

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

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The December 13, 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	
Donna Martin	5:30	8:40	
Jim L. Qualls	5:30	8:40	
Charles Ulmschneider	5:30	8:40	
Lucia Vazquez	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
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 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE (Government Code Section 54957)
- 2.4 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ASSIGNMENT/REASSIGNMENT/APPOINTMENT (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 MID-YEAR REVIEW

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. Tim Chaney led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**GENERAL PUBLIC
COMMENT**

Public Comment

Vicki Porter, Principal-Visalia Technical Education Center (VTEC), introduced Allison Pierce from the Board of Supervisors' Office who presented a proclamation to VTEC recognizing the school for a service learning project that students participated in over the summer. The project employed ten students over the summer working with the College of the Sequoias, the Board of Supervisors, and the Food Link Program. The students designed, planted, and harvested a vegetable garden then donated the fresh produce to Food Link, which in turn distributed the produce to needy students for the summer school lunch program.

Superintendent Wheaton presented a plaque to Rodney Elder for his service as Board Clerk and his leadership and commitment to the Visalia Unified community.

**PUBLIC
RECOGNITION/
PROCLAMATIONS/
ACTION**

**COMMUNITY
PARTNERS
RECOGNITION:
NEIGHBORHOOD
CHURCH**

Cindy Alonzo, Principal at Houston Elementary School, recognized and honored the Neighborhood Church congregation for donating time and services in supporting Houston Elementary School students and staff. (Encl. No. 1) The Neighborhood Church adopted Houston Elementary School in 2006 reaching out to students by volunteering with activities such as the Houston Summer Camp, the school carnival, services days, and Christmas with Dignity. Over the last year, a new partnership has been developed where parents are taking an equal part in the activities. Lunch Buddies is a new mentoring program that was also started this year.

**CERTIFICATION
OF RESULTS OF
CONSOLIDATED
DISTRICT
ELECTION**

Robert Gröeber, Assistant Superintendent-Administrative Services, stated that the school district received the official Certificates of Election from Rita Woodard, Registrar of Voters of Tulare County, for the Consolidated District Election held on November 8, 2011. He announced the results of the historic election where, for the first time, Visalia Unified School District Trustees were elected solely by the voters of their respective district. William Fulmer, Donna Baker Martin, and Lucia Vazquez were each elected in Area 7, 5, and 6 respectively for the term of four years to expire on December 4, 2015.

**ADMINISTRATION
OF OATH OF
OFFICE**

Cindi Costa, Assistant Superintendent-Human Resources Development, issued the oath of office to the newly elected and re-elected Board members. Following the oath of office, the three Board members signed their oath of office. A short reception followed.

**ELECTION OF
BOARD OFFICERS**

PRESIDENT

According to the Education Code, the meeting in December is described as the Annual Organizational Meeting of the School Board at which time the Board elects their officers for 2012. Superintendent Wheaton summarized Board Bylaw 9121 – Election

of Board President (Encl. No. 2) Board members were given the opportunity to express their interest in holding the position of President and were allowed to ask fellow Board members if they would be interested in serving as President before the floor was officially opened for the nomination of the office.

Tim Chaney moved to elect Rodney Elder as President for 2012. Charles Ulmschneider seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

CLERK

Superintendent Wheaton summarized Board Bylaw 9123, the duties of the Clerk of the Board. (Encl. No. 3)

Donna Martin moved to elect Tim Chaney as Clerk of the Board for 2012. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD SECRETARY

Education Code requires the Board to take formal action to appoint the Superintendent to serve as Secretary to the Board. Superintendent Wheaton reviewed Board Bylaw 9122, the duties of the Secretary. (Encl. No. 4)

Bill Fulmer moved to appoint Superintendent Dr. Craig Wheaton as Secretary to the Board. Charles Ulmschneider seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

A revised Consent Agenda Item 10.2.2 – Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 12) was distributed before the meeting due to changes made after the Board agenda packet was delivered and posted.

Bill Fulmer pulled Consent Agenda Item 10.1.1 - Warrant List–October 28, 2011 through November 18, 2011 (Encl. No. 5) to abstain due to a conflict of interest.

Rodney Elder pulled Consent Agenda Item 10.4.1-Minutes of the Board Meeting of November 8, 2011 (Encl. No. 21) because he was unable to attend this meeting due to a family illness.

Jim Qualls moved to approve the remaining Consent Agenda Items, Encl. No. 6-23. Donna Martin seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 10.1.1 – Warrant List-October 28, 2011 through November 18, 2011 (Encl. No. 5).

