

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

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The November 8, 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	8:10	
Rodney Elder			X
William A. Fulmer	5:30	8:10	
Larry Jones	5:30	8:10	
Donna Martin	5:30	8:10	
Jim L. Qualls	5:30	8:10	
Charles Ulmschneider			X
Dr. Craig Wheaton, Superintendent	5:30	8:10	

Staff Members

Robert Gröeber, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services
Cindi Costa, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Development
Pam Ryan, Administrative Assistant, Superintendent's Office
Mary Ji Ho Park, Student Representative

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 EXPULSIONS (Education Code Sections 48900, et. seq.)
- 2.2 RECOMMENDED SUSPENDED EXPULSIONS
- 2.3 ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant Exposure to Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(b)
One potential case
- 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
- 2.6 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EVALUATION – SUPERINTENDENT

REGULAR SESSION

The Board convened the regular Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. President Fulmer announced that no action was taken in closed session. Mary Ji Ho Park, Student Representative, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

GENERAL PUBLIC
COMMENT

Public Comment

Nancy Powell, Principal-Golden West High School, and Emmett Schultz, Golden West agriculture teacher, introduced and honored Josh Labogin and Cody Willis, part of the team that was named the top Ag Mechanics team in the nation in Indianapolis in October. The other two members of the team, Brian Brown and Austin Williams, were unable to attend the Board meeting. Cody Willis was the top competitor in the nation. The Superintendent and Board presented Mr. Schultz and the team with a certificate of recognition.

Ellen Dahlenburg and another parent that did not identify herself, Mt. Whitney High School parents, spoke on behalf of the Mt. Whitney boys' water polo team requesting that the district and Board re-evaluate the eligibility policy concerning the .500 rule to participate in playoffs. A request to waive the district policy so that their team could participate in playoffs was taken to the Athletic Directors and district staff meeting and was denied. Superintendent Wheaton stated that the policies are reviewed on an annual basis and that it is not the district's practice to change an athletic policy in the middle of the year. This athletic policy will be placed on Area Superintendent Drew Sorensen's agenda to review.

Lita Reid, a candidate for the VUSD Board, thanked the Board members for serving the community. Important issues to her were being positive and working on the student's self esteem; keeping students in school; and continuing to improve test scores.

Gayle Bingaman, a teacher at Four Creeks Elementary School, spoke on creating a safe environment for students and staff.

CONSENT AGENDA Revised copies of Consent Agenda Item 4.2.2 – Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 6) and 4.3.1 – Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 9) were distributed at the meeting. Revisions were made after the board agenda packet was delivered.

Tim Chaney moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items, Encl. No. 1-11. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

4.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Warrant List – October 14, 2011 through October 21, 2011 (Encl. No. 1)
2. 2011-12 Budget Revision No. 8 (Encl. No. 2)
3. Renewal of Mid-Valley Transportation Agreements (Encl. No. 3)
4. Resolution to Authorize the Execution of an Energy Sales Agreement for Power Supply (Encl. No. 4)

4.2 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 Winter 2011-12 (Encl. No. 8)
- 4.3 INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES
 1. Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 9)
- 4.4 SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE
 1. Minutes of the Board Meeting of October 25, 2011 (Encl. No. 10)
 2. Notification of Day and Time, Annual Organizational Meeting, Held Pursuant to Education Code 35143 (Encl. No. 11)

**PUBLIC
RECOGNITION/
PROCLAMATIONS/
ACTION**

- RECOGNITION OF BOARD MEMBER SERVICE** Superintendent Wheaton recognized Board President Bill Fulmer for his leadership and commitment to serving the needs of students, staff, and his fellow Board members. President Fulmer recognized Board Member Larry Jones for his twelve years of outstanding service and dedication to the Visalia Unified School Community from 1999-2011. (Encl. No. 12)
- RESOLUTION – THE DAY OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATOR, DECEMBER 3, 2011** On December 3, our district will observe *The Day of the Special Educator* in acknowledging the commitment and contributions of our special educators. (Encl. No. 13)
- Jim Qualls moved to approve this Resolution. Tim Chaney seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**FOCUS ON
STUDENT
LEARNING**
Presentation/Public
Comment/Board
Discussion/ACTION
(as applicable)

- SUPERINTENDENT'S FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE** Robert Gröeber, Assistant Superintendent-Administrative Services, presented the Superintendent's Facilities Advisory Committee Update. (Encl. No. 14) This committee was formed in March 2002 and includes community members, staff, and up to three Board members that help identify the facilities and growth plans for the school district. The district continues to experience growth in elementary and middle school students. This growth creates a need for a new middle school in the near future. An Attendance Area Boundary Committee will be formed to balance the population. The twenty-six community members on this committee were listed. Because of the amount of work that is needed, the committee will meet on a monthly basis.
- BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/SUPERINTEN-** Mary Ji Ho Park, Student Representative to the Board from El Diamante High School, gave a brief summary of the events that are taking place at each of the high schools.

