

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

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The March 12, 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	9:10	
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
Pam Ryan, Administrative Assistant, Superintendent's Office
Brianna Sanchez, Student Representative

CLOSED SESSION

President 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 REINSTATEMENTS
- 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

**EARLY BIRD
SESSION**

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

**STUDENT
ACHIEVEMENT**

During the school year, high school students are recognized by the Board for outstanding achievement in a specific area of curriculum. (Encl. No. 1) This month the Board honored the following outstanding students:

AWARDS AND
RECOGNITION

- Sequoia High School
- Makayla Jones
- Charter Alternatives Academy
- Narda Raigoza
- Visalia Charter Independent Study
- Dalia Solis
- Visalia Technical Education Center
- Jessica Kelly
- Visalia Adult School
- Norma Rodriguez
- Golden West High School
- Craig Gladden
 - Jessica Bonnar
- Mt. Whitney High School
- Paul Fierro
 - Traci Bourne
- Redwood High School
- Carlos Navarrete
 - Alex Gong
- El Diamante High School
- Stevi Johnson
 - Steven Hoover

REGULAR SESSION The Board convened the regular Board meeting at 7:10 p.m. A quorum of the Board was present with all seven Board members in attendance. President Tim Chaney announced that the following action was taken in closed session.

On a motion by Jim Qualls and seconded by Charles Ulmschneider, the Board voted unanimously to take action to accept a resolution to non-reelect the following probationary certificated employees pursuant to Education Code §44929.21: Employee #15787, #15023, and #10139.

On a motion by Bill Fulmer and seconded by Donna Martin, the Board voted unanimously to take action to accept a recommendation and resolution from administration to release and reassign certificated administrator #11883 for the 2013-2014 contract year.

On a motion by Bill Fulmer and seconded by Jim Qualls, the Board voted unanimously to accept the resignation from the administrative position and request for a classroom position beginning in the 2013-2014 school year for employee #1225.

Brianna Sanchez, Student Representative, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

GENERAL PUBLIC
COMMENT

Public Comment

Laurie Perez, a VUSD employee in the Transportation Department, voiced bus driver concerns. She and other employees that were present met with Judy Burgess, Administrator-Human Resources Development, regarding the personnel matter.

CONSENT AGENDA A revised Consent Agenda Item 5.3.1-Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 9) was distributed before the meeting due to a field trip being added after the posting of the board agenda packet.

Lucia Vazquez pulled Consent Agenda Item 5.2.3-Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 7).

Jim Qualls moved to approve the remaining Consent Agenda Items, Encl. No. 2-11. Charles Ulmschneider seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 5.2.3-Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 7). Lucia Vazquez requested that more information be added to the list of consultant contracts to include the estimated number to be the target audience. Superintendent Wheaton stated that the audience line would be adjusted.

Jim Qualls moved to approve Item 5.2.3-Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 7). Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

5.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Warrant List – February 11, 2013 Through March 1, 2013 (Encl. No. 2)
2. Cafeteria Meal Price Increase (Encl. No. 3)
3. Resolution Authorizing the Investment of Fund 200 Revenues in the District’s Solar Energy Program (Encl. No. 4)

5.2 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 5)
2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 6)
3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 7)
4. Certification of Temporary Athletic Team Coach List for Spring 2012-13 (Encl. No. 8)

5.3 INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

1. Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 9)
2. Pearson VUE Authorized Testing Center Agreement for Visalia Adult School (Encl. No. 10)

5.4 SUPERINTENDENT’S OFFICE

1. Minutes of the Board Meeting of February 12, 2013 (Encl. No. 11)

**PUBLIC
RECOGNITION/
PROCLAMATIONS/
ACTION**

**RESOLUTION OF
RECOGNITION –
CÉSAR E. CHÁVEZ
DAY – APRIL 1, 2013**

The State of California has declared April 1, 2013 as “César E. Chávez Day” and has requested that all citizens of the state recognize his contributions. César E. Chávez, the founder of the United Farm Workers Union, was responsible for improving working conditions in the industry of agriculture and enhancing the safety and health of farm workers. The State of California has directed that every public school develop, prepare, and present appropriate class curriculum throughout the year to their students which will accurately reflect the life, work, and philosophy of César E. Chávez and also the issues

of agricultural labor relations, and the goals and accomplishments of the United Farm Workers Union. (Encl. No. 12)

