

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

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The August 28, 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	8:30	
Rodney Elder	5:30	8:30	
William A. Fulmer	5:30	8:30	
Donna Martin	5:30	8:30	
Jim L. Qualls	5:30	8:30	
Charles Ulmschneider			X
Lucia Vazquez	5:30	8:30	
Dr. Craig Wheaton, Superintendent	5:30	8:30	

Staff Members

Robert Gröeber, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services
Cindi Costa, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Development
Pam Ryan, Administrative Assistant, Superintendent's Office
Kelsey Guerrero, 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 REINSTATEMENTS
- 2.3 RECOMMENDED CONTINUED EXPULSIONS
- 2.4 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ASSIGNMENT/REASSIGNMENT/
APPOINTMENT (Government Code Section 54957)
 - Principal – Sequoia High School
- 2.5 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE (Government Code Section 54957)
- 2.6 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Government Code Section 54957.6)
 - 1. Agency Negotiator: Cindi Costa
 - 2. Employee Organizations
 - 1. CSEA
 - 2. VUTA
 - 3. Management
- 2.7 ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant Exposure to Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(b))
One potential case

REGULAR SESSION The Board convened the regular Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. Charles Ulmschneider was absent due to a medical procedure. President Elder announced that the following action was taken in closed session. On a motion by Tim Chaney and a second by Bill Fulmer, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Adolfo Reyes to the position of Principal for Sequoia High School effectively immediately. Mr. Reyes currently serves the district as an Assistant Principal overseeing student supervision for Golden West High School, a position he has held since July 2007.

Lucia Vazquez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment

Reyna Garza, parent of a 3rd grade student at Highland Elementary, addressed the Board about her concern about transferring her son to another school. Doug Bartsch, Area Superintendent, met with Ms. Garza to give her further direction.

Stacey Speck, CSEA President, distributed a copy of a sample resolution to support Proposition 30.

Superintendent Wheaton recognized Karl Kildow for his 30 years as a certificated employee for VUSD and presented him with a 30-year pin.

**INTRODUCTION/
OATH OF OFFICE/
INSTALLATION OF
STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES TO
THE SCHOOL
BOARD FOR THE
2012-2013 SCHOOL
YEAR**

Dr. Todd Oto, Area Superintendent, introduced the following Student Representatives to the School Board from the four comprehensive high schools for the 2012-2013 school year and administered the Oath of Office (Encl. No. 1):

- Ms. Kelsey Guerrero – El Diamante
- Ms. Courtney Owens – Redwood
- Ms. Brianna Sanchez – Golden West
- Ms. Ashley Johnson – Mt. Whitney

**PUBLIC
RECOGNITION/
PROCLAMATIONS/
ACTION**

**COMMUNITY
PARTNERS
RECOGNITION:
VISALIA
ELEMENTARY
TRACK
ASSOCIATION**

Area Superintendent Doug Bartsch and the Board recognized Donna Bronzan and Jeff Cates for starting Mt. View and Mineral King Elementary track clubs around 1987 which has developed into what is now referred to as the Visalia Elementary Track Association (VETA). Now nineteen elementary schools have track teams that participate in six meets and two championship meets each year. (Encl. No. 2) The Board presented VETA with a plaque of appreciation to the principals, staff members, and volunteers that make this track program a valuable experience for students.

CONSENT AGENDA Jim Qualls moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items, Encl. No. 3-15. Tim Chaney seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

- 5.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
 - 1. Warrant List – August 9, 2012 Through August 9, 2012 (Encl. No. 3)
 - 2. 2012-13 Budget Revision No. 3 (Encl. No. 4)
 - 3. Change Order #1 & #4 Bid-Two Relocatable Classrooms for Redwood High School Project 1156 (Encl. No. 5)
 - 4. Change Order #1 & #2 Bid #4749 - EOC Roofing Project (Encl. No. 6)
 - 5. Change Order #1, #2, #3, & #4 Bid #4751 - Roofing Project at Various Sites (Encl. No. 7)
- 5.2 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
 - 1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 8)
 - 2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 9)
 - 3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 10)
- 5.3 INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES
 - 1. Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 11)
 - 2. Consolidated Application (Con App) Part I (Encl. No. 12)
 - 3. Supplemental Educational Service (SES) Providers (Encl. No. 13)
 - 4. Visalia Adult School Approval of Courses for 2012-13 (Encl. No. 14)
- 5.4 SUPERINTENDENT’S OFFICE
 - 1. Minutes of the Board Meeting of August 14, 2012 (Encl. No. 15)

