

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

**OPENING  
BUSINESS**

The October 25, 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	9:40	
Rodney Elder	5:30	9:40	
William A. Fulmer	5:30	9:40	
Larry Jones	5:30	9:40	
Donna Martin	5:30	9:40	
Jim L. Qualls	5:30	9:40	
Charles Ulmschneider	5:30	9:40	
 Dr. Craig Wheaton, Superintendent	 5:30	 9:40	

**Staff Members**

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

**CLOSED SESSION**

President Fulmer identified the closed session topics listed below and called for public comment on the closed session items.

- 2.1 RECOMMENDED EXPULSIONS (Education Code Sections 48900, et. seq.)
- 2.2 RECOMMENDED SUSPENDED EXPULSIONS
- 2.3 RECOMMENDED CONTINUED EXPULSIONS
- 2.4 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE (Government Code Section 54957)
- 2.5 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Government Code Section 54957.6)
  - 1. Agency Negotiator: Cindi Costa
  - 2. Employee Organizations
    - 1. CSEA
    - 2. VUTA
    - 3. Management

**PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE CLOSED SESSION**

Lucas Moore spoke to the Board regarding his expulsion case being considered in closed session. He explained how he felt he has turned his life around and requested that the Board reconsider his expulsion so that he may be sent back to Mt. Whitney High School. VUSD Special Education teacher, Lianne Trout, spoke on behalf of Lucas Moore.

The Board adjourned to closed session.

## **EARLY BIRD SESSION**

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

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

Assistant Superintendent-Human Resources Development (HRD), Cindi Costa, presented the annual report for the HRD Department. The update provided information related to all aspects of the division including data related to district-wide goals for 2011-2012, student and staff demographics, the hiring process and data, and other pertinent general information. (Encl. No. 1)

The following is data that Mrs. Costa shared:

- 27,387 VUSD students in K-12<sup>th</sup> grades on California Basic Educational Data System (CBEDS) Day, October 5, 2011 – a decline of 43 students from last year’s CBEDS Day
- 5-year growth - +674 students with an average growth of +135 student per year
- Next year, with the special education students coming back to VUSD from Tulare County Office of Education (TCOE), there will be approximately 200 more students
- Staffing by ethnicity reflects a lower percentage of white teachers and a higher percentage of Hispanic teachers
- 23.8% (280) teachers are 55+ in age
- Total of 384 vacancies including classified, certificated, and management
- Goals of the hiring process
- Selection process for certificated and classified staff, guest teachers, and site principals
- Explanation of various permits and credentials
- Highly qualified teachers and paraprofessionals under the federal No Child Left Behind Act
- Salaries and benefits for all employees account for 84.6% of the district’s adopted general fund budget of \$188M

### **Discussion**

- Donna Martin
  - Wanted to make sure she understood it correctly that when a teacher comes to the Board for approval, all of the steps in the hiring process have been completed, and they have the appropriate credential and experience. Mrs. Costa said, “Absolutely.”
- Mrs. Costa clarified Tim Chaney’s question saying that CBEDS does not include the Adult School students
- Charles Ulmschneider
  - When calling other districts for references, if a district discriminated against a teacher and arbitrarily got rid of them, and there is a question about a discrimination issue, and you ask the question of that district, “Would you hire them back?”, of course they are going to say, “No.” But they might have engaged in some illegal activity in removing a teacher.

How does the district address that or does the district think about it? Mrs. Costa responded that the district does think about that although all are bound in Human Resources under the law to be honest in responses to other districts when requests of information are made. The district is very careful in asking questions that do not lead to someone feeling discriminated against, so it is not the only question that is asked. A range of questions is asked from attendance, to performance, to how do they get along with peers, and in addition to that, "if you had an open position for which they are qualified, would you rehire them to your district?" All of the information is balanced as the district works through the process.

- Advocates having a Board member on the interview panel for teachers
- Asked what the requirements are for being a substitute teacher. Mrs. Costa gave the requirements but stated that just having the certificate does not mean that you will be placed on the guest teacher list. Letters of reference and reference checks are also conducted, they must attend an orientation, and then the offer is made by the district to place them on the guest teacher list.
- He stated he was not put on the list as a veteran teacher with a full-on credential with no adverse disciplinary actions on his credential.

Superintendent Wheaton stated that considerable time has been spent throughout many meetings the process of personnel selection. If the Board wants this to be brought back, that direction will need to be given to staff.