DENT'S REPORT

The Board members' reports included the following:

- Larry Jones
 - One of his goals when he was elected to the Board was for the city, COS, the county, and the school district to communicate and cooperate with each other and those entities are now doing that.
 - Students coming first is what makes this school district so great
 - Thanked Maintenance and Transportation Departments for the tremendous amounts of improvements being made
 - Thanked Karl Kildow-VUTA, for doing something that had never been done before by inviting individual Board members to lunch discussing other topics besides the district
 - Thanked each Cabinet staff individually and each Board member
- Tim Chaney
 - Attended the High School Symphony Concert at LJ Williams Theatre
 - Attended Golden Oak and Mineral King Elementary and Green Acres Middle School PIQE graduations where 48 parents received certificates
 - Attended Pro-Youth/HEART Grand Opening
 - School site visit to VCIS-will graduate approximately 200 students
 - Rode in annual Bikers for Kids Fundraiser that raised \$45,000 that goes back to this community
 - Acknowledged Don Groppetti for what he does for VUSD and the community. He was one of the sponsors for the Bikers for Kids event.
 - Thanked Larry Jones for his leadership and mentorship
 - Will be attending both the Cowhide and Battle for the Saddle games Friday
 - He voted and hopes everyone takes voting seriously
- Donna Martin
 - Attended Pro-Youth/HEART Open House
 - Highlight of her week was attending the Visalia's Got Talent event
 - Thanked her husband for his support and encouragement over the past months during her campaign
 - Thanked Larry Jones for being a class act and a model of decorum
- Jim Qualls
 - Said that Larry Jones is a class act. Last ten years have been great
 - Wished Mr. Jones the best of luck in his life and to enjoy his grandkids
- Bill Fulmer
 - Mentioned he has missed two elections in his life--one he had brain fade and the other one he was in Viet Nam and was busy
- Superintendent Wheaton
 - Tammy Gonzalez, Willow Glen Principal, gave each Board member a copy of the *Response Magazine* where Willow Glen School was featured in an article, "Moving Beyond a Number" on their success

At this time President Bill Fulmer changed the order of the agenda to take the General Agenda item Lease-Leaseback Delivery Method for Valley Oak Middle School. (Encl. No. 18)

GENERAL AGENDA

**LEASE-LEASEBACK
DELIVERY METHOD
FOR VALLEY OAK
MIDDLE SCHOOL**

David Loverin, Director of Administrative Services, presented the Lease-Leaseback Delivery Method for Valley Oak Middle School proposal. (Encl. 18) The HVAC and heating unit on Building 3 at Valley Oak Middle School has stopped working and needs to be replaced. The building contains five classrooms that are currently without heating or cooling. With the winter season approaching and the urgency to get heating back online in the classrooms, district staff is requesting the use of a Lease-Leaseback contract with Patton Air Conditioning. This will allow needed equipment to be ordered and in place by the time the students return from winter break. It is the opinion of staff that the Lease-Leaseback method is the most appropriate and timely choice for these repairs. Proposals were received from three companies with Patton Air Conditioning submitting the most favorable repair plan. The initial budget estimate of \$77,969 will be paid from deferred maintenance funds.

Donna Martin moved to approve the Lease-Leaseback contract with Patton Air Conditioning. Tim Chaney seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

President Fulmer returned to the original order of the agenda.

Donna Martin was excused from the meeting.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
PANEL RECOM-
MENDATIONS/
ACTION**

EXPULSIONS

Larry Jones moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Expulsions Case No. 12-27 E, Case No. 12-28 E, Case No. 12-29 E, Case No. 12-30 E, Case No. 12-31 E, Case No. 12-32 E, Case No. 12-33 E, Case No. 12-34 E, Case No. 12-35 E, Case No. 12-36 E, Case No. 12-37 E, Case No. 12-38 E, Case No. 12-39 E, Case No. 12-40 E, Case No. 12-41 E, Case No. 12-42 E, and Case No. 12-43 E. (Encl. No. 15) Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: Chaney, Fulmer, Jones, and Qualls. Absent: Elder, Martin, and Ulmschneider. Motion carried.

**SUSPENDED
EXPULSIONS**

Jim Qualls moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Suspended Expulsions Case No. 12-06 SE, Case No. 12-07 SE, and Case No. 12-08 SE. (Encl. No. 16) Larry Jones seconded the motion. Ayes: Chaney, Fulmer, Jones, and Qualls. Absent: Elder, Martin, and Ulmschneider. Motion carried.