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

**FACILITIES
PROJECTS/SUMMER
UPDATE/MEASURE
E**

The Administrative Services Division has been involved in numerous facilities construction, repair, refurbishing, and upgrading projects over the past several months including the new Shannon Ranch Elementary School. Staff updated the Board on the status of the projects recently completed or now underway. A list of recommendations made by the Superintendent’s Facilities Advisory Committee was presented with specific projects at various sites. (Encl. No. 16)

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

**VUSD SUMMER
SCHOOL REPORT**

Staff reported on the progress of students enrolled in the Summer School/Extended Year Program offered to high school students who are at risk of failure, at risk of not passing the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE), and students in core classes. (Encl. No. 17) The primary emphasis is credit recovery, CAHSEE remediation, acceleration in Civics,

Economics, Geometry, Health/Drivers Education, and on-line classes for Civics, Economics, and World History. For the first three weeks (Semester 1), 2,683 students attended summer school with a 92% completion rate; and for the second three weeks (Semester 2), 2,293 students attended with an 89% completion rate. The overall completion rates exceed the rates from past years.

**CO-CURRICULAR/
EXTRA-
CURRICULAR
PARTICIPATION
2011-12**

Significance and belonging is an integral part of the District's mission to meet high academic achievement for all students. The report highlighted the number of students that participated in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities in 2011-12. (Encl. No. 18)

The following statistics were given:

- In Grades 9-12 - 97% of the students enrolled in at least three college prep courses
- In Grades 9-12 - 42.2% of the students enrolled in at least one Career Technical Ed course
- In Grade 4-6 – 6,561 students participated in formal music education (band, orchestra, or classroom music)
- In Grade 7-8 – 49% of the students participated in at least one “Creative Arts” (band, orchestra/choir/dance/drama/yearbook/video productions)
- In Grades 9-12 – 54% of students participated in “Creative Arts”
- In Grades 7-12 – 41 % of students participated in sports teams and inter-scholastic athletics

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

Kelsey Guerrero, 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.

The Board members' reports included the following:

- Bill Fulmer
 - No report
- Donna Martin
 - Acknowledged the Redwood Jazz Band and conductor, Dennis Bettencourt, for playing at Macy's for a charity event
 - Thanked Donna Bronzan for starting track at Mt. View School where her son participated, and she helped time the events.
- Lucia Vazquez
 - Congratulated Adolfo Reyes, the new Principal for Sequoia High School
 - Congratulated Karl Kildow for 30 years of service to VUSD
 - Visited two schools
 - Plans to attend the American Sign Language fund raiser
 - Growing up in Goshen, she was thankful for summer school and track to keep her focused. Thanked volunteers that make it possible.
- Jim Qualls
 - No report
- Rodney Elder
 - Schools look great and ready for school to begin. Football has started.
- Tim Chaney
 - No report

- Superintendent Wheaton
 - Has visited three elementary schools since school started, walking through all the classrooms. Thanked all teachers.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
PANEL RECOM-
MENDATIONS/
ACTION**

EXPULSIONS Bill Fulmer moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendation for Expulsions Case No. 13-04 E. (Encl. No. 19) Lucia Vazquez seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

REINSTATEMENTS Donna Martin moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Reinstatements Case No. 13-45 R, Case No. 13-46 R, and Case No. 13-47 R. (Encl. No. 20) Jim Qualls 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. 13-02 RCE, Case No. 13-03 RCE, and Case No. 13-04 RCE. (Encl. No. 21) Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL AGENDA

Review/Public Hearing/

Public Input/

Board Discussion/

ACTION (as applicable)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO EMPLOY CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL AND APPROVAL OF VARIABLE TERM WAIVER REQUEST FOR ED SPECIALIST M/M W/ASD CERTIFICATION The application regarded a notice of intent to employ a candidate on the basis of a variable term waiver request for a current second-year, 50% special education teacher assigned to River Bend School. (Encl. No. 22) The candidate has completed all credential requirements, including student teaching but needs to pass RICA, the reading portion of the exam. TCOE has approved the ability for her to have time to pass the RICA.

Lucia Vazquez moved approve the Variable Term Waiver. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO EMPLOY CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL AND APPROVAL OF VARIABLE TERM WAIVER REQUEST FOR SPEECH/ LANGUAGE & HEARING The application regarded a notice of intent to employ a candidate on the basis of a variable term waiver request for an extremely difficult to fill position. (Encl. No. 23)

Bill Fulmer moved to approve the Variable Term Waiver. Lucia Vazquez seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.



ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 11, 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,

 9-11-12 
Tom Chaney
Clerk
Craig Wheaton, Ed.D.
Superintendent