

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

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The November 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	8:50	
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	
 Dr. Craig Wheaton, 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
Travis Beck, 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 LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(a)
Case No. 09-235035
Case No. 10-238330
- 2.6 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(b)
Significant Exposure to Litigation – 1 case

**EARLY BIRD
SESSION**

The Early Bird Session opened at 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Todd Oto, Area Superintendent, facilitated the Valley Life Charter School Petition Study Session with dialogue between the charter's petitioners, David Humerickhouse and Lori Lackey, VUSD staff, and board members. (Encl. No. 1) Dr. Oto explained the timeline for charter school petitions, the criteria for consideration, district responsibility for a charter school, and district liability for a charter school as per Education Code 47605, before starting the question and answer section.

Question and Answer Section

- Dr. Oto: Where will the school be located and how certain is the lease on the facility?
- David Humerickhouse: The facility will be located 3737 W. Walnut in Visalia. There is a facility there that was used by a private Christian school. A preschool is using that facility. There is no lease at this time, but the petitioners are fairly certain to have the opportunity to submit a substantial timely lease for that facility.
- Dr. Oto: How did you determine the initial enrollment projection for this school at 212 students?
- David Humerickhouse: It was a process on what would work. Budgetarily, it seemed that 200 was the number that worked financially. The charter was presented to community groups throughout Visalia and as it turned out, they did not have to do much of anything to get 150 signatures of families that were interested.
- Dr. Craig Wheaton, Superintendent: With the location and the lack of real transportation, it seems unlikely that the charter school would have a cross-section both economically and ethnically.
- David Humerickhouse: Their goal is to have a diverse student population to address some of the needs Visalia has. In talking to the police department about gang issues and problems, the group of organizers began to realize that this is not a north side problem; this is a Visalia problem. The city bus route #5 goes right past this location several times during the day for students to use.
- Dr. Oto: What will be the process for students who are expelled for behavior issues?
- Lori Lackey: The charter school can only expel for the same reasons that the school district can. With the lead of the California Charter School Association, they have followed very closely with the VUSD expulsion procedures including the appeal process going before an expulsion panel.
- Dr. Oto: There may occur at times disputes between the charter agency and the district itself. What process or procedure does the charter school have in mind to resolve disputes should they occur?
- Lori Lackey: She believes the most effective way to resolve a dispute would be conflict mediation. She subscribes to the Center for Peacekeeping and Mediation in Fresno. The best way would be to sit down, have a conversation, and discuss the dispute, and have someone that can mediate to end up with a win/win situation. That is what they will be doing within their school and plan to do within the community as well.
- Dr. Oto: It is on the checklist for the criteria for a petition and it was not deeply described within the report.

- Superintendent Wheaton: As follow-up discussion on the lease with Visalia First Assembly Church property on Walnut, what is the affiliation with the church beyond the lease?
- David Humerickhouse: Beyond the lease, there will be no affiliation with the Visalia First Assembly Church. Visalia First Assembly Church is acting as the benefactor at this time. They are willing to offer its resources to develop this charter for the school. He has contacted a law firm in Sacramento specializing in charter schools for the best way to draw up the lease as two separate entities so that there is no conflict of interest. There will be no overlapping of the boards, the administration, or the staff people.
- Superintendent Wheaton: You will be in direct competition with the Visalia Christian schools. There are restrictions from rolling over a private school into a charter school.
- David Humerickhouse: He has also contacted a California Charter School Association (CCSA) regarding any perceptions or appearance of conflict.
- Christine Statton, CFO, VUSD: When will the charter's 501C3 status be finalized, and where are you in the process of that?
- David Humerickhouse: Going back to the law firm, he has asked that question as to when they can file for the 501C3 status. The attorneys have told him that he must first have the authorization in hand before he can file for the 501C3.
- Christine Statton: What makes you feel assured that you will be awarded the \$350,000 for the charter public schools grant? Without it, the budget would not hold up.
- Lori Lackey: She recently attended a webinar with the California Department of Education (CDE) regarding the California Charter School Grant. The petitioners will need to apply for the grant, and they were told that 97% of all groups that have applied for the grant have received it.
- Christine Statton: The new applications are not available until November 15. VCIS applied for this grant and did not receive it. On the CDE website, it states that these grants are primarily given to charter schools within program improvement school boundaries. Has the group done that study and is the charter school in that boundary?
- Lori Lackey: The location of the actual school is not in an elementary school boundary that is in program improvement. According to California Charter School Association, the group should have no difficulties in receiving the grant.
- Christine Statton: How will you fund health and welfare increases each year? The petition shows it was held constant for the next five years at \$12,000 per employee.
- Lori Lackey: Although there are places they would be able to negotiate, they are looking at the possibility of joining the California Charter School Association JPA, establishing a fixed rate, and having the employee pick up the remainder.
- Christine Statton: Contracting out for administrative services, testing accountability, finance operations, technology, special education, and legal being a different issue, the group had budgeted out \$15,000 per year. In the

