

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

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The April 10, 2012 Board meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Rodney Elder 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			X
Rodney Elder	5:30	8:20	
William A. Fulmer	5:30	8:20	
Donna Martin	5:30	8:20	
Jim L. Qualls			X
Charles Ulmschneider	5:30	8:20	
Lucia Vazquez	5:30	8:20	
Dr. Craig Wheaton, Superintendent	5:30	8:20	

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 Elder 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 RECOMMENDED REINSTATEMENTS
- 2.4 RECOMMENDED CONTINUED EXPULSIONS
- 2.5 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ASSIGNMENT/REASSIGNMENT/APPOINTMENT (Government Code Section 54957)
- 2.6 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE (Government Code Section 54957)
- 2.7 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Government Code Section 54957.6)
 - 1. Agency Negotiator: Cindi Costa
 - 2. Employee Organizations
 - 1. CSEA
 - 2. VUTA
 - 3. Management
- 2.8 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(b) – Significant Exposure to Litigation: One potential case
- 2.9 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EVALUATION – SUPERINTENDENT

REGULAR SESSION The Board convened the regular Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. President Elder announced that no action was taken in closed session. Jim Qualls was absent due to illness and Tim Chaney was on vacation. Rodney Elder led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**GENERAL PUBLIC
COMMENT**

Public Comment

Nancy Powell, Principal-Golden West High School, congratulated all five high schools for the hours the students dedicated to raising \$27,743 for Kids Day for the Childrens' Hospital on March 6. Ten years ago, Golden West became involved in the annual event and now all five schools go together and present the donation collectively as one unit.

Mrs. Powell also distributed invitations to the Board for the Trailblazer Foundation's first fund raiser, "Trailblazer Roundup" at the Richie Barn on Sunday, April 15.

CONSENT AGENDA Bill Fulmer moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items, Encl. No. 1-14. Lucia Vazquez seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

4.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Warrant List – March 16, 2012 Through March 23, 2012 (Encl. No. 1)
2. 2011-12 Budget Revision No. 13 (Encl. No. 2)
3. Change Order #1 – Bid #4747 New Metal Building at Mineral King Bowl (Encl. No. 3)
4. Approval of Bid #4751 – Roofing Projects at Various Sites (Encl. No. 4)
5. Approval to Replace La Joya Middle School MPR/Gym Flooring (Encl. No. 5)
6. Notice of Completion Bid #4747 – New Metal Building at Mineral King Bowl (Encl. No. 6)
7. Approval of Authorized Signature for Calendar Year 2012 (Encl. No. 7)
8. Resolution Setting the Public Hearing for the 2012-13 Proposed Budget (Encl. No. 8)

4.2 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 9)
2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 10)
3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 11)
4. Certification of Temporary Athletic Team Coach List for Spring 2011-12 (Encl. No. 12)

4.3 INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

1. Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report (Encl. No. 13)

4.4 SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

1. Minutes of the Board Meeting of March 13, 2012 (Encl. No. 14)

**PUBLIC
RECOGNITION/
PROCLAMATIONS/
ACTION**

**RESOLUTION
DECLARING
APRIL 24, 2012
CALIFORNIA
SCHOOL BUS
DRIVER DAY**

VUSD recognized all school bus drivers for their continued and excellent services to the youth of the district. They currently transport 4,500 students to school each day and travel in excess of 700,000 miles doing home-to-school busing and another 120,000 for field trips. This equals 34 trips around the world. A California school bus is statistically 51 times safer than any other motor vehicle in the nation. (Encl. No. 15)

Director of Transportation, Katie White, distributed invitations to the Board to attend the pancake breakfast on April 24 to say thank you to the bus drivers. She also extended the invitation for Board members to contact her if they would like to ride a bus on a morning route before the breakfast.

Bill Fulmer moved to adopt the Resolution Declaring April 24, 2012 as California School Bus Driver Day. Charles Ulmschneider seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**HIGH SCHOOL
CAREER
TECHNICAL
EDUCATION
PROGRAM UPDATE
AND REQUEST FOR
FUNDING FOR
VISALIA PARTNERS
IN EDUCATION
(VPIE)**

In 2011, the VUSD School Board continued a five-year commitment of financial support for Career Technical Education (CTE) through Visalia Partners in Education (VPIE) in the amount of \$150,000 per year to be divided among the four comprehensive high schools, with the provision that staff request and confirm continued funding on an annual basis. Visalia Partners in Education consists of the following organizations:

- Visalia Chamber of Commerce
- Visalia Economic Development Corporation
- Visalia Unified School District
- Tulare County Office of Education
- College of the Sequoias

Area Superintendent, Dr. Todd Oto, updated the Board on the current CTE program offered by Visalia Unified and requested that Visalia Partners in Education (VPIE) funding be continued through the 2012-2013 school year. (Encl. No. 16)

