

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

OPENING BUSINESS The June 12, 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	5:30	9:10	
	Rodney Elder	5:30	9:10	
	William A. Fulmer	5:30	9:10	
	Donna Martin	5:30	9:10	
	Jim L. Qualls	5:30	9:10	
	Charles Ulmschneider	5:30	9:10	
	Lucia Vazquez	5:30	9:10	
	Dr. Craig Wheaton, Superintendent	5:30	9:10	

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 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 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Government Code Section 54957.6)
 - 1. Agency Negotiator: Cindi Costa
 - 2. Employee Organizations
 - 1. CSEA
 - 2. VUTA
 - 3. Management
- 2.4 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
Property: COS Farm, Corner of Walnut Ave. and Linwood St.,
APN 119640001
Agency negotiator: Robert Gröeber
Negotiating parties: COS
Under negotiation: Potential Purchase

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. Bill Fulmer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

GENERAL PUBLIC Public Comment

COMMENT

Trinidad Renteria, a community member that lives near Redwood High School, expressed his concern about portable classrooms that were added on the Sierra Vista campus at Redwood High School.

CONSENT AGENDA

Charles Ulmschneider pulled Consent Agenda Item 4.2.2 – Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 11) and 4.2.4 – Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Student Teaching Agreement between Visalia Unified School District (VUSD) and Nova Southeastern University (Encl. No. 13).

Donna Martin pulled Consent Agenda Item 4.2.5 – Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Student Teaching Agreement between Visalia Unified School District (VUSD) and William Jessup University (Encl. No. 14).

Bill Fulmer moved to approve the remaining Consent Agenda Items, Encl. No. 1-22. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

4.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Warrant List – May 11, 2012 through May 25, 2012 (Encl. No. 1)
2. 2011-12 Budget Revision No. 17 (Encl. No. 2)
3. VUSD General Fund Cash Flow Report as of May 31, 2012 (Encl. No. 3)
4. 2012-2013 Deferral of the Collection of School Impact Fees for Residential Construction Projects (Encl. No. 4)
5. Approval of Lease Lease Back Contract 4762 – GWHS Fire Alarm (Encl. No. 5)
6. Approval of Lease Lease Back Contract 4763 – Ivanhoe Traffic Circulation (Encl. No. 6)
7. Award Bid 4753 – Clear & Red/Dyed Diesel & Gasoline (Encl. No. 7)
8. Award Bid 4755 – Tree Trimming Services at Various Sites (Encl. No. 8)
9. Authorizing Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services as the “Authorized Individual” to Make Application and Administer the New Alternative Fuel Vehicle Purchase Program (Encl. No. 9)

4.2 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 10)
2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 11)
3. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Nursing Clinical Experience Agreement between Visalia Unified School District (VUSD) and Fresno Pacific University (Encl. No. 12)
4. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Student Teaching Agreement between Visalia Unified School District (VUSD) and Nova Southeastern University (Encl. No. 13)
5. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Student Teaching Agreement between Visalia Unified School District (VUSD) and William Jessup University (Encl. No. 14)

4.3 INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

1. Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 15)
2. Agreement between ABLE Industries and Visalia Adult School (Encl. No. 16)
3. Agreement between Visalia Adult School and Creative Center (Encl. No. 17)
4. Amendment to Agreement between Visalia Adult School and Tulare County for Inmate Education to Extend Terms for FY 12-13 (Encl. No. 18)
5. Clinical Training Agreements between Visalia Adult School and County of Tulare (Encl. No. 19)
6. Contract and Partnership between City of Visalia, Police Department and Visalia Unified School District (Encl. No. 20)
7. Student Affiliation Agreement between Kaweah Delta Health Care District and Visalia Adult School for Clinical Training (Encl. No. 21)

4.4 SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

1. California School Boards Association (CSBA) Membership Renewal for 2012-2013 (Encl. No. 22)

Item 4.2.2 – Certificated Personnel Report – Encl. No. 11. Charles Ulmschneider stated that he could not find online that their credentials are in place and will abstain. Cindi Costa, Assistant Superintendent-Human Resources Department, assured Mr. Ulmschneider that their credentials have been investigated and would not have been on the report otherwise. The Tulare County Office of Education also verifies their credential as well.

Jim Qualls moved to approve the Certificated Personnel Report. Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: Chaney, Elder, Fulmer, Martin, Qualls, and Vazquez. Abstain: Ulmschneider. Motion carried.

Item 4.2.4 – Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Student Teaching Agreement between Visalia Unified School District (VUSD) and Nova Southeastern University (Encl. No. 13). Charles Ulmschneider stated that he did research and this is an outstanding school but in Florida and asked why the district was using Florida for student teaching. Mrs. Costa stated that this school specializes in an area that is difficult to fill, Speech and Language. The student is relocating to Visalia, and VUSD has three openings in the fall in this area.

