

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

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The October 9, 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	5:30	8:30	
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 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE (Government Code Section 54957)

**EARLY BIRD
SESSION**

The Early Bird Session opened at 6:30 p.m.

**STUDENT
ACHIEVEMENT
AWARDS AND
RECOGNITION**

During the school year, high school students are recognized by the Board for outstanding achievement in a specific area of curriculum. This month, the Board honored outstanding students in Science and Business Education from the four comprehensive high schools. Students from Sequoia High School, Charter Alternatives Academy, Visalia Charter Independent Study, Visalia Technical Education Center, and Visalia Adult School were recognized for overall achievement. (Encl. No. 1)

Sequoia High School

- Romario Tapia (Overall Achievement)

Charter Alternatives Academy

- Corey Atchison (Overall Achievement)

Visalia Charter Independent Study

- Cindy Janely Diaz De La Mora (Overall Achievement)

Visalia Technical Education Center

- Brandon Ochoa (Overall Achievement)

Visalia Adult School

- Vejanira Medina (Overall Achievement)

El Diamante High School

- Casey Almanza (Business)
- Stephanie Arteaga (Science)

Golden West High School

- Melissa Magana (Business)
- Colton Trout (Science)

Mt. Whitney High School

- Fabian Perez-Nuno (Business)
- Jared Lavinder (Science)

Redwood High School

- Helen Chau (Business)
- Frances Bueno (Science)

REGULAR SESSION The Board convened the regular Board meeting at 7:05 p.m. President Elder announced that in closed session, the following action was taken. On a motion by Board member Jim Qualls with a second by Board member Bill Fulmer, the Board voted seven in favor and none opposed to ratify a resolution placing certificated employee number 003692 on compulsory, unpaid leave of absence effective September 29, 2012.

Kelsey Guerrero, Student Representative to the Board, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT There was no public comment at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA President Elder stated that revisions were made to Consent Agenda Item 5.2.2 – Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 5) and Item 5.3.1 – Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 8) after the Board agenda packet was posted. The revised documents were distributed and available before the meeting.

Bill Fulmer moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items, Encl. No. 2-11 including the revised Certificated Personnel Report and Student Field Trip Requests. Lucia Vazquez seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

5.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Warrant List – September 14, 2012 Through September 21, 2012 (Encl. No. 2)
2. 2012-13 Budget Revision No. 6 (Encl. No. 3)

5.2 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 4)
2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 5)

3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 6)
 4. Certification of Temporary Athletic Team Coach List for Fall 2012-13 (Encl. No. 7)
- 5.3 INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES
1. Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 8)
 2. Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report (Encl. No. 9)
 3. Letter of Agreement Between Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency, Adolescent Family Life Program (AFLP) and Visalia Unified School District (Encl. No. 10)
- 5.4 SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE
1. Minutes of the Board Meeting of September 25, 2012 (Encl. No. 11)

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

**MEASURE E
UPDATE**

Since the last Board meeting, the district has gained the support of the Tulare Kings Hispanic Roundtable Board. Each VUSD family has received "A Progress Report from Measure G", a report card explaining how Measure G funds were spent. The parent and staff surveys have been sent out and are being returned to the district office. The data collected will be used to prioritize the facility needs, site by site, and some general needs of the district. (Encl. No. 12)

Public Comment

Kim Lusk, a teacher at Cottonwood Creek Elementary School, stated that after the meeting, she will distribute Measure E yard signs.

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

Area Superintendent, Doug Bartsch, reviewed VUSD student achievement progress as measured by Federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB), State Academic Performance Index (API), and VUSD assessments. (Encl. No. 13) Mr. Bartsch reviewed how VUSD students compare with other students in the State and county in English Language Arts, Math, Science, and History according to the NCLB assessment system.

VUSD is using a blue print where Goal 1 is "Students will increase a minimum of one performance level until advanced" corresponds to the Board goal for 2012-13 "Every student will increase academic proficiency by one level or more per year". VUSD uses

the California Standards Tests (CST) scores taken by students in grades 2-11 to measure progress. The State will release the official scores of the Academic Performance Index (API) testing to the public on October 12. It has been predicted that this will be among the best years of growth so far.

**UPDATE ON
VISALIA CHARTER
INDEPENDENT
STUDY ONLINE
PROGRAM**

Principal Heather Rocha reported on the new Visalia Charter Independent Study (VCIS) online program that was piloted last school year. (Encl. No. 14) VCIS had always offered online classes for students to become current on credits but had never offered an inclusive program where only online classes were taken. After several years of researching complete online programs, VCIS now offers a program entitled "Education 2020". The rigorous curriculum is UC and NCAA approved, includes weekly testing and teacher meetings, paced assignment delivery, daily progress checks, instruction video, and tutoring as needed on site.

**HIGHLAND SCHOOL
UPDATE**

District staff presented an update regarding school improvement initiatives currently underway at Highland Elementary School and gave a report on how the three-year grant is being used for students to increase student achievement. (Encl. No. 15)

**COMMON CORE
STANDARDS**

California has begun the multi-year process of transitioning to nation-wide Common Core Standards to guide curriculum development and instruction. The presentation was the first in a series regarding the history, purpose, nature, and intended impact of the Common Core Standards and work currently underway in VUSD to support teachers throughout this transition. (Encl. No. 16)

**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
 - Honored to meet President Obama and shake his hand at La Paz, the United Farm Workers Headquarters
- Charles Ulmschneider
 - No report
- Jim Qualls
 - No report
- Bill Fulmer
 - No report
- Donna Martin
 - Continues to work on a committee with seven other Board members throughout the State giving direction and recommendations to CSBA on what issues to focus on with the legislature in the coming year
- Tim Chaney
 - No report
- Rodney Elder
 - No report

- Superintendent Wheaton
 - No report

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

Tim Chaney moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Expulsions Case No. 13-05 E, Case No. 13-06 E, Case No. 13-07 E, and Case No. 13-08 E. (Encl. No. 17) Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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

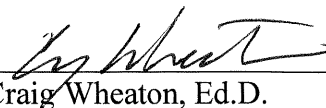
NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 23, 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