district's experience with MOUs in these areas, it would be \$68,000 the first year and \$90,000 the second year.

- Lori Lackey: When the group developed the budget, they were given a template from the CCSA that came off of the State Department of Education, Charter School Division. In the budget, some were placed in other line items, so it will be more than the \$15,000.
- Christine Statton: How will the special education expenses be covered, and what do you expect the expenses to be for a school your size?
- Lori Lackey: Special education is one of the most difficult parts in a charter school. They would need to become part of the SELPA with either the district or the county. They were advised that until you have the students, you have no way of knowing, so they included no income and no expense for special education in the budget.
- Christine Statton: We have some students that can cost \$20,000 a year or more.

Superintendent Wheaton asked that Christine Statton and the petitioners meet to go over the more detailed questions.

Public Comment

Ryan Clark, has a daughter attending a state-wide online charter school. He looked online at the Valley Life Charter Schools Facebook. Most of the comments are from parochial points of view and that made him wonder if the people supporting the charter school are from that community and would take students from the parochial schools. What differentiates Valley Life Charter School from what public schools are now and do they feel this will take attendance from other parochial schools?

Lori Lackey: The students she believes that will be attending Valley Life Charter School are the students whose parents do not send them to a Christian school. There will be no chapel and prayer at Valley Life Charter School because it will be a public school. The students will be tested the same as at the public schools on state standards.

Board questions and answers:

- There is adequate square footage
- The infrastructure is in storage for them to use
- Fully NCLB teachers will be employed
- No definite transportation has been established until they are approved as a charter school
- Special education is an unknown as far as expense
- There are facilities for food service but may outsource meals
- Will use "The Leader in Me" curriculum by Stephen Covey in every class, which is different than VUSD
- The charter school will be open to anyone that comes; they cannot choose their students, whether they are special education students or not
- Expelled students will be returned to their home school

- Tulare County Office of Education is the SELPA for special education not VUSD
- What SELPA gives the district is not enough to pay special education expenses
- The plan is to begin site-based for 212 students grades K-6 adding a grade level every year ending at K-12
- Salaries for the staff would be very close to the public schools
- If Valley Life Charter Schools is approved as a 5013C, VUSD will have no financial responsibility.
- In the past, VUSD was responsible for the debts of a charter school

The board will continue to review the charter and take action at 5:45 p.m. on Tuesday, November 16, before the scheduled Student Achievement Awards Special Board Meeting.

NORTHWEST
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL PROJECT
STUDY SESSION

Robert Gröeber, Assistant Superintendent-Administrative Services, and Doug Bartsch, Area Superintendent, presented the Northwest Elementary School Project update. (Encl. No. 2) 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 regarding enrollment projections, four options for providing sufficient school facilities, and specific information regarding school construction and finance.

Four Options:

- Add portable classrooms
 - District has developer fee funds to pay for this
 - Does not include additional restrooms, cafeteria, or parking
 - Will add to traffic congestion
- Transport students
 - Must be paid for with general fund dollars
 - Additional bus drivers, fuel expenses, maintenance costs
 - Account for siblings
 - School continuity
- Change school boundaries
 - Neighborhood schools using natural boundaries for safety
 - Continuous pathway for middle and high school students
- New school construction
 - VUSD owns 13 acres on County Center/Shannon Parkway
 - Plans are completed and have been approved by the State
 - Estimate if the board approves to move forward soon, the cost would be approximately \$15M
 - In line to build the new elementary school with a 50%/50% match with the State funds. State has \$777M left in the school construction bond funds. Contacts in Sacramento tell staff that the funds would be available to VUSD
 - VUSD would be responsible for 50%--approximately \$7.5M

- VUSD currently has over \$10M in developer fees fund to match the State portion
- Construction would be done with “0” general fund dollars

Robert Gröeber reviewed the competitive “Lease-Leaseback” option to pay for the construction of the new elementary school.