- Jim Qualls stated that highly qualified teachers are needed not just someone who needs a job. It is important to have substitute teachers that are retired teachers from our district.
- Larry Jones said that he does not have time to be on the interview panels where 87 new teachers were hired this year. He does not believe this is his role as a School Board member.
- Rodney Elder stated that the district has set up a very comprehensive system for hiring teachers. If nepotism is a concern, the community could look at a Board member being on an interview system or having an influence on the hiring as nepotism.
- Tim Chaney stated that he as a Board member is to ensure that the system is in place, it is fair, it is followed through to insure that the very best person is hired to teach our students. If he sat on an interview panel, he could not vote for the people that would be hired. It is a conflict of interest to sit on a hiring panel.
- Donna Martin echoed what Mr. Chaney just said.

Superintendent Wheaton stated that this has been a common topic of questioning throughout the year. The current policy is that the district has an objective system that is delegated to staff for the hiring process; staff brings recommendations through the consent agenda personnel reports; and the Board ratifies that the processing is being followed. After hearing Board discussion, the consensus was that it is not necessary to bring this agenda item up for a change in the policy, so staff will continue has they have.

**REGULAR SESSION** The Board convened the regular Board meeting at 7:20 p.m. President Fulmer announced that no action was taken in closed session. Donna Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA** Donna Martin pulled Consent Agenda Item 5.2.3 – Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 7).

Charles Ulmschneider pulled Consent Agenda Item 5.3.5 – Memorandum of Understanding to Utilize the Centralized Eligibility List Administered by the Tulare County Superintendent of Schools (Encl. No. 13).

Tim Chaney moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items, Encl. No. 2-14 and amended his motion to exclude Encl. No. 7 and 13. Larry Jones seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 5.2.3 – Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 7). Before the meeting, Donna Martin had asked Superintendent Wheaton why there are consultants for grants. He had replied that writing grants is time intensive in a concentrated period of time in order to meet the deadline. As the district continues to reduce administrative staff, there is not someone who can shoulder that task. Dr. Todd Oto, Area Superintendent, addressed the specific S3 grants, which each of the comprehensive high schools received.

Jim Qualls moved to approve Item 5.2.3 - (Encl. No. 7). Donna Martin seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 5.3.5 – Memorandum of Understanding to Utilize the Centralized Eligibility List Administered by the Tulare County Superintendent of Schools (Encl. No. 13). Charles Ulmschneider had a question about the signature for Tulare County Superintendent of Schools. Bill Fulmer clarified that John Caudle was presumably signing for the County Superintendent, Jim Vidak. Mr. Ulmschneider asked why Superintendent Wheaton had not signed. Dr. Wheaton explained that he would sign after the Board approves.

Tim Chaney moved to approve Item 5.3.5 - (Encl. No. 13). Charles Ulmschneider seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 5.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. VUSD General Fund Cash Flows as of September 30, 2011 (Encl. No. 2)
2. Warrant List – September 30, 2011 Through October 7, 2011 (Encl. No. 3)
3. 2011-12 Budget Revision No. 7 (Encl. No. 4)

#### 5.2 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 5)

2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 6)
3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 7)
4. Certification of Temporary Athletic Team Coach List for Fall/Winter 2011-12 (Encl. No. 8)
- 5.3 INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES
  1. Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 9)
  2. Child Development 2011-12 Contract Amendment (Encl. No. 10)
  3. Resolution – Local Agreement for Child Development Services Contract (Encl. No. 11)
  4. Resolution – Local Agreement for Child Development Services Contract (Encl. No. 12)
  5. Memorandum of Understanding to Utilize the Centralized Eligibility List Administered by the Tulare County Superintendent of Schools (Encl. No. 13)
- 5.4 SUPERINTENDENT’S OFFICE
  1. Minutes of the Board Meeting of October 11, 2011 (Encl. No. 14)

**PUBLIC  
RECOGNITION/  
PROCLAMATIONS/  
ACTION**

**PROCLAMATION –  
AMERICAN INDIAN  
HERITAGE MONTH –  
NOVEMBER 2011**

Clerk Rodney Elder read the American Indian Heritage Month – November 2011 Proclamation. (Encl. No. 15) The California Department of Education and Visalia Unified declare November as American Indian Heritage Month. *“This country was home to generations of native peoples long before the arrival of European explorers; each of these tribes had a unique and vibrant culture as well as a system of social order; the European settlers were aided in their survival by the teachings of this country’s first inhabitants; and the contributions of the American Indians to this nation’s government, history, and culture are as numerous and varied as the tribes themselves.”*