Charles Ulmschneider moved to approve the MOU for the Student Teaching Agreement between VUSD and Nova Southeastern University (Encl. No. 13). Tim Chaney seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 4.2.5 – Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Student Teaching Agreement between Visalia Unified School District (VUSD) and William Jessup University. (Encl. No. 14). Charles Ulmschneider stated that he would not vote for this because this is a Christian college, and he believes there is an issue with separation of

church and State. Mrs. Costa stated that the student is from Visalia and will be returning to Visalia after graduation.

Donna Martin moved to approve the MOU for the Student Teaching Agreement between VUSD and William Jessup University (Encl. 14). Lucia Vazquez seconded the motion. Ayes: Chaney, Elder, Fulmer, Martin, Qualls, and Vazquez. Noes: Ulmschneider. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/
PUBLIC INTEREST
ANNOUNCEMENTS/
STATUS REPORTS/
ACTION (as
applicable)
RESOLUTION
ORDERING A
SCHOOL BOND
ELECTION –
SECOND READ AND
ADOPTION**

Robert Gröeber-Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services, presented the Resolution Ordering a School Bond Election. (Encl. No. 23) VUSD continues to be a growing district. The Board authorized a community survey, and the results that were presented to the Board revealed the community would support a local General Obligation Bond for needed facility improvements and new construction to match State eligibility dollars that would not increase the current level of taxation, which is \$30 per \$100K of assessed property value per year for all in the VUSD school district.

The proposed school bond resolution for \$60.1M would be used to:

- Improve facilities
- Repair/replace roofs
- ADA accessibility
- Modernize science labs
- Relieve overcrowding
- Build a new middle school in the northwest section of Visalia
- There would be no increase in property taxes but an extension of the current bond as it expires over the next two or three years

Lori Raineri, President of GFS, was available for questions.

Bill Fulmer moved to approve the School Bond Election to be put on the November 2012 ballot. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Doug Bartsch, Area Superintendent, presented the Transitional Kindergarten item for consideration of Board approval. (Encl. No. 24) During the 2011-12 school year, a

series of meetings of district kindergarten teachers and 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.
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.

For 2012-2013, November 1 is the cutoff date for children to enter kindergarten; for 2013-2014, October 1 is the date; and for 2014-2015, September 1 is the date. The children with birthdates from November 2 through December 2 will be in the classroom with all other kindergarten students. Teachers will get to know the students and then modify the curriculum for the students that need additional instruction. Teachers and parents will decide if their student needs kindergarten again or move on to first grade.

There would be no immediate financial impact to VUSD. Students enrolled in Transitional Kindergarten will generate the same State per pupil funding as all other K-12 students. Existing VUSD staff will provide planning and implementation support.

There was no public comment.

Lucia Vazquez moved to accept the Transitional Kindergarten program as presented. Donna Martin seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

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

The Board members’ reports included the following:

- Lucia Vazquez
 - Wonderful graduation week
 - One of the best parts of the Board’s job
- Charles Ulmschneider
 - Attended all comprehensive graduations
 - Supports Common Core Standards
- Jim Qualls
 - No report
- Bill Fulmer
 - Attended nine graduations and three or four committee meetings
- Donna Martin
 - Attended:
 - VCIS Spring production
 - Mt. Whitney High School FFA Awards Banquet
 - Graduations
 - Met with the Tulare County Delegate Assembly board members advocating CSBA’s inaugural Board Member Action Day (BMAD), a movement all over the State to focus on board members and administrators meeting with their state lawmakers

discussing how schools are struggling to survive drastic cuts in state funding.

- She met with Connie Conway along with Superintendent Wheaton and the Superintendent of Tulare Union
- Tim Chaney
 - Visited Charter Alternatives Academy
 - Attended
 - Campus Life/Mt. Whitney High School Freshman Academy Graduation for sixty students that were targeted to be at risk of failing high school when they attended Divisadero Middle School
 - Mt. Whitney High School FFA Awards Banquet
 - VCIS Spring production
 - Was out of town but was able to attend one graduation
- Rodney Elder
 - Attended several graduations
- Superintendent Wheaton
 - Graduations are really a K-12 celebration. Commended administrators and all teachers
 - Visited professional development sessions this week where hundreds of teachers are learning and preparing for common core standards
 - Unique experience to sit down with Assemblywoman, Connie Conway, for an hour and a half sharing the devastating effects on school budgets. Donna Martin presented Mrs. Conway with the “alligator” chart showing how VUSD has cut \$22M since 2007-08, nearly 10% of the budget. If the mid-year trigger is enacted, an additional \$11.5 will need to be cut from the VUSD budget.