- Authorized by Education Code 17406
- District “leases” property to Contractor
- Contractor builds school on leased property
- Contractor “leases back” the buildings
- At close of construction, leases and buildings become property of the district
- VUSD solicits Request for Qualifications (RFQ) from general contractors
- VUSD Facilities Committee to review applications
- Interview/select general contractor
- Competitively bid all subcontractors
- Negotiate price for guaranteed maximum price and profit (GPM)
- Establish contingency for changes keeping change orders to a minimum
- Develops an effective team: district, architect, and general contractor
- Reduces risk of design issues, delays, and cost overruns
- District would like to start the process today
- November 2010 – In line for State money
- January 2011 – 3 month bid process
- February 2011 – 15 month construction period plus 1 month contingency to get students into the school
- Summer 2012 – Completion and move in
- August 2012 – Opening of school
- The district has participated in three “lease-leaseback” agreements for construction projects
- Architects will tell you that just because a contractor has the bonding ability to do a project and has the lowest bid, does not make them the best contractor to select to do the project
- “Lease-Leaseback” gives the district more control over the entire process from the beginning as a partner with the contractor

There was no public comment.

Robert Gröeber will forward information to the board from the Coalition for Adequate School Housing (CASH) and Lozano Smith Attorneys on “Lease-Leaseback” for the board to review before the December 14 meeting when the board will take action.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the board for district staff to move forward with the Northwest Elementary School Project, but there are questions on the “Lease-Leaseback” method.

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. Larry Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC
RECOGNITION/
PROCLAMATIONS/
ACTION**
RESOLUTION – *THE
DAY OF THE
SPECIAL EDUCATOR*,
DECEMBER 3, 2010

A revised Resolution was distributed changing the date of the *Day of the Special Educator* as December 3, 2010. (Encl. No. 3) Board Clerk, Bill Fulmer, read the resolution.

Donna Martin moved to approve the Resolution – *The Day of the Special Educator*, December 3, 2010. Charles Ulmschneider seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

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

There was no public comment.

SPECIAL
EDUCATION
PROGRAMS
REVISIONS FOR
2010

Drew Sorensen, Area Superintendent, presented the Special Education Programs Revisions for 2010. (Encl. No. 4) The Fiscal Crisis Management and Assessment Team (FCMAT) conducted a study of the district's Special Education Program in the 2009-2010 school year. Mr. Sorensen presented the current and future implementation plans based upon the key findings of that study in the following areas:

- Policies and procedures
- Standards-based academic achievement for all
- Systematically implement Response to Intervention (RtI)
- Professional Development

Public Comment

Karl Kildow, President, Visalia Unified Teachers Association (VUTA), asked how the district interpreted the recommendation on the redistribution of caseloads. Mr. Sorensen clarified that the district is working on tracking the needs of each teacher and the needs of each student to better distribute the caseloads more evenly. The district's goal is to have all systems in place by the start of next school year.

GROWTH,
DEVELOPMENT,
AND SEXUAL
HEALTH UPDATE

Stacey Curschman, Director 7-12 Curriculum-Instructional Services, presented an informational summary of progress to date in the design and implementation of curriculum materials for classroom instruction in growth, development, and sexual health at VUSD middle and high schools, including HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction, teacher professional development, and parent information. (Encl. No. 5)

Superintendent Wheaton noted that the district participated in a five-year Community Challenge Grant (approximately \$50,000) which helped provide supplemental funding for guest speakers, staff development, and purchasing

materials. The district is in the process of re-applying for another five-year grant that would allow the continuation of a coherent program with updated materials and ongoing staff development to implement and continue this work.

