

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

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The August 9, 2011 Board meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Bill Fulmer 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	8:40	
Rodney Elder	5:30	8:40	
William A. Fulmer	5:30	8:40	
Larry Jones			X
Donna Martin	5:30	8:40	
Jim L. Qualls	5:30	8:40	
Charles Ulmschneider	5:30	8:40	
 Dr. Craig Wheaton, Superintendent	 5:30	 8:40	

Staff Members

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

CLOSED SESSION

President Fulmer identified the closed session topics listed below and called for public comment on the closed session items. There was no public comment. The Board adjourned to closed session.

- 2.1 RECOMMENDED REINSTATEMENTS (Education Code Sections 48900, et. seq.)
- 2.2 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ASSIGNMENT/REASSIGNMENT/APPOINTMENT (Government Code Section 54957)
 - Principal
- 2.3 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE (Government Code Section 54957)
- 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: Lovers Lane 18.35 acres APN - #127-010-044-000
Agency negotiator: Robert Gröeber
Negotiating parties: Laro's Nursery
Under negotiation: 2-Year Agricultural Lease Agreement

2.6 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Property: APN 127-120-011, APN 127-110-005

Agency negotiator: Robert Gröeber

Negotiating parties: L.E. Cooke Co.

Under negotiation: Property Purchase

REGULAR SESSION The Board convened the regular Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. President Fulmer announced that the following action was taken in closed session. On a motion by Jim Qualls and second by Charles Ulmschneider, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Araceli Feliz to the position of Principal at Ivanhoe Elementary School. Larry Jones was absent due to work related business.

Jim Qualls led the Pledge of Allegiance.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT There was no public comment at this time.

ROUTINE ACTION A revised Routine Action Item, 4.2.2 Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 5) and 4.4.1 Minutes of the Board Meeting of June 14, 2011 (Encl. No.17) were distributed before the meeting to Board members and the public. Revisions were made after the board agenda packet was distributed.

4.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Warrant List – July 8, 2011 through July 28, 2011 (Encl. No. 1)
2. 2011-2012 Budget Revision No. 2 (Encl. No. 2)
3. Resolution – Authorizing Robert Gröeber as the “Authorized Individual” to Make Application and Administer the CNG Tank Replacement Program (Encl. No. 3)

4.2 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 4)
2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 5)
3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 6)
4. Certification of Temporary Athletic Team Coach List for 2011-12 (Encl. No. 7)
5. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between Brandman University and VUSD (Encl. No. 8)

4.3 INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

1. Resolution – Local Agreement for Child Development Services Contract (Encl. No. 9)
2. California State University, Bakersfield, School of Nursing Agreement (Encl. No. 10)
3. Tulare County Health Services and Visalia Unified School District Immunization Clinics Contract Renewal (Encl. No. 11)
4. Memorandum of Understanding Between Visalia Unified School District and College of the Sequoias for Basic Equitation Class and Student Success in Ag Class at Visalia Technical Education Center (VTEC) (Encl. No. 12)

5. Memorandum of Understanding Between Visalia Unified School District PULSE Program and After School Program Providers (Encl. No. 13)
 6. New Secondary Course Offerings for the 2011-2012 School Year (Encl. No. 14)
 7. Resolution for Signature Authority (Encl. No. 15)
 8. Acceptance of Donation from Visalia Rotary Community Foundation (Encl. No. 16)
- 4.4 SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE
1. Minutes of the Board Meeting of June 14, 2011 (Encl. No.17)
 2. Minutes of the Board Meeting of June 28, 2011 (Encl. No. 18)
 3. Minutes of the Board Meeting of July 12, 2011 (Encl. No. 19)

Tim Chaney pulled Routine Action Item 4.3.8 – Acceptance of Donation from Visalia Rotary Community Foundation (Encl. No. 16).

Jim Qualls pulled Routine Action Item 4.4.1 – Minutes of the Board Meeting of June 14, 2011 (Encl. No. 17).

Charles Ulmschneider pulled Routine Action Items 4.2.2 – Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 5), 4.2.5 – Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between Brandman University and VUSD (Encl. No. 8), and 4.3.4 – Memorandum of Understanding Between Visalia Unified School District and College of the Sequoias for Basic Equitation Class and Student Success in Ag Class at Visalia Technical Education Center (VTEC) (Encl. No. 12).