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

Tim Chaney moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Expulsions Case No. 12-152 E, Case No. 12-153 E, Case No. 12-154 E, Case No. 12-155 E, Case No. 12-156 E, Case No. 12-157 E, Case No. 12-158 E, Case No. 12-159 E, Case No. 12-160 E, Case No. 12-161 E, Case No. 12-162 E, Case No. 12-163 E, Case No. 12-164 E, Case No. 12-165 E, Case No. 12-166 E, and Case No. 12-167 E. (Encl. No. 25) Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**SUSPENDED
EXPULSIONS**

Charles Ulmschneider moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Suspended Expulsions Case No. 12-34 SE, Case No. 12-35 SE, Case No. 12-36 SE, Case No. 12-37 SE, Case No. 12-38 SE, Case No. 12-39 SE, Case No. 12-40 SE, and Case No. 12-41 SE. (Encl. No. 26) Donna Martin seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL AGENDA
Review/Public Hearing/
Public Input/
Board Discussion/

ACTION (as applicable)

CSBA REVISION TO MANDATED BP/AR 6143.4 – STUDENT USE OF TECHNOLOGY – PUBLIC HEARING & SECOND AND FINAL READING

Superintendent Wheaton presented the Public Hearing and Second and Final Reading of the CSBA Revision to Mandated BP/AR 6143.4 – Student Use of Technology. (Encl. No. 27) The updated board policy and administrative regulation reflects new federal law P.L. 110-385 which mandates that the district’s Internet safety policy include educating students about appropriate online behavior. The updated regulation also addresses (1) informing staff about their role in supervision of students’ use of technology, (2) prescreening of technological resources, (3) new law AB 919 which makes it a crime to distribute personal identification information electronically with the intent to cause harassment or threaten a person’s safety, and (4) an expanded range of consequences for inappropriate use of technology.

Public Hearing

President Elder closed the Regular Session at 8:00 p.m. and opened the Public Hearing.

There was no public comment.

President Elder closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the Regular Session.

Jim Qualls moved to approve the Mandated BP/AR 6143.4 – Student Use of Technology. Lucia Vazquez seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2012-13 VUSD PROPOSED BUDGET

Nathan Hernandez, Administrator-Business Services, presented the first reading and public hearing for the 2012-13 VUSD proposed budget. (Encl. No. 28) According to the Governor’s May Revise, the State Budget shortfall increased from \$9.2 billion in January to \$15.7 billion in May. If the Governor’s tax measure passes on the November ballot, VUSD will have flat funding, but if it does not pass and the mid-year trigger is enacted, an additional \$11.5 will need to be cut from the VUSD budget.

Public Hearing

President Elder closed the Regular Session at 8:10 p.m. and opened the Public Hearing.

There was no public comment.

President Elder closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the Regular Session.

The 2012-13 VUSD proposed budget will be on the June 26 Board agenda for consideration of Board approval.

SELECTION OF SERVICE PROVIDER FOR 2012-2013 GANG INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION PROGRAM FOR VISALIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dr. Todd Oto, Area Superintendent-Secondary, presented expectations for the program, funding sources, and options for the Selection of Service Provider for 2012-2013 Gang Intervention and Prevention Program for VUSD that was tabled at the May 22 Board meeting. (Encl. No. 29) The three options were: 1) contracting with Proteus, Incorporated as the sole service provide; 2) contracting with Campus Life as the sole service provider; or 3) contracting with both agencies in a combined model. Proteus, Incorporated places their gang intervention workers (NYCs) primarily in the community with regular visits to school sites. Campus Life proposal would place their gang

intervention workers on the school sites, with regular visits to community locations where youth gather. The third option would be for staff to work with Proteus and Campus Life to combine both service providers into a single program which would maximize the strengths of both service providers.

Public Comment

Mike McCann and Juan Guerrero (Proteus); Bruce Smith (Campus Life); Richard Rodriguez; and Frank Escobar (VUSD After School Programs) answered questions and provided input.

It was the consensus of the Board that both the City of Visalia and Tulare County need to step up with funding these programs and not leave VUSD with the entire funding amount.

Bill Fulmer moved to approve the Combined Model contracting with both Proteus and Campus Life. Lucia Vazquez seconded the motion. Ayes: Elder, Fulmer, Martin, Qualls, Ulmschneider, and Vazquez. Noes: Chaney. Motion carried.

It will be necessary for both agencies to work closely using a coordinated data base to share information.

**PUBLIC HEARING,
DETERMINATION OF
SCHOOL SITE
SUITABILITY, AND
PURCHASE AND
SALE AGREEMENT
AND JOINT ESCROW
INSTRUCTIONS
BETWEEN
VISALIA UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT
AND COLLEGE OF
THE SEQUOIAS**

The Board authorized staff to open discussions with the College of the Sequoias (COS) to purchase the property known as the COS Farm at the corner of Linwood Street and Walnut Avenue - 26.29 acres. Both agencies jointly contracted for an appraisal of the property. The Purchase and Sale Agreement reflected the results of those negotiations. The COS Board approved the agreement at their Board meeting on Monday, June 11, 2012. (Encl. No. 30) There would be no cost to the VUSD General Fund. \$2.5M from Facilities Funds would be paid in three installments by January 3013. VTEC would use two classrooms in the Fall 2012 and take over the campus in the Spring 2013. No public hearing is required at this time.

There was no public comment.

Bill Fulmer moved to approve the Purchase and Sale Agreement and Joint Escrow Instructions between VUSD and COS. Lucia Vazquez seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.


**ADJOURNMENT
NEXT MEETING**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.
The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 26, 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