Public Comment

Karl Kildow, President, VUTA, stated that in the past, the selection of health teachers was based on whoever needed an assignment. He asked what was changing in that aspect. Mrs. Curschman replied that with the review process, using the supplemental funding in a way that provides the best background in professional development for our teachers, the district is making a commitment to put those professionals in the classroom.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/ SUPERINTEN- DENT'S REPORT

Travis Beck, Student Representative to the Board from Redwood 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:

- Charles Ulmschneider
 - Attended Hispanic Community Advisory Committee meeting
 - Attended Tulare County Office of Education (TCOE) Fall Institute
 - Asked that the administration have more representation in negotiations
 - Continues to call for inclusion regarding the announcements at three of the comprehensive high schools over the intercom speakers for auditory student learners and low performing readers
 - Will continue to inquire about the district's hiring practices. He stated that the prior board presentation raised more questions than not
 - Will continue to ask for the maintenance and broadening of the world language choices not a curtailing of it, while expanding VTEC and other vocational choices understanding that he would fight just as hard for the vocational choices
 - Will continue to call for the broadening of the outreach to make the broadcast over the web accessible other than real time live
 - Thanked those new attendees that took time out of their night to sit in on the most basic of governance, the community school board meeting
- Larry Jones
 - Congratulated football, boys and girls water polo, and volleyball teams in the playoffs and Mt. Whitney boys and girls cross country teams for winning league
 - Attended TCOE Fall Institute
 - Visited Washington and Pinkham Elementary, River Bend School, and Golden West High School
- Donna Martin
 - Attended the Tulare County Fall Institute
 - Welcomed Redwood student board representative, Travis Beck
 - She missed the last board meeting. She had a good checkup in Santa Barbara, and she watched the board meeting on the web from there

- Tim Chaney
 - California has a new governor and hopes this means more funding for schools
 - Attended PIQE graduation at Royal Oaks
 - Attended Fall Institute
 - Attended Gang Prevention Task Force
 - Was asked to participate in two ongoing two-year forums: the first is funded from Proteus on gang awareness and gang issues and the second is funded through Hewlett Packard Foundation out of the Fresno area on sexual education
- Rodney Elder
 - Attended TCOE Fall Conference
 - Visited Valley Oak and La Joya Middle Schools
- Bill Fulmer
 - Visited Valley Oak with the VDAIT team
 - Attended Hispanic Community Advisory Committee
 - Attended Gang Prevention Task Force meeting
- Jim Qualls
 - Attended PIQE graduation at Oak Grove Elementary
 - Attended Tulare County Fall Institute
- Superintendent Wheaton
 - Reminded board that in areas such as the special education program revisions and the growth, development, and sexual health curriculum, staff will bring updates to the board with the progress of what has been done
 - He attended the Visalia Education Foundation's fund raiser, "Visalia's Most Talented". The district has so many talented students. Amanda Martinez was named Visalia's Most Talented Junior and Jed Pettitt from El Diamante won Visalia's Most Talented with his yo yo demonstration.

ROUTINE ACTION Charles Ulmschneider pulled Item 8.2.2 – Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 12). Tim Chaney moved to approve the remaining Routine Action Items, Encl. No. 6-17. Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: Chaney, Elder, Fulmer, Jones, Qualls, and Ulmschneider. Mrs. Martin was temporarily out of the room. Motion carried.

Encl. No. 12. Charles Ulmschneider asked if the people being replaced are still receiving salaries. Cindi Costa, Assistant Superintendent-Human Resources Development, answered, "No." Mr. Ulmschneider asked if there was an attempt to meet the demographic goals of our district or do they meet that? Ms. Costa stated that there is always an attempt to meet the demographic goals, but we need to balance that with the fact that we had openings after the start of the school year. There was a good number of applicants for all the positions, interviews were held, and the best candidates were selected. Mr. Ulmschneider asked how many applied for the positions. Mrs. Costa stated the 71 applied for the social science position, 60 of them met the minimum requirements, 16 were interviewed by a site panel. Mr. Ulmschneider asked why he could not find one of them on the California Teacher Credentialing web site. Mrs. Costa

said that all have their credential. Mr. Ulmschneider stated that he has a problem with the hiring process.

Rodney Elder moved to approve Item 8.2.2 (Encl. No. 12). Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: Chaney, Elder, Fulmer, Jones, Martin, and Qualls. Noes: Ulmschneider. Motion carried.