Donna Martin 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)**

**COMMUNITY  
PARTNERS  
RECOGNITION:  
ROLLIN GEORGE**

The Board and Jeff Hohne, Mt. Whitney High School Principal, recognized and honored Rollin George for his countless hours of volunteering wherever needed at Mt. Whitney HS over the past four years. Just a few of his many projects include building life-size elephants for the prom, constructing a castle towering 17 feet tall by 50 feet long for Homecoming, building the Eiffel Tower for the Cowhide pep rally, and spearheading a

drive in 2009 to establish an annual scholarship to honor former Mt. Whitney graduate, Seth Miller, (class of 2000) who died in a 2004 military training accident. (Encl. No. 16)

2012-2013 SCHOOL  
CALENDAR – FIRST  
READING

The proposed calendar for 2012-2013 has been reviewed and approved by the Visalia Unified Teachers Association (VUTA). (Encl. No. 17) Staff continues to support the three-week break and completing the first semester prior to winter break for secondary students. One significant change is the local holidays the week of Thanksgiving—no students will be in attendance that week. This change aligns the VUSD calendar with other local districts. The proposed calendar will come to the Board for action at the November 8 meeting.

**FOCUS ON  
STUDENT  
LEARNING**

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

CHANGES IN  
KINDERGARTEN  
ENROLLMENT AGE/  
TRANSITIONAL  
KINDERGARTEN

The Kindergarten Readiness Act of 2010 (Senate Bill 1381) will bring significant changes to kindergarten programs throughout California regarding age requirements for children entering kindergarten and the implementation of “Transitional Kindergarten” – the first year of a two-year kindergarten for children not eligible to enroll under the new age requirement. Area Superintendent, Doug Bartsch, reviewed key aspects of this new law and the steps currently underway in VUSD to prepare for implementation at the beginning of the 2012-13 school year. (Encl. No. 18) A proposal will be brought back to the Board in January.

**Public Comment**

Karl Kildow, VUTA President, stated that there were a couple of forces at work to bring this change. One was the pre-kindergarten lobby that believes that there should be universal pre-school for students. CTA had some effect, because, if you do not do that, you will have too many kindergarten teachers and there will be layoffs.

Lita Reid, expressed her concern for how a two-year traditional kindergarten would benefit the children.

ELA NEW  
PROGRAM/  
ADOPTION

Drew Sorensen, Area Superintendent, presented the English Language Arts (ELA) Adoption/Implementation Update that the Board approved last year. (Encl. No. 19) The new adoption is in its first year in grades 7-12. This is a new program that is being implemented using new textbooks that are aligned with California State Standards and a pacing guide that all English teachers in these grades are using.

**Public Comment**

Karl Kildow, VUTA President, asked what role do novels play in grades 7-10 curriculum? Mr. Sorensen clarified that novels still play a role but not as significant a role in 7-10 as in the past. Themes, character building, comparisons, and contrasts rather

than book reports or book reviews will be used. You will see comparisons of two or three novels; what commonalities and differences do they have; analytical thinking. More novels will be read in grades 11 and 12.

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

Haley Seeger, 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.

The Board members' reports included the following:

- Tim Chaney
  - Attended bus drivers awards banquet
  - Attended Adult School's LVN graduation and pinning
  - Met with community leaders regarding fund raising for at risk youth
  - Will be attending the Cowhide football game
  - Will be attending Tulare County Student Symphony performance
- Charles Ulmschneider
  - Attended football games
  - Attended CSBA training on curriculum and instruction
  - Thanked students, classified staff, administrators, teachers, and parents for the work they do
  - "I have had some hard questions with regard to our hiring, and I am going to continue on with that. I think something was brought up, I can't talk about specifics in a closed session, but it had to do along the lines of having the opportunity to scrutinize documents, more time so that we can try to strive so that these things do not happen in the future or at least preemptively think about them, so that is a thought; and you all know what I am talking about. But I want to end by saying that I am good enough to work around the various districts around here and to be hired on and again I have no adverse disciplinary actions ever taken against my credential. There was, of course, attempts and all that. Every teacher with a history has a history. Right? But I was not good enough to get hired here for a substitute job, and I want to know why when I am full on credentialed out of San Diego State, etc.; but I was good enough, and I will end it here, I was good enough to get hired as a Visalia Unified School Board Trustee by the good people of Visalia."
- Larry Jones
  - Visited Visalia Technical Education Center (VTEC) and Visalia Charter Independent Study (VCIS)
  - Good luck to the Visalia teams
  - Since Rodney Elder will not be able to attend his last board meeting in November, he thanked Mr. Elder for sharing the podium with him and for being an outstanding board member and a good friend
- Rodney Elder
  - Visited Green Acres Middle School
  - Stated that he and Larry Jones have worked together for nine years and will miss him on the Board, that he has been an excellent Board member,

has enjoyed working with him, has learned from him, and wished him well in his retirement