Tim Chaney moved to approve the remaining Routine Action Items, Encl. No. 1-19. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Encl. No. 16 – Acceptance of Donation from Visalia Rotary Community Foundation. Tim Chaney acknowledged and publicly thanked Visalia Rotary for a donation of \$21,000 to Ivanhoe First Five Preschool.

Tim Chaney moved to accept the \$21,000 donation from Visalia Rotary Community Foundation to the Ivanhoe First Five Preschool. Rodney Elder seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Encl. No. 17 – Minutes of the Board Meeting of June 14, 2011. Jim Qualls was absent from this meeting and would abstain from that vote. There was a clerical error showing that he voted for one of the items. The minutes were corrected after the agenda packet was distributed and were made available to the Board and the public before the meeting.

Tim Chaney moved to approve the corrected minutes for the June 14 Board meeting. Rodney Elder seconded the motion. Ayes: Chaney, Elder, Fulmer, Martin, and Ulmschneider. Abstain: Qualls. Absent: Jones. Motion carried.

Encl. No. 5 – Certificated Personnel Report. Charles Ulmschneider requested that the Human Resources Development Department provide the number of applicants for the certificated personnel positions. Cindi Costa, Assistant Superintendent-Human Resources Development, will email that information to him.

Charles Ulmschneider moved to approve Encl. No. 5 – Certificated Personnel Report. Tim Chaney seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Encl. No. 8 –Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between Brandman University and VUSD. Charles Ulmschneider had a question after reading the letter from VUSD containing the statement that the Commission on Teacher Credentialing estimates a shortage of credentialed teachers in California to exceed 30,000. He understands there is a glut of credentialed teachers. He asked how many interns the district has employed.

Cindi Costa answered that she does not have that information in front of her. Primarily interns are used for difficult to fill positions with Special Education being one of those difficult to fill areas. The district rarely does internships in any other subject area.

Charles Ulmschneider moved to approve Encl. No. 8. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Encl. No. 12 – Memorandum of Understanding Between Visalia Unified School District and College of the Sequoias for Basic Equitation Class and Student Success in Ag Class at Visalia Technical Education Center (VTEC). Charles Ulmschneider stated that he is still having difficulty with horseback riding as a class.

Dr. Todd Oto-Area Superintendent, explained that this represents a crossing of two requirements; one with the Vet Tech curriculum offered at VTEC which is a class offered at COS and a PE requirement offered by VUSD for VTEC students.

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

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

VUSD 2011 SUMMER FACILITY PROJECTS REPORT

David Loverin, Director-Administrative Services, presented the VUSD 2011 Summer Facility Projects Report. (Encl. No. 20) The report included numerous facilities construction, repair, refurbishing, and upgrade projects that would be finished before the start of the new school year.

FOCUS ON STUDENT LEARNING

Presentation/Public Comment/Board Discussion/ACTION
(as applicable)

ALTERNATIVE GOVERNANCE BOARD CALENDAR 2011-12

Doug Bartsch, Area Superintendent-Elementary, presented the Alternative Governance Board Report and Calendar for 2011-12. (Encl. No. 21) The responsibilities of the Visalia Unified Alternative Governance (AG) Board, last year know as the Visalia District Assistance Intervention Team (VDAIT), includes advising, planning, and monitoring the Program Improvement (PI) activities of schools in PI Phases 3-5 as prescribed by No Child Left Behind (NCLB) regulations. The schools currently monitored by the Alternative Governance Board are: Divisadero, Green Acres, La Joya, and Valley Oak Middle Schools, and Annie R. Mitchell, Crowley, Fairview, Four Creeks, Houston, Highland, and Veva Blunt Elementary Schools. The report provided information about the AG Board plans for the 2011-12 school year.

Charles Ulmschneider moved to approve the Alternative Governance Board Report and Calendar for 2011-12. Donna Martin seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Board members' reports included the following:

All Board members welcomed principals, classified, and certificated staff back to school and are looking forward to a great school year.