Lucia Vazquez moved to adopt the Resolution of Recognition for César E. Chávez Day – April 1, 2013. Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**FOCUS ON
STUDENT
LEARNING**

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

**FIVE YEAR CTE
PLAN**

The Career Technical Education (CTE) plan is a requirement for funding through the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006, which provides \$225,596 in funding for the CTE programs in Visalia Unified for the 2012-2013 school year. VUSD staff have worked with CTE instructors, local industry leaders, and the Work Force Investment Board (WIB) to create the new five-year Carl Perkins Career Technical Education Local Plan. The focus of this five-year plan is to lay a solid foundation to develop and implement pathways that will meet the needs of Tulare County in 2020. Key components of this process include the identification and communication with key industry stakeholders, providing industry certified training for instructors, and developing a strong work-readiness program for all CTE students to ensure that they will be job-ready and/or prepared for post-secondary training and education. (Encl. No. 13)

Public Comment

Karl Kildow, President-VUTA, asked for an estimate of what might be lost to the district in funding since this is a Carl Perkins federal grant. Dr. Oto responded that the estimate is a loss of 10% from the approximate \$226,000 that is funded currently.

Jim Qualls moved to approve the Five Year CTE Plan. Charles Ulmschneider seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**VISALIA PARTNERS
IN EDUCATION
(VPIE) ANNUAL
REPORT**

Visalia Partners in Education (VPIE) is a partnership of organizations in the community that have a shared interest in preparing students for a productive work life. Those organizations include the following:

- Visalia Chamber of Commerce
- Visalia Economic Development Corporation
- Visalia Unified School District
- Tulare County Office of Education
- College of the Sequoias

The partners provide advisory and strategic insight for career technical education programs, program evaluation for continuous improvement, cash and in-kind resources, along with internships, job shadowing, and connections with businesses. In 2011, the

VUSD School Board continued a five-year commitment of financial support for career technical education through Visalia Partners in Education (VPIE) in the amount of \$150,000 per year, with the provision that staff request and confirm continued funding on an annual basis. (Encl. No. 14)

Rodney Elder moved to approve the VPIE Annual Report and to continue to commit \$150,000 to the VPIE program through the 2013-2014 school year. Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMON CORE
STANDARDS
UPDATE**

The update contained information on possible student assessment changes that will occur as the Common Core State Standards are implemented. Work is currently underway in VUSD to support teachers throughout this multi-year transition to the nation-wide Common Core Standards to guide curriculum development and instruction. (Encl. No. 15)

**TRANSITIONAL
KINDERGARTEN
UPDATE**

The presentation was a general update on the success of the Transitional Kindergarten program. It included student achievement data and the plans to continue the Transitional Kindergarten program for the 2013-14 school year. (Encl. No. 16)

**SPRIGEO BULLYING
REPORTING
SERVICE**

The report provided information about a newly implemented bullying reporting system offered in Visalia Unified. Tulare County Office of Education received a grant to fund *Sprigeo* for all county schools through the 2013-14 school year. Beyond the 2013-14 school year, the cost to VUSD would be \$395 per school annually or \$15,010 district wide annually. *Sprigeo* is a web-based system that enables children to report bullying and other school safety issues anonymously. It is accessed through a link on the VUSD website, or directly through Sprigeo at www.sprigeo.com. (Encl. No. 17)

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

Brianna Sanchez, Student Representative to the Board from Golden West 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
 - Visited El Diamante High School
 - Attended:
 - VTEC Advisory Board
 - Two Board Policy Committee meetings
 - Visalia Education Foundation Board meeting
 - Facilities Committee
 - Middle school parents meeting held at Green Acres
 - Hispanic Advisory Committee
 - Board meeting with COS Board
- Donna Martin
 - Participated in Read Across America and read to Crestwood Elementary students

