

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

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The May 14, 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	9:25	
Rodney Elder	5:30	9:25	
William A. Fulmer	5:30	9:25	
Donna Martin	5:30	9:25	
Jim L. Qualls	5:30	9:25	
Charles Ulmschneider	5:30	9:25	
Lucia Vazquez	5:30	9:25	
 Dr. Craig Wheaton, Superintendent	 5:30	 9:25	

Staff Members

Robert Gröeber, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services
Cindi Costa, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Development
Delia Smart, Executive Assistant, Superintendent's Office
Mickayla Moreno, 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 SUSPENDED EXPULSIONS
- 2.3 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ASSIGNMENT/REASSIGNMENT/
APPOINTMENT (Government Code Section 54957)
 - Assistant Superintendent
 - Principal
- 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
- 2.6 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
Property: East side of Marcin Ct., North of Hurley Avenue two parcels consisting of 8.73 acres

APN #085-540-019 and 085-570-008

Agency negotiator: Robert Gröeber

Negotiating party: Teymour Farhang, Prudential California Realty

Under negotiation: Potential Purchase

2.7 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Property: 1.25 acres site located at Atwood and Walnut

APN #119-650-026

Agency negotiator: Robert Gröeber

Negotiating parties: City of Visalia

Under negotiation: Potential Sale

REGULAR SESSION The Board convened the regular Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. A quorum of the Board was present. President Tim Chaney announced in closed session on a motion by Bill Fulmer and a second by Charles Ulmschneider, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Tamara Ravalin as the new Assistant Superintendent-Human Resources Development.

Also in closed session on a motion by Jim Qualls and a second by Lucia Vazquez, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Silvia Duvall to the position of Principal-Mineral King Elementary School.

In closed session on a motion by Rodney Elder and a second by Donna Martin, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Cristin Ochoa to the position of Principal-Hurley Elementary School.

Jim Qualls led the Pledge of Allegiance.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment

Mike Waters, Principal-El Diamante High School, shared that this past year an engineering and architectural team from EDHS participated in the pilot Linked Learning Project through the Tulare County Office of Education and Mangini Associates. The team designed a master plan for a universally accessible playground for students with autism and other disabilities. The students visited job sites, got exposure to the construction field, met with consultants, structural engineers, and mechanical engineers, and also had the opportunity to professionally present their projects during a lunch seminar with the playground manufacturer. These students also went on fieldtrips such as Cal Polytechnic University in San Luis Obispo to have their work reviewed by architecture students in the college.

CONSENT AGENDA Lucia Vazquez pulled Consent Agenda Item 4.3.1-Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 10).

Bill Fulmer moved to approve the remaining Consent Agenda Items, Encl. No. 1-14. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 4.3.1-Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 10). Lucia Vazquez asked for clarification on the details of the Golden West High School students attending the “Directing Change Red Carpet Awards” event in Sacramento being paid by federal Carl

Perkins/Career Technical Education funds. Dr. Todd Oto, Area Superintendent, explained that Scott Smith, teacher at Golden West, received a grant to create media projects. These students were selected through the video production course and would be receiving additional training at this event.

Lucia Vazquez moved to approve Item 4.3.1-Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 10). Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC
RECOGNITION/
PROCLAMATIONS/
ACTION**

COMMUNITY
PARTNERS
RECOGNITION:
WOODLAKE
UNIFIED SCHOOL
DISTRICT AND
VISALIA POLICE
DEPARTMENT

The VUSD Board of Education honored Woodlake Unified School District and the Visalia Police Department for their exceptional work and coordination with Visalia Unified School District that resulted in the interruption of a potential threat to the safety of Mt. Whitney High School in December 2012. (Encl. No. 15)

TULARE COUNTY
OFFICE OF
EDUCATION
“TORCH” AND
“SUSTAINING THE
FLAME” AWARDS

On behalf of the Tulare County Office of Education, Charlene Stringham, TCOE English Language Arts Instructional Consultant, recognized twenty-four outstanding schools for their efforts to support students in attaining academic growth through innovative programs and partnerships. The Visalia Unified School Board of Education, Superintendent, and District staff congratulated the schools, their staff, and students for receiving this award. (Encl. No. 16)