- Donna Martin
  - Attended the safe school bus drivers awards dinner
    - 25 years or more of service
      - Mel Back
      - Erin Bolding
      - Rochelle Risenhoover
      - Mel Tully received the CHP “Driver of the Year” for Tulare County
  - Attended the CSBA training
  - Attended Tulare County Hispanic Leadership Network
  - Will attend the HEART program breakfast and Open House
  - Spoke at Mr. Pitkin’s AVID class at Golden West High School
- Jim Qualls
  - Represented the Visalia Host Lions at the COS Scholarship Night
    - Some were students that had been expelled from VUSD but who had turned their lives around and it was inspiring
  - Attended the annual Visalia Civic Facilities Authority meeting. Good to work as a team with City staff to provide services for our students
- Superintendent Wheaton
  - Thanked Cindi Costa for the excellent report on Human Resources Development showing the mammoth job it takes to ensure we have quality teachers in the classroom

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

Jim Qualls pulled Expulsion Case No. 12-20 E.

Rodney Elder moved accept the remaining Administrative Panel Recommendations for Expulsions Case No.12-16 E, Case No. 12-17 E, Case No. 12-18 E, Case No. 12-19 E, Case No. 12-21 E, Case No. 12-22 E, Case No. 12-23 E, Case No. 12-24 E, Case No. 12-25 E, and Case No. 12-26 E. (Encl. No. 20) Tim Chaney seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Expulsion Case No. 12-20 E - Jim Qualls made the following statement and motion for the student to serve one semester of full expulsion with placement at Charter Alternatives Academy, and, if the student has good behavior, grades, and attendance, the student would then be placed on suspended expulsion for a second semester, on a strict behavior contract, at a comprehensive high school. Tim Chaney seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.



SUSPENDED  
EXPULSIONS

Tim Chaney moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendation for Suspended Expulsions Case No. 12-05 SE. (Encl. No. 21) Donna Martin 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. 12-06 RCE. (Encl. No. 22) Charles Ulmschneider seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**GENERAL AGENDA**

Review/Public Hearing/

Public Input/

Board Discussion/

**ACTION** (as  
applicable)

MID VALLEY  
TRANSPORTATION  
ANNUAL REPORT

Katy White, Director of Transportation, presented the annual MVT report. Mid Valley Transportation has been in operation since 2002 and serves not only VUSD students but has contracts with other neighboring school districts as well. The presentation included the history, background, and a year-to-date financial review. (Encl. No. 23)

**Public Comment**

Karl Kildow, VUTA President, made a suggestion to publicly discuss at some point what the implications are that would trigger the elimination of transportation funds in the State budget.

Superintendent Wheaton reminded the Board of the process that takes place for revising board policies. There are three separate Board Policy Committees to give more detailed time to board policy. Donna Martin and Charles Ulmschneider serve on the Human Resources Development Committee; Tim Chaney, Jim Qualls, and Charles Ulmschneider attended the Curriculum and Instruction Committee meeting; and Bill Fulmer and Rodney Elder serve on the Administrative Services Committee. Each Board member received a complete set of each committee's policies to review. District staff and the Board Policy Committees are recommending the following changes to board policy. Dr. Wheaton reviewed the first reading of each policy.

CSBA REVISION TO  
BP 1113 – DISTRICT  
AND SCHOOL WEB  
SITES – FIRST  
READING

BP 1113 – District and School Web Sites (Encl. No. 24) The updated policy (1) includes new section on "Design Standards" addressing accessibility of web sites to individuals with disabilities, (2) relates policy regarding advertising in school publications, and (3) clarifies options related to posting of individual student photographs.

CSBA REVISION TO  
BP 2210 –  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
DISCRETION  
REGARDING

BP 2210 – Administrative Discretion Regarding Board Policy (Encl. No. 25) Policy updated to reflect new law (SB 70, 2011) which extends the flexibility to use funds received for 39 "Tier 3" categorical programs for any educational purpose through the 2014-15 fiscal year. Date in text deleted to avoid the need for additional revision if flexibility is extended in the future.