Donna Martin moved to approve Encl. No. 5. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: Chaney, Elder, Martin, Qualls, and Ulmschneider. Abstain: Fulmer and Vazquez. Motion carried.

Item 10.4.1 – Minutes of the Board Meeting of November 8, 2011 (Encl. No. 21).

Donna Martin moved to approve Encl. No. 21. Tim Chaney seconded the motion. Ayes: Chaney, Fulmer, Martin, Qualls, Ulmschneider, and Vazquez. Abstain: Elder. Motion carried.

- 10.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
 - 1. Warrant List – October 28, 2011 Through November 18, 2011 (Encl. No. 5)
 - 2. VUSD General Fund Cash Flows as of October 31, 2011 (Encl. No. 6)
 - 3. Ratification of the MOU's with Sycamore Valley Academy for 2012-13 (Encl. No. 7)
 - 4. Approval of Bid #4745 – Parking Lot Improvements-Royal Oaks (Encl. No. 8)
 - 5. Approval of Bid #4746 – Parking Lot Improvements-Cottonwood Creek (Encl. No. 9)
 - 6. Authorization to Purchase 13 Buses from Piggyback Bid (Encl. No. 10)
- 10.2 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 Winter 2011-12 (Encl. No. 14)
 - 5. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Student Teaching Agreement between Visalia Unified School District (VUSD) and Azusa Pacific University (Encl. No. 15)
- 10.3 INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES
 - 1. Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 16)
 - 2. Safe and Supportive Schools Grant Work Plans (Encl. No. 17)
 - 3. Visalia Adult School LVN Clinical Training Agreement with Palm Village Retirement Community (Encl. No. 18)
 - 4. Agreement Between Tulare County Organization for Vocational Education in Conjunction with Visalia Unified School District and Westgate Gardens Convalescent Center, Linwood Gardens Convalescent Center, Redwood Springs Healthcare Center, and Family Healthcare Network (Encl. No. 19)
 - 5. Annual District and Safe School Plans, 2011-2012 (Encl. No. 20)
- 10.4 SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE
 - 1. Minutes of the Board Meeting of November 8, 2011 (Encl. No. 21)
 - 2. Board Meeting Dates for 2012-2013 School Year (Encl. No. 22)
 - 3. Approval of Authorized Signatures for Calendar Year 2012 (Encl. No. 23)

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

**SHANNON RANCH
SCHOOL PROGRESS
REPORT**

Doug Bartsch, Area Superintendent, presented the Shannon Ranch School Progress Report (Encl. No. 24) which provided the Board and the public an update regarding preparations now underway in the following areas:

- School Construction – the school will open in August 2012
- Equipment and Materials
- School Boundaries
- Students and Parents
- Staff Selection, Certificated and Classified

Superintendent Wheaton announced that Samantha Tate will serve as the Principal of Shannon Ranch Elementary School.

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

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.

All Board members congratulated the newly elected Board members. The Board members' reports included the following:

- Charles Ulmschneider
 - Has supported and lobbied for the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) in the Election Code 14025-14032 for many years.
 - In regards to the new Shannon Ranch Elementary School, thanked the district for allowing the fifth graders to attend the school they were previously attending
- Lucia Vazquez
 - Thanked the Board and district for such a wonderful welcome, for changing the voting to “by area elections”, and for the opportunity to serve
 - Has been visiting schools
 - Has participated in PIQE graduations
 - Attended winter concert at La Joya Middle School
- Jim Qualls
 - Attended the District Office Holiday Luncheon
 - Thanked Bill Fulmer for his stellar job as Board President
- Bill Fulmer
 - Thanked the people who supported him in his re-election
- Donna Martin
 - Presented a PowerPoint on some of the presentations she attended the CSBA annual conference
- Tim Chaney
 - Attended the Gang Prevention Task Force meeting
 - Continues working with Frank Escobar, Jr. for funding options for gang prevention and the Neighborhood Youth Counselors (NYC)
 - Attended Visalia Charter Independent Study (VCIS) dance montage

- Rodney Elder
 - Attended the VCIS dance montage and congratulated Principal Heather Rocha and staff
- Superintendent Wheaton
 - Appreciates all the events and school visits that the Board members participate in

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

Lucia Vazquez pulled Recommended Expulsion #11 - 12-54 E.