8.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Warrant List – October 22, 2010 through October 22, 2010 (Encl. No. 6)
2. 2010-2011 Budget Revision No. 7 (Encl. No. 7)
3. Change Order #1, 2, 3, 4, & 5- Bid #4705 Houston Irrigation Project (Encl. No. 8)
4. Change Order #1 Bid #4721 Running Track Repairs at Four Sites (Encl. No. 9)
5. Consultant Contract Request (Encl. No. 10)

8.2 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 2010-11 (Encl. No. 14)

8.3 INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

1. Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 15)
2. Engagement Across the Curriculum Workshops (Encl. No. 16)

8.4 SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

1. Notification of Day and Time, Annual Organizational Meeting (Encl. No. 17)

**ADMINISTRATIVE
PANEL RECOM-
MENDATIONS/
ACTION**

EXPULSIONS

Tim Chaney moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Expulsions Case No. 11-26 E, Case No. 11-27 E, Case No. 11-28 E, Case No. 11-29 E, Case No. 11-30 E, and Case No. 11-31 E. (Encl. No. 18) Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**SUSPENDED
EXPULSIONS**

Donna Martin moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Suspended Expulsions Case No. 11-09 SE, Case No. 11-10 SE, Case No. 11-11 SE, Case No. 11-12 SE, Case No. 11-13 SE, and Case No. 11-14 SE. (Encl. No. 19) Tim Chaney seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**RECOMMENDED
CONTINUED
EXPULSIONS**

Charles Ulmschneider moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Continued Expulsions Case No. 11-12 RCE and Case No. 11-13 RCE. (Encl. No. 20) Tim Chaney seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL AGENDA

Review/Public Hearing/

Public Input/

Board Discussion/

ACTION (as

applicable)

OTHER POST

EMPLOYMENT

BENEFITS (OPEB)

IRREVOCABLE

TRUST

Robert Gröeber, Assistant Superintendent-Administrative Services, presented the bi-annual Government Accounting Standard Board (GASB) 45 Actuarial Valuation Report and the district's unfunded liability for its Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB). (Encl. No. 21) He discussed the fiscal benefits of establishing an irrevocable trust account to begin to fund this unfunded liability determined in the report. The Annual Required Contributions (ARC), comprised of the present value of benefits accruing in the current year and a 30-year amortization of the Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL), for 2010-2011 fiscal year is \$7.6M. The district currently pays for these benefits with the "pay as you go" method, but it will be harder to keep up with the amount as time goes by. In the past, the district set aside a dedicated reserve in OPEB Fund 200, which has a current balance of \$8.6M.

District staff recommended establishing an Irrevocable Trust and move cash from Fund 200 to that trust. That money could be used as a "pay as you go" expense, reducing unfunded liability for the retiree health benefits with no obligation to fund ARC.

Bill Fulmer moved to authorize staff to move forward with the process to establish an irrevocable trust to reduce the district's unfunded liability for OPEB. Tim Chaney seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

DOWNTOWN

ANNEX – JOINT USE

AGREEMENT

Christine Statton, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Downtown Annex-Joint Use Agreement. (Encl. No. 22) The district and Pro-Youth propose a five-year joint use agreement for the Downtown Annex building that would allow Pro-Youth to move their operations and offices into the building. The agreement complies with VUSD's application for surplus federal real property for education purposes. Pro-Youth will cover all utility and upkeep costs of the building and provide for some renovations to the interior. The district will be responsible for major maintenance and repair, as the district owns the building. The agreement also allows for the district to utilize the conference rooms and office space as needed at the Downtown Annex.

Tim Chaney moved to approve the Downtown Annex – Joint Use Agreement with Pro-Youth. Donna Martin seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

45-DAY BUDGET

REVISION – STATE

BUDGET UPDATE

Christine Statton, Chief Financial Officer, presented the 45-Day Budget Revision – State Budget Update as an information item. (Encl. No. 23) The budget revision was approved as a separate item in Routine Action. The budget revision was approved as a separate item in Routine Action. The presentation provided an update on the 2010-11 State budget process and provided an opportunity to review the State's adopted budget and the resulting impact on the district's 2010-11 budget. The County Office of Education has directed the district to "hold" the additional revenues that it appears VUSD would receive under the adopted State budget. No one is counting on it as real.