GENERAL AGENDA
Review/Public Hearing/
Public Input/
Board Discussion/
ACTION (as
applicable)

2012-2013 SCHOOL
CALENDAR UPDATE

Cindi Costa, Assistant Superintendent-Human Resources Development, presented the 2012-2013 School Calendar Update. (Encl. 17) At the October 25, 2011 Board meeting, the proposed calendar was presented to the Board for their consideration. 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. At tonight’s meeting, the Board and public had an opportunity to comment on the 2012-2013 School Calendar prior to Board action.

No comment from the Board or the public.

Tim Chaney moved to approve the 2012-2013 School Calendar as presented. Larry Jones seconded the motion. Ayes: Chaney, Fulmer, Jones, and Qualls. Absent: Elder, Martin, and Ulmschneider. Motion carried.

LEASE-LEASEBACK
DELIVERY METHOD
FOR VALLEY OAK
MIDDLE SCHOOL

Lease-Leaseback Delivery Method for Valley Oak Middle School was discussed earlier in the meeting. (Encl. No. 18)

**BOARD POLICY
REVISIONS**

Superintendent Wheaton stated that Board Member Elect, Lucia Vazquez, had met with him to discuss Mandated BP 5030 – Student Wellness (Encl. No. 25) and requested tabling this policy so that she can be involved in its development.

Larry Jones moved to approve Encl. 19 through Encl. 28, excluding Encl. 25-CSBA Revision to Mandated BP 5030-Student Wellness-Second and Final Reading. Tim Chaney seconded the motion. Ayes: Chaney, Fulmer, Jones, and Qualls. Absent: Elder, Martin, and Ulmschneider. Motion carried.

Jim Qualls moved to **TABLE** Encl. 25-Mandated BP 5030-Student Wellness. Larry Jones seconded the motion. Ayes: Chaney, Fulmer, Jones, and Qualls. Absent: Elder, Martin, and Ulmschneider. Motion carried.

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

BP 1113 – District and School Web Sites (Encl. No. 19) - Approved

CSBA REVISION TO
BP 2210 –
ADMINISTRATIVE
DISCRETION
REGARDING
BOARD POLICY –

BP 2210 – Administrative Discretion Regarding Board Policy (Encl. No. 20) - Approved

SECOND AND FINAL
READING

CSBA REVISION TO BP 3100 – Budget (Encl. No. 21) - Approved
BP 3100 – BUDGET -
SECOND AND FINAL
READING

CSBA REVISION TO BP 3280 – Sale or Lease of District-Owned Real Property (Encl. No. 22) - Approved
BP 3280 – SALE OR
LEASE OF DISTRICT-
OWNED REAL
PROPERTY –
SECOND AND FINAL
READING

CSBA REVISION TO BP 3290 – Gifts, Grants, and Bequests (Encl. No. 23) - Approved
BP 3290 – GIFTS,
GRANTS, AND
BEQUESTS –
SECOND AND FINAL
READING

VUSD STAFF BP 4112.8/4212.8/4312.8 (Encl. No. 24) - Approved
REVISION TO BP
4112.8/4212.8/4312.8 –
EMPLOYMENT OF
RELATIVES –
SECOND AND FINAL
READING

CSBA REVISION TO BP 5030 – Student Wellness (Encl. No. 25) - **TABLED**
MANDATED BP 5030
– STUDENT
WELLNESS –
SECOND AND FINAL
READING

CSBA REVISION TO BP 5145.11 – Questioning and Apprehension by Law Enforcement (Encl. No. 26) -
BP 5145.11 – Approved
QUESTIONING AND
APPREHENSION BY
LAW
ENFORCEMENT –
SECOND AND FINAL
READING

CSBA REVISION TO BP and AR 5148 – Child Care and Development (Encl. No. 27) - Approved
MANDATED BP 5148
AND MANDATED
AR 5148 – CHILD
CARE AND
DEVELOPMENT –
SECOND AND FINAL
READING

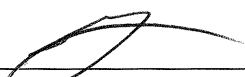
CSBA REVISION TO BP 6111 – School Calendar (Encl. No. 28) - Approved
BP 6111 – SCHOOL
CALENDAR –
SECOND AND FINAL
READING

CSBA MASTERS IN GOVERNANCE UPDATE After each session of CSBA’s Masters in Governance program, the Board and Cabinet members that attend have an opportunity to share information from the workshop topics. (Encl. No. 29) Donna Martin, Charles Ulmschneider, Tim Chaney, Bill Fulmer, Robert Gröeber, Doug Bartsch, and Superintendent Wheaton are attending during the sessions at TCOE in 2011-2012. Superintendent Wheaton reported on the October 22 session with the topic of the Board’s role in “Focusing on Student Learning”.


ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

NEXT MEETING The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 13, 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,



Board Clerk
Tim Chaney



Craig Wheaton, Ed.D.
Superintendent