

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

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The September 11, 2012 Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 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	8:35	
Rodney Elder	5:30	8:35	
William A. Fulmer	5:30	8:35	
Donna Martin	5:30	8:35	
Jim L. Qualls	5:30	8:35	
Charles Ulmschneider	5:30	8:35	
Lucia Vazquez	5:30	8:35	
 Dr. Craig Wheaton, Superintendent	 5:30	 8:35	

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 REINSTATEMENTS (Education Code Sections 48900, et. seq.)
- 2.2 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE (Government Code Section 54957)
- 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

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
COMMENT**

Public Comment
Darice Vieira, spoke to the Board on adding more Advanced Placement offerings for students. Superintendent recommended that the parents attend the next Visalia Unified Educational Advisory Forum meeting, which is open to the public, on Thursday,

September 20 at 4:00 p.m. in conference room 4 in the district office so that the group can have more time to discuss their request with the Board members and administration who attend the Forum meetings.

Mark Larson, parent of students in VUSD, spoke supporting more Advanced Placements classes.

Matt Shin, Principal of Divisadero Middle School, recognized Redwood High School senior, Avery Turney, and his father, Terry Turney (Learning Director at VTEC), for completing a special Eagle Scout project at Divisadero of constructing 10' x 10' planter cover decks around ten trees. VUSD provided the materials and the Turney's provided the man power. Now students have a beautiful path to walk to classes with no more dirt or mud.

CONSENT AGENDA Jim Qualls moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items, Encl. No. 1-16. Tim Chaney seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

4.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Warrant List – August 17, 2012 through August 24, 2012 (Encl. No. 1)
2. 2012-13 Budget Revision No. 4 (Encl. No. 2)
3. Change Order #5 Bid #4751 – Roofing Project at Various Sites (Encl. No. 3)
4. Notice of Completion – Bid #4749 EOC Roofing Project (Encl. No. 4)
5. Notice of Completion – Bid #4751 Roofing Project at Various Sites (Encl. No. 5)
6. Notice of Completion #4752 – Asphalt Project at Various Sites (Encl. No. 6)
7. Notice of Completion – Bid Two Relocatable Classrooms for Redwood High School Project 1156 (Encl. No. 7)
8. Resolution – GANN Limit Adoption (Encl. No. 8)
9. 2012-2013 Operations Applications: K-3 Class Size Reduction (Encl. No. 9)

4.2 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 10)
2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 11)
3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 12)
4. Certification of Temporary Athletic Team Coach List for Fall 2012-13 (Encl. No. 13)
5. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between Fresno Pacific University and VUSD (Encl. No. 14)

4.3 INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

1. Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 15)

4.4 SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

1. Minutes of the Board Meeting of August 28, 2012 (Encl. No. 16)

**PUBLIC
RECOGNITION/
PROCLAMATIONS/
ACTION**

NATIONAL
HISPANIC
HERITAGE MONTH
PROCLAMATION –
SEPTEMBER 15 TO
OCTOBER 15, 2012

The impact of the Hispanic culture and traditions are manifested in our State’s customs, traditions, and laws. Hispanic Americans continue to make important contributions to our society in American government, business, agriculture, commerce, the Armed Forces, education, the arts, science, and sports. The Board of Education encourages all educational communities to commemorate this occasion with appropriate instructional activities. (Encl. No. 17)

Donna Martin moved to accept the proclamation declaring observation of National Hispanic Heritage Month – September 15 to October 15, 2012. Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

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

MEASURE E
UPDATE

Superintendent Wheaton presented an update on the progress of conveying information to VUSD employees and the community about Measure E. (Encl. No. 18) Dr. Wheaton and Robert Gröeber, Assistant Superintendent-Administrative Services, have attended school staff meetings and community service club organization meetings to give the facts of Measure E. The other highlights in the last two weeks included:

- City of Visalia passed a resolution in support of Measure E
- Visalia Chamber of Commerce endorsed Measure E
- Visalia PTA Council took action to endorse Measure E
- A group of members of the Board of Realtors voted to present the information to their full board for endorsement
- Received verbal commitments from and will be on the next agendas of Kaweah Delta Hospital District, College of the Sequoias, and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for endorsements

RESOLUTION IN
SUPPORT OF THE
SCHOOLS AND
LOCAL PUBLIC
SAFETY PROTEC-
TION ACT AND
OUR CHILDREN
OUR FUTURE:
LOCAL SCHOOLS

Superintendent Wheaton reported that the California School Boards Association (CSBA) has recommended that School Boards support both Proposition 30 and 38. Both propositions would both bring much needed funding into our school districts. Without the passage of Proposition 30, VUSD will face \$11.7 million in additional mid-year revenue reductions on top of over \$22 million in reductions that the district has made since 2008-2009.