Lucia Vazquez moved to approve the continuation of financial support for Visalia Partners in Education (VPIE) in the amount of \$150,000 through the 2012-2013 school year. Charles Ulmschneider seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**CSBA REVISION TO
BP 6146.1 – HIGH
SCHOOL
GRADUATION**

New law AB 1330 authorizes governing boards, if board approved (it is optional not required), beginning in the 2012-13 school year, to accept a course in career technical education (CTE) as an alternative to completion of a visual or performing arts or foreign language course for satisfaction of high school graduation requirements. (Encl. No. 17) A

REQUIREMENTS –
FIRST READING

Public Hearing was held at the March 27 meeting. Superintendent Wheaton stated that at the Board’s request, the principals sent out a notice to career technical, foreign language, and visual and performing arts teachers that the Board would be considering this policy and would hear it at the April 10 and 24 board meetings and would appreciate their input. Dr. Wheaton will be discussing the policy at the various advisory group meetings, PTA Council, and the Visalia FORUM meeting.

Charles Ulmschneider distributed a copy of AB 1330 for Board members and quoted sections for the record, “The bill would require the governing board of a school district that elects to offer career technical education courses pursuant to these provisions to provide parents, teachers, pupils, and the public, at a regularly scheduled meeting of the governing board, with specified information relating to the impact that offering these courses would have on graduation requirements and admission requirements to the California State University and the University of California. The bill also would require a school district that elects to allow a career technical education courses to satisfy a specified course graduation requirement to include, as part of an existing notification requirement, information about the high school graduation requirement of the school district and how each requirement satisfied, or does not satisfy, college admission requirements, and a list of career technical education courses offered by the school district”.

The second and final reading will go to the Board for consideration of approval at their April 24 meeting.

UPDATE ON
TRANSITIONAL
KINDERGARTEN

Area Superintendent, Doug Bartsch, updated the Board on transitional kindergarten (TK) and on recent developments relative to the Governor’s Budget Proposal. (Encl. No. 18) During October, November, and December, three meetings of district kindergarten teachers and three meetings of elementary principals were held to solicit input regarding implementation of the Kindergarten Readiness Act of 2010 (Senate Bill 1381).

This legislation will bring significant changes to kindergarten programs throughout California, specifically:

1. Changes to the age requirement for children entering kindergarten
 - Starting 2012-13, the cut-off birthday date for kindergarten is November 1
 - Starting 2013-14, the cut-off birthday date for kindergarten is October 1
 - Starting 2014-15, the cut-off birthday date for kindergarten is September 1
2. The inclusion of “Transitional Kindergarten – the first year of a two-year kindergarten” for children not eligible to enroll under the new age requirement.

The staff proposed that the Board approve funding transitional kindergarten (TK) students with birthdates from November 2-December 2 to attend school in the Fall of 2012 so that parents can be contacted in April that their students are eligible for TK. The estimate for Year 1 is 175 TK students or approximately 3-10 students per school.

Bill Fulmer moved to approve the proposal from staff to fund transitional kindergarten starting in the Fall of 2012. Donna Martin seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**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:

- Bill Fulmer
 - No report
- Donna Martin
 - Will attend
 - Masons Awards
 - School Bus Driver Day Breakfast
 - Showed a clip for the Special Olympics – Tulare County Special Olympics will be held on the morning of Friday, April 27 at Bob Mathias Stadium in Tulare
- Lucia Vazquez
 - Commended students who participated in Kids Day
 - May 21 is the last day to register to vote
 - Looks forward to any comments or discussion on the high school requirements
 - Attended PIQE graduation at El Diamante High School
- Charles Ulmschneider
 - Commented that Superintendent Wheaton wrote a good article for the Chamber of Commerce monthly newspaper
 - His team, Kentucky Wildcats, won the men's NCAA basketball tournament and the Baylor Bears won the women's title
- Rodney Elder
 - Welcomed staff back from Spring Break
 - Watched Bubba Watson win the Masters Golf Tournament making an amazing shot
- Superintendent Wheaton
 - Attended
 - PIQE graduations
 - Fabulous Spring Dance Shows
 - Received final notification that Linwood, Oak Grove, and Manuel F. Hernandez Elementary Schools are California Distinguished Schools and will be recognized in a regional ceremony in May. Hurley Elementary is in its second year as a California Distinguished School and Mt. Whitney High School is in its final year.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
PANEL RECOM-
MENDATIONS/
ACTION**

EXPULSIONS Bill Fulmer moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Expulsions Case No. 12-128 E, Case No. 12-129 E, Case No. 12-130 E, Case No. 12-131 E, and Case No. 12-132 E. (Encl. No. 19) Lucia Vazquez seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

SUSPENDED Charles Ulmschneider moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendation for
EXPULSIONS Suspended Expulsions Case No. 12-24 SE. (Encl. No. 20) Lucia Vazquez seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL AGENDA

Review/Public Hearing/

Public Input/

Board Discussion/

ACTION (as applicable)

INITIAL The California School Employees Association's (CSEA) 2012-2015 Contract Proposal is
NEGOTIATIONS as follows:
PROPOSAL OF Article X – Employee Benefits. District to continue to pay full cost for employee and
CSEA CHAPTER 83 dependents medical, dental, vision and life insurance coverage for the term of this
TO VUSD FOR 2012- agreement.
2013 Article XIII – Salary. 13.1 – Increase the 2011-2012 salary schedule by an amount to be
negotiated.

