

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

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The January 29, 2013 Board meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Tim Chaney 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	9:35	
Rodney Elder	5:30	9:35	
William A. Fulmer	5:30	9:35	
Donna Martin			x
Jim L. Qualls	5:30	9:35	
Charles Ulmschneider	5:30	9:35	
Lucia Vazquez	5:30	9:35	
Dr. Craig Wheaton, Superintendent	5:30	9:35	

Staff Members

Robert Gröeber, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services
Cindi Costa, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Development
Pam Ryan, Administrative Assistant, Superintendent's Office
Courtney Owens, Student Representative

CLOSED SESSION

President Tim Chaney 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 CONTINUED EXPULSIONS
- 2.4 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE (Government Code Section 54957)
- 2.5 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 Tim Chaney announced that no action was taken in closed session. Donna Martin was absent. A quorum of the Board was established. Lucia Vazquez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

CONSENT AGENDA Bill Fulmer moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items, Encl. No. 1-11. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

- 4.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
 - 1. Warrant List – January 4, 2013 Through January 18, 2013 (Encl. No. 1)
 - 2. 2012-13 Budget Revision No. 10 (Encl. No. 2)
 - 3. VUSD General Fund Cash Flow Report as of December 31, 2012 (Encl. No. 3)
 - 4. Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act Resolution (Encl. No. 4)
 - 5. Lease Purchase Agreement for Orchestra Equipment (Encl. No. 5)
- 4.2 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
 - 1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 6)
 - 2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 7)
 - 3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 8)
 - 4. Certification of Temporary Athletic Team Coach List for Winter/Spring 2012-13 (Encl. No. 9)
- 4.3 INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES
 - 1. Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 10)
- 4.4 SUPERINTENDENT’S OFFICE
 - 1. Minutes of the Board Meeting of January 15, 2013 (Encl. No. 11)

PUBLIC RECOGNITION/ PROCLAMATIONS/ ACTION

RESOLUTION – NATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH – FEBRUARY 2013 The contributions of African American citizens have been recognized annually for their influences as scientists, inventors, educators, farmers, homemakers, and explorers and for participating in every American effort to secure, protect, and maintain the essence and substance of American democracy. The California Department of Education and the VUSD Board of Education recognizes February as National African American History Month. (Encl. No. 12)

Jim Qualls moved to approve the Resolution. Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT/ PUBLIC INTEREST ANNOUNCEMENTS/ STATUS REPORTS/

ACTION (as applicable)

2013-14 BUDGET UPDATE: LOCAL CONTROL FUNDING FORMULA

Governor Jerry Brown issued his initial proposal for the 2013-14 State Budget on January 10, 2013. The update presentation included further detail on the Local Control Funding Formula, the key feature of the Governor's education proposal. (Encl. No. 13)

FOCUS ON STUDENT LEARNING

Presentation/Public Comment/Board Discussion/ACTION
(as applicable)

COMMON CORE STANDARDS UPDATE

California has begun the multi-year process of transitioning to the nation-wide Common Core Standards to guide curriculum development and instruction. The presentation reviewed the next in a series of information regarding the purpose, nature, and intended impact of the Common Core Standards. Informational text in reading standards was presented as an example of how the standards progress in difficulty through the grade levels. (Encl. No. 14)

ACHIEVEMENT REPORT: MID-YEAR PROGRESS K-12

Aligned with State Standards and assessments, a series of district assessments are administered during the year to provide teachers and principals with information regarding student progress toward academic proficiency. The report provided an update relative to student progress in Mathematics and English/Language Arts. All grade levels and content areas show an increase in student proficiency when compared to last year's testing. (Encl. No. 15)

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

The overall responsibility of the School Site Council is to serve as the school community representative body for determining the focus of the school's academic instructional program and all related categorical resources. (Encl. No. 16) The report also included the role of the English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC). Each California public school, grades kindergarten through 12 with 21 or more English learners, must form an ELAC which advises the school staff on programs and services provided to English learners; advises the school site council on the development of the school plan; and assists with the district's/school's needs assessment.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Courtney Owens, Student Representative to the Board from Redwood 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:

- Rodney Elder
 - No report

- Bill Fulmer
 - No report
- Lucia Vazquez
 - No report
- Charles Ulmschneider
 - Board members attended the Annual Board Planning Session
- Jim Qualls
 - Attended the Tulare County Child Abuse Prevention Council’s 30th Year Dinner Celebration
- Tim Chaney
 - Attended the El Diamante High School “Legally Blonde, the Musical”
- Superintendent Wheaton
 - Thanked all Board members for the time that was spent together for the Annual Board Planning Session on January 25 and 26

**ADMINISTRATIVE
PANEL RECOM-
MENDATIONS/
ACTION**

EXPULSIONS

Jim Qualls moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Expulsions Case No. 13-45 E, Case No. 13-46 E, Case No. 13-47 E, Case No. 13-48 E, and Case No. 13-49 E. (Encl. No. 17) Charles Ulmschneider seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**SUSPENDED
EXPULSIONS**

Bill Fulmer moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Suspended Expulsions Case No. 13-12 SE and Case No. 13-13 SE. (Encl. No. 18) Charles Ulmschneider seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**RECOMMENDED
CONTINUED
EXPULSIONS**

Charles Ulmschneider moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendation for Continued Expulsions Case No. 13-05 RCE. (Encl. No. 19) Lucia Vazquez seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**ACTION (as
applicable)**

**2011-2012 ANNUAL
DISTRICT
FINANCIAL
AUDIT**

President Chaney amended the order of the agenda at the request of staff so that the presenter could attend another meeting. General Agenda Item 10.6 - 2011-2012 Annual District Financial Audit (Encl. No. 25) was taken out of order.