- Rodney Elder
 - Has heard projections that test scores are going up
 - Looking forward to visiting schools and attending sports activities
- Donna Martin
 - Took out and turned in papers for her re-election to the Board
 - Looking forward to Back-to-School nights and sporting events
- Tim Chaney
 - Hears the El Diamante High School band practicing hard every night
- Jim Qualls
 - Looking forward to upcoming year
- Charles Ulmschneider
 - Do the best we can

- Bill Fulmer
 - Filed his paperwork for his re-election to the Board
- Superintendent Wheaton
 - Last week all Principals came back officially and attended their first Principals' meeting of the new school year
 - On a personal note, his daughter is starting her first teaching job

**ADMINISTRATIVE
PANEL RECOM-
MENDATIONS/
ACTION**

REINSTATEMENTS

Jim Qualls moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Reinstatements Case No. 12-01 R, Case No. 12-02 R, Case No. 12-03 R, Case No. 12-04 R, Case No. 12-05 R, Case No. 12-06 R, Case No. 12-07 R, Case No. 12-08 R, Case No. 12-09 R, Case No. 12-10 R, Case No. 12-11 R, Case No. 12-12 R, Case No. 12-13 R, Case No. 12-14 R, Case No. 12-15 R, Case No. 12-16 R, Case No. 12-17 R, Case No. 12-18 R, Case No. 12-19 R, Case No. 12-20 R, Case No. 12-21 R, Case No. 12-22 R, Case No. 12-23 R, Case No. 12-24 R, Case No. 12-25 R, Case No. 12-26 R, Case No. 12-27 R, Case No. 12-28 R, Case No. 12-29 R, Case No. 12-30 R, Case No. 12-31 R, Case No. 12-32 R, Case No. 12-33 R, Case No. 12-34 R, Case No. 12-35 R, Case No. 12-36 R, Case No. 12-37 R, Case No. 12-38 R, Case No. 12-39 R, Case No. 12-40 R, Case No. 12-41 R, Case No. 12-42 R, Case No. 12-43 R, Case No. 12-44 R, Case No. 12-45 R, Case No. 12-46 R, and Case No. 12-47 R (Encl. No. 22). Donna Martin seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL AGENDA

Review/Public Hearing/

Public Input/

Board Discussion/

ACTION (as

applicable)

**DISTRICT-WIDE
SOLAR PROJECT
ANALYSIS**

Assistant Superintendent, Robert Gröeber-Administrative Services, presented the District-Wide Solar Project Analysis status report. (Encl. No. 23) District staff has been working with TerraVerde Renewable Partners to analyze the viability of solar projects for VUSD. TerraVerde is acting as the district's expert to assist in project feasibility. The update summarized the analysis thus far and outlined possible next steps. At the July 12 Board meeting, the Board approved that staff move forward in the process by completing the application for funding with no obligation to proceed. At this time, staff has completed that application and is waiting for confirmation.

Public Comment

Frank Murphy, retired Superintendent and representing Indoor Environmental Services, requested an opportunity to inform the Board on their services to save energy costs overall. Administrative Services will arrange for a study session on alternative energy sources.

45-DAY BUDGET
REVISION – STATE
BUDGET UPDATE

Nathan Hernandez, Administrator-Business Services, presented the 45-Day Budget Revision – State Budget Update. (Encl. No. 24) This was an informational item only. The Board approved the 45-Day Budget Revision as part of Routine Action Item 4.1.2 2011-2012 Budget Revision No. 2 (Encl. No. 2). The presentation provided an opportunity to review the State’s adopted budget and any resulting impact on the district’s 2011-12 budget.

SUBJECT MATTER
VERIFICATION
COMMITTEE

Cindi Costa, Assistant Superintendent-Human Resources Development, presented the Subject Matter Verification Committee item. (Encl. No. 25) Education Code 44258.3 allows a district to establish a Subject Matter Verification Committee which would have the responsibility of reviewing and approving the assignment of teachers that have special skills and preparation outside their credential authorization to teach a core class. The committee would consist of three (3) teachers appointed by the Visalia Unified Teachers Association and three (3) administrators. The district’s Plan for Subject Matter Verification Committee would be filed with the Tulare County Office of Education. Mrs. Costa stated that in the yearly Human Resources Development report to the Board, the number of teachers that fall under this category will be included.

After discussion, Tim Chaney moved to approve the Subject Matter Verification Committee. Donna Martin seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Prior to submitting a Variable Term Waiver Request to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, a notice of intent to employ an individual on the basis of a credential waiver must be published in the board agenda and approval granted by the governing board. (Encl. No. 26) The two teaching positions are for vocational subject areas.