Public Comment

Karl Kildow, President-VUTA, stated that he is thankful for the Board’s support of

AND EARLY
EDUCATION
INVESTMENT ACT

Proposition 30, but pointed out that with Proposition 38, there is no restriction like in Prop 30 that the state cannot use the money to backfill Prop 98. The state could cut Prop 98 and the districts would not see the increase that is anticipated because that money may be used as a backfill instead.

Bill Fulmer moved to adopt the Resolution in Support of the Schools and Local Public Safety Protection Act and Our Children Our Future: Local Schools and Early Education Investment Act as presented. (Encl. No. 19) Donna Martin seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING
AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
VISALIA UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT
AND CALIFORNIA
SCHOOL
EMPLOYEE
ASSOCIATION
(CSEA), CHAPTER 83

On September 10, 2012, the CSEA membership ratified amendments to the Collective Bargaining Agreement. (Encl. No. 20)

There was no public comment.

Bill Fulmer moved to ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between Visalia Unified School District and California School Employee Association (CSEA), Chapter 83 for July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board and administration thanked both VUTA and CSEA negotiating teams and bargaining units for their diligent work toward reaching agreements.

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

STATE
ASSESSMENT
PERFORMANCE
REVIEW

Doug Bartsch, Area Superintendent, combined the State Assessment Performance Review (Encl. No. 21) and the Staff Development Overview 2012-2013 (Encl. No. 22) into one report because both agenda items are closely related. There is a dramatic correlation between student achievement and the staff development that is provided in the district. This summer, hundreds of teachers took part in professional development to help students succeed. The academic performance index (API) is California's measurement of school improvement which focuses on moving all students forward. VUSD's API score has grown steadily since 2002 with a score of 624 and in 2011 the district score was 772.

STAFF
DEVELOPMENT
OVERVIEW
2012-2013

The Board has affirmed two focus goals for VUSD:

- All students will increase a minimum of one performance level until advanced
- English Learners will increase a minimum of one language proficiency level until reclassified as fully English-proficient (FEP).

To put the scores into prospective, Superintendent Wheaton used an analogy that he shares with the community when comparing any of the four tested subject areas (English

Language Arts, math, history, and science) scores in 2002 with scores in 2012. If you are in any classroom in VUSD in 2012 and you look across the room, there are twice as many students that are at grade level than in 2002.

**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:

- Lucia Vazquez
 - Attended Back-to-School Nights
 - One way to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month--the Latina Rotary will be at the Visalia Garden Center at Plaza on Saturday, September 15 – free entertainment 3:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. She will be the emcee.
- Charles Ulmschneider
 - Reminded that October 22 is the last day to register to vote
- Jim Qualls
 - No report
- Bill Fulmer
 - No report
- Donna Martin
 - No report
- Tim Chaney
 - Attended Green Acres Drama Department fund raiser
 - Attended El Diamante and Monache football game
 - Today is Patriot Day to remember 9/11
- Rodney Elder
 - Read in paper about Chicago teachers striking. Thanked VUTA and CSEA for great work in hard times
- Superintendent Wheaton
 - No report

**ADMINISTRATIVE
PANEL RECOM-
MENDATIONS/
ACTION**

REINSTATEMENTS

Jim Qualls moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Reinstatements Case No. 13-48 R and Case No. 13-49 R. (Encl. No. 23) Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL AGENDA

Review/Public Hearing/

Public Input/

Board Discussion/

ACTION (as

applicable)

**FISCAL YEAR 2011-
12 UNAUDITED**

Education Code Section 42100 requires that school districts file their prior year unaudited financial statements with the County Office of Education by September 15 of

ACTUALS REPORT

each year. The prior year unaudited financial statements summarize all receipts and expenditures for all district funds. The Unaudited Actuals Financial Report satisfies the Education Code requirements. (Encl. No. 24) The audited financial report will be presented to the Board in January.

Bill Fulmer moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Unaudited Actuals Report. Tim Chaney 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

Prior to submitting a Variable Term Waiver Request to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, a notice of intent to employ an individual on the basis of a credential waiver must be published in the board agenda and approval granted by the Governing Board. This position for Speech/Language & Hearing is extremely difficult to fill. (Encl. No. 25)

Public Comment

Karl Kildow, President of VUTA, stated that he has been working with Cindi Costa, Assistant Superintendent-Human Resources Development, on this issue since the spring to fill the position. The alternative of not approving this variable term waiver would be to not serve VUSD students.

Charles Ulmschneider moved to approve the Notice of Intent to Employ Certificated Personnel and Approval of Variable Term Waiver Request for Speech/Language & Hearing. Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.


NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 25, 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