On an annual basis, the district must have its financial statements audited by an independent audit firm in order to meet federal and state requirements. Brown Armstrong Accountancy Corporation was the independent audit firm for Visalia Unified School District. In the auditor’s opinion, the district’s financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information for VUSD as of June 30, 2012, ending the conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. (Encl. No. 25)

Bill Fulmer moved to accept the 2011-2012 Annual District Financial Audit. Charles Ulmschneider seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

President Chaney returned to the regular order of the agenda with Encl. No. 20 – Significant Disproportionality.

SIGNIFICANT
DISPROPORTION-
ALITY

In February of 2012, VUSD was contacted by the California Department of Education as disproportionate in the over identification of African American Students for Other Health Impaired (OHI) under the eligibility category of OHI for the 2010-11 school year. This finding of disproportionality is supported by the requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) and its corresponding regulations. This finding requires the district to develop a Coordinated Early Intervening Services Plan (SD-CEIS Plan). A Stakeholder Group and District Leadership Team were selected to frame this work around district initiatives addressing issues of disproportionality. This plan addresses both disproportionality and closing the achievement gap for all students including those identified as Special Education. (Encl. No. 20)

Jim Qualls moved to approve the SD-CEIS plan. Rodney Elder seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

RE-ADOPT
PROFESSIONAL
GOVERNANCE
STANDARDS

Superintendent Wheaton distributed the VUSD Board Protocols that were reviewed at the Board’s Annual Planning Session on January 26. The Board conducted the annual review of the Professional Governance Standards and the VUSD Board Protocols that serve as a framework for clarifying the Board member’s role and responsibilities. They also serve as a guide for Board actions and relationships with staff, each other, and the public. (Encl. No. 21) Number 1 on the Board Protocols was changed to read, “We are an eight member governance team, made up of a seven member voting Board with support and collaboration of the Superintendent.”

Jim Qualls moved to approve the Professional Governance Standards and the VUSD Board Protocols as amended. Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

MEASURE E BOND
OVERSIGHT
COMMITTEE

As a part of Measure E’s passing, the Board is required to appoint a Bond Oversight Committee within 60 days of the acknowledgment of the certification of the election results. The Committee is to be made up of representatives from the business community, senior citizens, bona-fide taxpayers’ organization, parent or guardian of a student, and parent or guardian active in PTA. (Encl. No. 22) The following representatives were recommended by district staff to make up the Bond Oversight Committee:

- Juan Guerrero
- Ryan Purkiss
- Stephen Burgess
- Laura Pace
- Mark Fulmer

- Mark Pratt
- Chuck White
- Bret Harmon
- Glenn Morris
- Bonita Hennessey
- Chris Mano
- Mike Olmos
- Enoch Sears

Lucia Vazquez moved to approve the recommended members for the Measure E Bond Oversight Committee. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: Chaney, Elder, Qualls, and Vazquez. Noes: Ulmschneider. Absent: Martin. Abstain: Fulmer because of a conflict of interest. Motion carried.

MEASURE E
GENERAL
OBLIGATION BOND
FINANCING PLAN

Measure E passed on November 6, 2012 and authorized the Board to issue \$60.1M in General Obligation bonds to support new middle school construction and modernization projects at other school sites throughout the district. Jonathan Edwards, Government Financial Strategies, the district's independent Financial Advisor, presented information and outlined the bond financing plan, calendar of events, and future action items to issue the first series of bonds in the Spring of 2013. (Encl. No. 23)

ACCEPT MEASURE
E ARCHITECT
SELECTION
PROCESS

Jim Qualls moved to **TABLE** General Agenda Item 10.5 – Accept Measure E Architect Selection Process (Encl. No. 24) and to schedule a Board Study Session for Tuesday, February 5, 2013 to review this information. Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

2011-2012 ANNUAL
DISTRICT
FINANCIAL AUDIT

President Chaney moved General Agenda Item 10.6 – 2011-2012 Annual District Financial Audit (Encl. No. 25) as the first General Agenda Item.

GRANT WRITING
SERVICES

Superintendent Wheaton stated that he and Board President Chaney have discussed the possibility of the district contracting for grant writing services. (Encl. No. 26) After researching, Dr. Wheaton estimated that the district would need funds of approximately \$25,000-\$50,000 upfront to hire a grant writer.

Public Comment

Karl Kildow, President-Visalia Unified Teachers Association (VUTA), recalled that during the '80's, the district hired a grant writer; but to his knowledge, no grants were obtained. He suggested moving cautiously because the district has not had a good experience with outside grant writers.

It was the consensus of the Board to delay hiring an outside grant writer at this time because of the uncertainty of the budget.

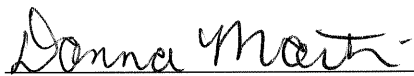
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

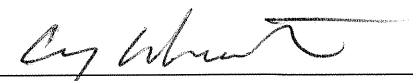
NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2013, 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,



Donna Martin
Clerk



Craig Wheaton, Ed.D.
Superintendent