Donna Martin moved to approve the Notice of Intent to Employ Certificated Personnel and Approval of a Variable Term Waiver Request. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

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Cindi Costa, Assistant Superintendent-Human Resources Development, explained that this candidate has a bachelor’s and master’s degree in kinesiology and was selected to teach mathematics at Charter Alternatives Academy. (Encl. No. 27) He has done coursework in mathematics but does not hold a degree in that area, but is working towards that degree.

Charles Ulmschneider moved to approve this Notice of Intent and Waiver. Tim Chaney seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

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CERTIFICATED
PERSONNEL AND

This is a unique situation regarding the candidate. (Encl. No. 28) She is fully credentialed. In some cases in the Speech Pathologist credential program, the CBEST is not taken first as in other credential programs but taken last. She has taken the CBEST and is waiting for those results. This position is not a classroom teacher.

APPROVAL OF
VARIABLE TERM
WAIVER REQUEST
FOR SPEECH
PATHOLOGY

Tim Chaney moved to approve this Notice of Intent and Waiver. Donna Martin seconded the motion. Ayes: Chaney, Elder, Fulmer, Martin, and Qualls. Noes: Ulmschneider. Absent: Jones. Motion carried.

CSBA REVISION TO
BP 1100 –
COMMUNICATION
WITH THE PUBLIC –
SECOND & FINAL
READING

This is the second and final reading of these revised board policies. District staff and the Board Policy Committee have reviewed revisions to board policies made by the California School Boards Association (CSBA). (Encl. No. 29-37) Superintendent Wheaton summarized the revisions in the first reading at the July 12 Board meeting. Board members then had three weeks to have any questions clarified.

Tim Chaney moved to approve all revisions to board policies Encl. No. 29-37. Donna Martin seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

BP 1100 – Communication with the Public (Encl. No. 29) - Approved

CSBA REVISION TO
BP 1160 – POLITICAL
PROCESSES –
SECOND & FINAL
READING

BP 1160 – Political Processes (Encl. No. 30) - Approved

CSBA REVISION TO
BP 3550 – FOOD
SERVICE/CHILD
NUTRITION
PROGRAM –
SECOND & FINAL
READING

BP 3550 – Food Service/Child Nutrition Program (Encl. No. 31) – Approved

CSBA REVISION TO
BP 3551 – FOOD
SERVICE
OPERATIONS/
CAFETERIA FUND-
SECOND & FINAL
READING

BP 3551 – Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund (Encl. No. 32) – Approved

CSBA REVISION TO
BP 4158/4258/4358-
EMPLOYEE
SECURITY –
SECOND & FINAL
READING

BP 4158/4258/4358 – Employee Security (Encl. No. 33) – Approved

CSBA REVISION TO BP 5131.62 – Tobacco (Encl. No. 34) – Approved
BP 5131.62 –
TOBACCO –
SECOND & FINAL
READING

CSBA REVISION TO BP 5144 – Discipline (Encl. No. 35) - Approved
BP 5144 –
DISCIPLINE –
SECOND & FINAL
READING

CSBA REVISION TO BP 6163.1 – Library Media Centers (Encl. No. 36) – Approved
BP 6163.1 – LIBRARY
MEDIA CENTERS –
SECOND & FINAL
READING

CSBA REVISION TO BB 9323.2 – Actions by the Board (Encl. 37) – Approved
BB 9323.2 – ACTIONS
BY THE BOARD –
SECOND & FINAL
READING

**VUSD BOARD
PROTOCOLS**

Superintendent Wheaton stated that reviewing Board protocols is an effort to review how the Board operates and does business. (Encl. No. 38) This item was tabled from the July 12 board meeting because the full Board was not present and there is not a full Board tonight. The other reason this item was postponed was that he had not received all surveys back from Board members prioritizing topics to discuss and review. This is a very important step for the Board to complete. The VUSD Board Protocols will be **TABLED** again until the August 23 meeting.

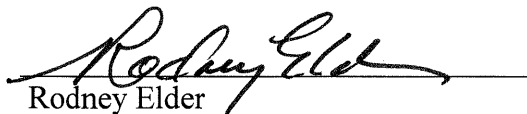
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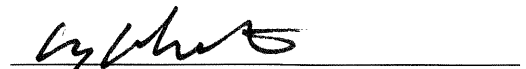
The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 23, 2011, 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