The new governor, Jerry Brown, will propose his revised budget in January.

CSBA REVISION TO
BP 1240 –
VOLUNTEER
ASSISTANCE –
SECOND
READING
(Encl. No. 24 –
Approved)

Superintendent Wheaton explained that he had reviewed each of the revisions to the board policies that follow at the October 26th board meeting. This is the second reading. Charles Ulmschneider had questions on mandated BP 6158-Independent Study (Encl. No. 31) and BP 6162.5-Student Assessment (Encl. No. 32).

Tim Chaney moved to approve the remaining board policy revisions (Encl. No. 24-33). Rodney Elder seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

CSBA REVISION TO
BP 3314.2 -
REVOLVING FUNDS-
SECOND READING
(Encl. No. 25 –
Approved)

Encl. No. 31 – Charles Ulmschneider had concerns when he read the background/summary point #4- authorize student-teacher conferences by electronic means regarding what it implies and what is involved for confidentiality sake. He also has concerns for home schooling when parents give their own students their grades.

Superintendent Wheaton said that there has been a change in the law allowing districts the possibility of online, not in person, independent study. The district does not use it at this time, but it is important to remain abreast of changes in the law. On the home schooling question, he responded that the district has a Charter Home School and these regulations allow for parents to work in the home school environment where credentialed teachers oversee the program.

NEW CSBA BP 3555-
NUTRITION
PROGRAM
COMPLIANCE -
SECOND READING
(Encl. No. 26 –
Approved)

Larry Jones moved to approve the revisions to BP 6158-Independent Study (Encl. No. 31). Tim Chaney seconded the motion. Ayes: Chaney, Elder, Fulmer, Jones, Martin, and Qualls. Noes: Ulmschneider. Motion carried.

CSBA REVISION TO
MANDATED BP 4020
- DRUG AND
ALCOHOL FREE
WORKPLACE –
SECOND READING
(Encl. No. 27 –
Approved)

Encl. No. 32 – Charles Ulmschneider had an issue with authorizing the use of the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System in Staff evaluations as noted in the background/summary on the BAI, because there are so many things that are beyond a teacher's control that they inherit in the classroom.

Rodney Elder stated that this is from new law SBX5 1. This puts policy in place a law that has been put in place in the Education Code. Superintendent Wheaton stated that this was reviewed with the Board Policy Committee which Mr. Ulmschneider is a part of but did not attend the last meeting. If there are questions on policy revisions, that is the time to discuss them more thoroughly.

CSBA REVISION TO
BP 4127/4227/4327-
TEMPORARY
ATHLETIC TEAM
COACHES –
SECOND READING
(Encl. No. 28 –
Approved)

Larry Jones moved to approve the revisions to BP 6162.5-Student Assessment (Encl. No. 32). Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: Chaney, Elder, Fulmer, Jones, Martin, and Qualls. Noes: Ulmschneider. Motion carried.

CSBA REVISION TO
MANDATED AR
4161.1/4361.1 –

(Encl. No. 29 – Approved)

PERSONAL
ILLNESS/INJURY
LEAVE –
SECOND READING

CSBA REVISION TO (Encl. No. 30 – Approved)
BP 5141.21 –
ADMINISTERING
MEDICATION AND
MONITORING
HEALTH
CONDITIONS –
SECOND READING

CSBA REVISION TO (Encl. No. 31 – Approved)
MANDATED BP
6158 –
INDEPENDENT
STUDY –
SECOND READING

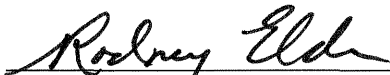
CSBA REVISION TO (Encl. No. 32 – Approved)
BP 6162.5 –
STUDENT
ASSESSMENT –
SECOND READING

CSBA REVISION TO (Encl. No. 33 – Approved)
MANDATED BB
9270 – CONFLICT OF
INTEREST –
SECOND READING

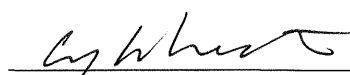
ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

NEXT MEETING The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 14, 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,



Rodney Elder
Clerk



Craig Wheaton, Ed.D.
Superintendent