temporary Athletic Team Coaching. (Encl. No. 30) The updated policy reflects new law AB 346 which requires any noncertificated employee or volunteer who works with students in a student activity program, such as an interscholastic athletic program, to obtain an Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate from the CTC, unless the district requires the individual to clear a DOJ/FBI criminal background check prior to beginning the paid or volunteer duties.
CSBA REVISION TO MANDATED AR 4161.1/4361.1 – PERSONAL ILLNESS/INJURY LEAVE – FIRST READING	Mandated AR 4161.1/4361.1 – Personal Illness/Injury Leave. (Encl. No. 31) The mandated regulation is revised to more directly reflect law regarding the amount of sick leave an employee may use to attend to the illness of his/her child, parent, spouse, registered domestic partner, or domestic partner’s child. The section on “Continued Absence After Available Leave is Exhausted” is revised to reflect a new court decision regarding the period of differential pay limited to a total of five months per accident or illness, even if the employee works for a period of time between sick leave increments related to the same medical condition.
CSBA REVISION TO BP 5141.21 – ADMINISTERING MEDICATION AND MONITORING HEALTH	BP 5141.21 – Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions. (Encl. No. 32) The updated and reorganized policy reflects a new court decision holding that trained, unlicensed school personnel are not authorized by current law to administer insulin injections to students with diabetes, even if those students are students with disabilities with individualized education programs (IEPs) or Section 504 plans, except in an emergency. This is the district’s current practice.

CONDITIONS –
FIRST READING

CSBA REVISION TO
MANDATED BP
6158 –
INDEPENDENT
STUDY – FIRST
READING

Mandated BP 6158 – Independent Study. (Encl. No. 33) The mandated policy is updated to (1) add material formerly in the regulation stating that program participation is voluntary, (2) more directly reflects law regarding the minimum period of independent study for apportionment purposes as five “consecutive” school days, (3) revised material regarding maximum length of assignments and the number of missed assignments that will trigger an evaluation of the student’s participation, and (4) authorized student-teacher conferences by electronic means.

CSBA REVISION TO
BP 6162.5 –
STUDENT
ASSESSMENT –
FIRST READING

BP 6162.5 – Student Assessment. (Encl. No. 34) The updated policy addresses possible uses of student assessment data, including new law SBX5 I, which authorizes the use of the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System in staff evaluations. The policy also adds material on the use of multiple measures, disaggregation of data, test validity, proper test administration, professional development, and release of the individual record of accomplishment.

CSBA REVISION TO
MANDATED BB
9270 – CONFLICT OF
INTEREST – FIRST
READING

Mandated BB 9270 – Conflict of Interest. (Encl. No. 35) The mandated board bylaw is revised and reorganized to clarify three types of analysis that must be conducted pursuant to different statutes and the common law doctrine to determine whether a conflict exists and, if so, whether the board member must abstain and/or if the contract is prohibited.

There was no public comment.

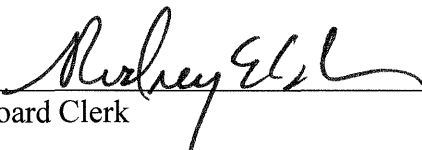
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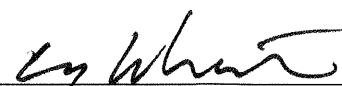
The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 9, 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,


Board Clerk


Craig Wheaton, Ed.D.
Superintendent