Tim Chaney moved to accept the remaining Administrative Panel Recommendations for Expulsions Case No. 12-44 E, Case No. 12-45 E, Case No. 12-46 E, Case No. 12-47 E, Case No. 12-48 E, Case No. 12-49 E, Case No. 12-50 E, Case No. 12-51 E, Case No. 12-52 E, Case No. 12-53 E, Case No. 12-55 E, Case No. 12-56 E, Case No. 12-57 E, Case No. 12-58 E, Case No. 12-59 E, Case No. 12-60 E, Case No. 12-61 E, Case No. 12-62 E, Case No. 12-63 E, Case No. 12-64 E, Case No. 12-65 E, Case No. 12-66 E, Case No. 12-67 E, Case No. 12-68 E, Case No. 12-69 E, Case No. 12-70 E, Case No. 12-71 E, Case No. 12-72 E, Case No. 12-73 E, Case No. 12-74 E, Case No. 12-75 E, and Case No. 12-76 E. (Encl. No. 25) Donna Martin seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommended Expulsion #11 – 12-54 E. Lucia Vazquez stated that she was not comfortable with the recommendation of the panel. Jim Qualls moved to accept Recommended Expulsion #11 – 12-54 E. Donna Martin seconded the motion. Ayes: Chaney, Elder, Fulmer, Martin, Qualls, and Ulmschneider. Noes: Vazquez. Motion carried.

**SUSPENDED
EXPULSIONS**

Tim Chaney moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Suspended Expulsions Case No. 12-09 SE, Case No. 12-10 SE, Case No. 12-11 SE, Case No. 12-12 SE, and Case No. 12-13 SE. (Encl. No. 26) Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**2011-12 FIRST
INTERIM**

Nathan Hernandez, Administrator Business Services, presented the 2011-12 First Interim Financial Report. (Encl. No. 27) In accordance with Education Code 33127, the Board is required to certify by December 15, 2011 whether the district will be able to

FINANCIAL
REPORT

meet its financial obligations through the current fiscal year and two subsequent years. The report detailed how the district will receive a positive certification meeting the required 3% reserve and a positive projection for the next two fiscal years.

Tim Chaney moved to approve the 2011-12 First Interim Financial Report. Charles Ulmschneider seconded the motion. Ayes: Chaney, Elder, Fulmer, Martin, Qualls, and Ulmschneider. Abstain: Vazquez. Lucia Vazquez stated that as a new Board member, she does not feel qualified to vote on this item. Motion carried.

CSBA DELEGATE
NOMINATION:
DONNA MARTIN

Board member, Donna Martin, is requesting that the Board approve her nomination as a candidate for the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly. (Encl. No. 28) CSBA Delegate Assembly members serve two-year terms and this would be Mrs. Martin's second term of holding this office. Delegates set the general policy direction and fulfill a critical governance role within the association. They communicate the interests of local boards to CSBA's Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and staff.

Bill Fulmer moved to approve the nomination of Donna Martin as VUSD's CSBA Delegate. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD
REPRESENTATIVE
COMMITTEE
APPOINTMENTS
FOR 2012

Superintendent Wheaton reviewed the list of committees that Board members will participate on for 2012. (Encl. No. 29) After discussion, the following adjustments were made:

- Board Policy Committee: Lucia Vazquez will be a part of each of the three committees
- TCOVE Board: Donna Martin was added as a non-voting member
- Alternative Governance Board: Lucia Vazquez was added
- Visalia Education Foundation: Bill Fulmer will take Donna Martin's place
- VUSD Attendance/Boundary Committee: Lucia Vazquez was added
- VUSD Coordinated School Health Advisory Committee: Lucia Vazquez will take Donna Martin's place
- VUSD Facilities Advisory Committee: Lucia Vazquez was added
- VUSD Finance Advisory Committee: Lucia Vazquez was added
- VUSD Property Advisory Committee: Bill Fulmer and Donna Martin were added
- VUSD Hispanic Community Advisory: Lucia Vazquez was added and Bill Fulmer will remain

Donna Martin moved to approve the Board Representative Committee Appointments for 2012 as revised. Charles Ulmschneider seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

SELECTION OF
BOARD
REPRESENTATIVE
TO VOTE IN 2012

As required by Education Code Section 4005 and 35023, the Board yearly selects a Board member to vote on behalf of Visalia Unified School District in electing members to the County Committee on School District Organization. (Encl. No. 30) The responsibility of the representative is to take part in the 2012 election of county

ELECTION OF
COUNTY
COMMITTEE
MEMBERS

committee members at the Annual County School Boards Association (CSBA) Dinner which takes place in the fall.

Tim Chaney moved to approve Donna Martin as VUSD's Board representative to vote in the 2012 election of county committee members. Charles Ulmschneider seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.


ADJOURNMENT

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


NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 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,



Tim Chaney
Clerk



Craig Wheaton, Ed.D.
Superintendent