13.2 – Increase the current longevity steps by the same percent negotiated for salary.

Article XII – Vacation

Other – Incorporate all side letters and memorandums of understanding into new negotiated agreement. Review contract language and correct inconsistencies in numbers, calculations, additional positions, missing positions, and wording. (Encl. No. 21)

Donna Martin moved to acknowledge receipt of CSEA's Interests for Initial Negotiations Proposal to VUSD for 2012-2013. Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

VUSD INTERESTS The District's Initial Proposals for the 2012-2013 contract negotiations with CSEA are as
FOR 2012-2013 follows (Encl. No. 22):

CLASSIFIED Article X – Employee Benefits

NEGOTIATIONS Article XIII – Salary

Article XXIII – Other

Donna Martin moved to adopt the district's interests/proposals as presented for 2012-2013 Classified Negotiations. Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL Superintendent Wheaton reiterated that the district has postponed the implementation of
EDUCATION the transfer of the severely handicapped programs from the Tulare County Office of
TRANSFER UPDATE Education (TCOE) to Visalia Unified. Action should be taken on April 24 at

Superintendents' Governance Committee to extend the date of implementation from 2012 to 2013. Also on that agenda, Superintendent Wheaton will be discussing the modification of the SELPA transfer policy which is board policy 2505. Superintendent Wheaton has made an official request to County Superintendent Vidak to consider the offer to contract with VUSD starting in the Fall of 2012 to bus students to the Visalia classrooms and is waiting for a response. (Encl. No. 23)

DISTRICT-WIDE
GOALS FOR
2012-2013 – UPDATE

Superintendent Wheaton presented the draft of the proposed District-Wide Goals for 2012-2013. (Encl. No. 24) These goals have been drafted to represent Board and staff input. They will be reviewed as a first reading on April 24 and brought before the Board for a second reading and proposed adoption at the May 8 Board meeting.

FIRST READING OF
BOARD POLICY
REVISIONS

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. Lucia Vazquez serves on all three. 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.

VUSD REVISION TO
BP 3100 - BUDGET –
FIRST READING

VUSD Revision to BP 3100 - Budget (Encl. No. 25). Policy updated with language previously found in BP 3462. Language classifies fund balances in compliance with Governmental Accounting Standards Based (GASB) Statement 54.

CSBA REVISION TO
BP 3110 – TRANSFER
OF FUNDS – FIRST
READING

CSBA Revision to BP 3110 – Transfer of Funds (Encl. No. 26). Policy updated to reflect new law SB 70 which extends the flexibility for districts to use funds received for 39 "Tier 3" categorical programs for any "educational purpose" through the 2014-15 fiscal year. Policy also reflects new law AB 189 which clarifies that the required public hearing must be held prior to and independently of the board's regular budget adoption meeting and requires that, whenever the proposed use of the funding will result in the elimination of a program, the notice for the public hearing must identify the program proposed to be eliminated.

CSBA REVISION TO
MANDATED BP
3553 – FREE AND
REDUCED PRICE
MEALS – FIRST
READING

CSBA Revision to Mandated BP 3553 – Free and Reduced Price Meals (Encl. No. 27). Mandated policy updated to reflect new law AB 402 which authorizes districts to share student information on the National School Lunch Program application with the local agency responsible for determining eligibility for participation in the CalFresh (formerly Food Stamp) or other nutrition assistance programs, provided the student was approved for free or reduced-price meals and the student's parent/guardian consents to the release of the information.

VUSD REVISION TO
BP 4041 – DISTRICT
MOBILE DEVICE

VUSD Revision to BP 4041 – District Mobile Device Use (Encl. No. 28). Policy revised to reflect new federal law P.L. 111-240 which removes cell phones from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service's definition of listed property, thereby eliminating the extensive

USE – FIRST
READING

documentation and substantiation requirements placed on employers that provide cell phones for their employees' business use.

VUSD REVISION TO
BP 6145.2 –
ATHLETIC
COMPETITION -
FIRST READING

VUSD Revision to BP 6145.2 – Athletic Competition (Encl. No. 29). Policy updated to reflect new law AB 25 which requires districts to distribute information on concussions and head injuries to student athletes and their parents/guardians and requires that a student athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion be immediately removed from the athletic activity and not allowed to return until a health care provider provides written clearance.

Bill Fulmer asked if the sentence, “Coaches and appropriate district employees shall take every possible precaution ...” could be changed to “every reasonable precaution”. Superintendent Wheaton will compare this with the CSBA proposed language and will revise on the second and final reading if permissible.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.


NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 24, 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