BOARD POLICY – FIRST READING	Bill Fulmer requested that wording be changed stating that regardless of what kind of a situation it was, it should be reported to the Board. The change was noted and will appear in the second reading on November 8.
CSBA REVISION TO BP 3100 – BUDGET - FIRST READING	<u>BP 3100 – Budget</u> (Encl. No. 26) Updated policy expands section on "Fund Balance" to include sample policy statements, in compliance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board GASB)Statement 54, related to (1) how funds will be committed by the Board to the "committed fund balance," (2) delegation of the authority to assign funds to the "assigned fund balance," (3) the order in which fund balances will be spent when multiple fund balance types are available for an expenditure, and (4) the minimum level of unrestricted fund balances that will be maintained in the general fund. Policy also reflects new law (SB 70) which extends the timeline for restoring the level of reserves to the level specified in state regulations and new law (AB 114) which requires districts, for the 2011-12 fiscal year, to base their budget on the same level of state revenues received in the 2010-11 fiscal year.
CSBA REVISION TO BP 3280 – SALE OR LEASE OF DISTRICT- OWNED REAL PROPERTY – FIRST READING	<u>BP 3280 – Sale or Lease of District-Owned Real Property</u> (Encl. No. 27) Policy updated to reflect new law (SB 70, 2011) which extends, until January 1, 2014, the authorization to use the proceeds from the sale of surplus real property, along with the proceeds from any personal property located on such surplus real property, for any one-time general fund purpose. Date in text deleted to eliminate the need for additional revision if flexibility is extended in the future.
CSBA REVISION TO BP 3290 – GIFTS, GRANTS, AND BEQUESTS – FIRST READING	<u>BP 3290 – Gifts, Grants, and Bequests</u> (Encl. No. 28) Revised policy includes optional language requiring annual report to the Board of gifts, grants, and bequests received by the district and the expenditure of any monetary gifts. Policy also includes (1) new section on "Appreciation" which lists authorized forms of appreciation for donations to the district, and (2) new section on "Corporate Sponsorship" which authorizes the Board to allow outside entities to advertise or promote their products and services within district facilities in exchange for funds, products, and services provided by such entities.
VUSD STAFF REVISION TO BP 4112.8/4212.8/4312.8 – EMPLOYMENT OF RELATIVES – FIRST READING	<u>BP 4112.8/4212.8/4312.8 – Employment of Relatives</u> (Encl. No. 29) Updated policy contains new language prohibiting the appointment of an employee to a position where a relative has management, supervisory, evaluation, or promotion responsibilities and prohibiting an employee from participating in a decision that singularly applies to a relative. Policy also contains language authorizing the Superintendent to prohibit the appointment of an employee to a position in which his/her relationship to another employee may result in an adverse impact.
CSBA REVISION TO MANDATED BP 5030 – STUDENT WELLNESS – FIRST READING	<u>BP 5030 – Student Wellness</u> (Encl. No. 30) Mandated policy updated to reflect new federal law (P.L. 111-296) which moved and revised legal requirements related to student wellness policies. Law now requires (1) involvement of specified stakeholders in policy implementation and review; (2) establishment of goals for nutrition promotion as well as nutrition education; and (3) periodic assessment of the implementation of the wellness policy, including comparison of the district's policy with model wellness policies provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

**Public Comment**

Lucia Vazquez requested to leave in two paragraphs that have been deleted from the current policy regarding use agreements for facilities and grounds and also on promoting work site wellness so that all of the wellness information is in one reference. This will be reflected in the second reading on November 8.

CSBA REVISION TO  
BP 5145.11 –  
QUESTIONING AND  
APPREHENSION BY  
LAW  
ENFORCEMENT –  
FIRST READING

BP 5145.11 – Questioning and Apprehension by Law Enforcement (Encl. No. 31)  
Policy updated to reflect new court decision (Camreta v. Greene) which vacated the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal's decision that required law enforcement to have parental consent, warrant, or other court order to interview a student in school absent exigent circumstances.

CSBA REVISION TO  
MANDATED BP 5148  
AND MANDATED  
AR 5148 – CHILD  
CARE AND  
DEVELOPMENT –  
FIRST READING

BP & AR 5148 – Child Care and Development (Encl. No. 32) Mandated policy revised to delete reference to school-age community child care services (repealed), add language addressing facilities for child care and development services, deletes options related to ages of children served (now addressed in AR) and hours of operation, and revise material on program evaluation to more directly reflect state requirements.

CSBA REVISION TO  
BP 6111 – SCHOOL  
CALENDAR – FIRST  
READING

BP 6111 – School Calendar (Encl. No. 33) Updated policy reflects new law (SB 70, 2011) which extends, until the end of the 2014-15 school year, authorization for districts to reduce the length of the school year without incurring financial penalties.

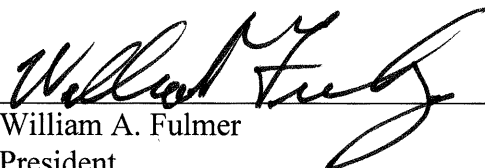
**ADJOURNMENT**


The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

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

  
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William A. Fulmer  
President

  
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Craig Wheaton, Ed.D.  
Superintendent