- Tuesday, April 23 is Bus Driver Appreciation Day Breakfast. Encouraged Board members to contact the Transportation Department to ride a bus during their morning route.
- Lucia Vazquez
 - Participated in Challenge Day and Read Across America
 - Congratulated the Redwood Olympiad teams
 - Attended Hispanic Advisory Committee and Board Policy Committee
- Charles Ulmschneider
 - No report
- Jim Qualls
 - No report
- Tim Chaney
 - Attended:
 - TCOVE Board meeting
 - VTEC Advisory meeting
 - Board Policy Committee
 - CTE Leadership Board meeting
 - FLEX schedule meeting at Green Acres
 - Jt. VUSD and COS Board meeting
 - Met with multiple leaders within the community on CTE
 - Expulsions are down significantly this year
- Superintendent Wheaton
 - Met with COS President Stan Carrizosa and other Superintendents within the COS area to discuss the Adult School and the potential changes if that proposed legislation does occur. Were assured that COS would work to sustain the Visalia Adult School and partner with VUSD to contract back with the district.
 - Also working with COS to get information out to students and parents that COS will be accredited next year and fully expect accreditation to continue into the future
 - Spent time with State Senator Fuller with a local administrator group and conveyed the message to insure that education funding should be at an adequate, equitable, and predictable level (which currently it is not) with local flexibility
 - Commended Felix Mata and Lynnelle Grumbles for organizing a trip to Fairview Elementary for Senator Fuller to visit the lunch program and the healthy lunch choices which featured the “produce bar”

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

Jim Qualls moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Expulsions Case No. 13-63 E, Case No. 13-64 E, Case No. 13-65 E, Case No. 13-66 E, and Case No. 13-67 E. (Encl. No. 18) Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: Chaney, Elder, Fulmer, Qualls, Ulmschneider, and Vazquez. Absent: Donna Martin was momentarily out of the room. Motion carried.

REINSTATEMENTS Jim Qualls moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendation for Reinstatements Case No. 13-97 R. (Encl. No. 19) Rodney Elder seconded the motion. Ayes: Chaney, Elder, Fulmer, Qualls, Ulmschneider, and Vazquez. Absent: Donna Martin was momentarily out of the room. Motion carried.

RECOMMENDED CONTINUED EXPULSIONS Bill Fulmer moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendation for Continued Expulsions Case No. 06 RCE. (Encl. No. 20) Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: Chaney, Elder, Fulmer, Qualls, Ulmschneider, and Vazquez. Absent: Donna Martin was momentarily out of the room. Motion carried.

GENERAL AGENDA

Review/Public Hearing/

Public Input/

Board Discussion/

ACTION (as applicable)

MEASURE E GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND RESOLUTION FIRST READING Measure E passed on November 6, 2012 and authorized the Board to issue \$60.1M in General Obligation Bonds to support the 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 the informational first reading of the disclosure, the remaining bond issuance schedule, and reviewed the bond resolution authorizing issuance of Series 2013 Bonds. (Encl. No. 21)

MEASURE E PROGRAM MANAGEMENT SELECTION The district solicited bids to complete a Facilities Master Plan for all facilities for modernization, for project specific construction management services, and for Measure E overall program management, including bond cash flow and State reimbursement management. Staff's recommendation was to contract with the CM Construction Company to perform bond program management and facilities master planning for Visalia Unified. (Encl. No. 22)

Bill Fulmer moved to approve the CM Construction Company as recommended by district staff. Lucia Vazquez seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

2012-13 SECOND INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT In accordance with Education Code 33127, the Board is required to certify by March 15, 2013, whether the district will be able to meet its financial obligations through the current fiscal year and two subsequent years. The presentation included a State budget update, major changes in General Fund Revenues and Expenditures, General Fund unrestricted budget summary, and the VUSD fiscal status. The district will receive a "positive certification" that meets the required 3% reserve and a positive projection for the next two fiscal years. (Encl. No. 23)

Bill Fulmer moved to approve the 2012-13 Second Interim Financial Report. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

DISTRICT GOALS
DEVELOPMENT
2013-2014

The Board continued discussion of the development of the district goals for 2013-2014.
(Encl. No. 24)

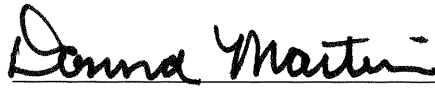
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 26, 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