- **Torch Award Recipients for 2013:**
Fairview Elementary, Four Creeks Elementary, Golden Oak Elementary, Goshen Elementary, Hurley Elementary, Mountain View Elementary, Pinkham Elementary, Veva Blunt Elementary, Washington Elementary
- **One-Year *Sustaining the Flame* Winners:**
Annie R. Mitchell Elementary, Cottonwood Creek Elementary, Highland Elementary, Houston Elementary, Linwood Elementary, Mineral King Elementary, Willow Glen Elementary, La Joya Middle School, Valley Oak Middle School
- **Two-Year *Sustaining the Flame* Winners:**
Oak Grove Elementary, Divisadero Middle School, Green Acres Middle School, El Diamante High School, Golden West High School, Redwood High School

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

2013-14
GOVERNOR'S
BUDGET PROPOSAL-
MAY REVISION

Governor Jerry Brown issued his initial proposal for the 2013-14 State budget on January 10, 2013, and issued his May Revision to that proposal on May 14, 2013. Nathan Hernandez, Business Services Administrator, provided a status report and reviewed the changes to the January proposal and the potential impacts to the VUSD 2013-14 budget. He reviewed the next steps that must take place: (1) State Budget Adoption which must take place by the June 15, 2013; and (2) VUSD Budget Adoption (first reading June 11, 2013, and second reading on June 25, 2013). (Encl. No. 17)

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

GREEN ACRES
MIDDLE SCHOOL
EXTENSION
PROJECT UPDATE

Dr. Todd Oto, Area Superintendent, provided an update on the status of the Green Acres Middle School Extension Project, which will provide relief for crowding at Green Acres Middle School through the establishment of seventh grade classes at Oak Grove Elementary and Willow Glen Elementary. For the 2013-14 school year, Oak Grove will have two 7th grade classrooms and Willow Glen will have one classroom. (Encl. No. 18)

UPDATE ON
SUPPORT OF HIGH
ACHIEVING
STUDENTS

Dr. Todd Oto provided information regarding activities in support of high achieving students in Visalia Unified. VUSD continues to grow in number of advanced students in ELA (currently 4,956), math (currently 4339), and District enrollment in AP courses (currently 1,757). Dr. Oto reviewed what VUSD is doing to support these high achieving students such as revising and strengthening programs, expanding opportunities, and removing systems barriers. (Encl. No. 19)

UPDATE ON THE
CALIFORNIA OFFICE
TO REFORM
EDUCATION (CORE)
DISTRICT-
CONSORTIUM
REQUEST FOR A
FEDERAL NCLB
WAIVER

The California Office to Reform Education (CORE) has submitted a district-consortium request for a federal NCLB waiver. The CORE waiver calls for a reorientation of districts' work towards a collective effort to prepare all students for college and career, with districts assuming unprecedented accountability to eliminate disparity and disproportionality in all subjects and across the academic, social/emotional, and culture/climate domains. Jim Sullivan, Director of State and Federal Projects, provided information on the CORE waiver, the requirements, accountability, and what happens if VUSD does not meet the accountability objectives. (Encl. No. 20)

The topic was opened for public comment. There was no public comment.

**SAFE STUDENTS
INTERVENTION
PROGRAM UPDATE
(SSIP)**

Frank Escobar, Manager, After-School Programs, provided an end of the year report on the Safe Students Intervention Program (SSIP). The report reflected the Q3 program data and recommendation to continue the program under the current structure for the 2013-14 school year. Mr. Escobar thanked Proteus, Inc. and Campus Life for its collaboration with VUSD to decrease gang involvement, activity, and violence on VUSD high school campuses. (Encl. No. 21)

**SUMMER PROGRAM
CALENDAR**

Dr. Todd Oto presented an overview of the calendar for the extended year program offered during the summer 2013. Extended year students from Redwood and Golden West will attend Golden West High School and students from El Diamante and Mt. Whitney will attend Mt. Whitney High School. Bob Mayo will serve as the Mt. Whitney High School Extended Year Principal and Dave Whitmore will serve as the Golden West High School Extended Year Principal. Extended year begins Monday, June 10, and ends Thursday, July 18. Classes will be held Monday through Thursday only, with the exception of the July 1 week (3-day week) and July 8 (5-day week). Two programs will be offered through Visalia Charter Independent Study: (1) Regular Session which runs June 10 through July 3 and (2) Online Program which runs June 10 through July 18. Extended year for special education will be held as follows: high school program will be held at Mt. Whitney High School and will be held from June 10 through July 18; middle school program will be held at Mt. Whitney High School and will be held from June 17 through July 18; elementary school program will be held at Mt. View Elementary School and will be held from June 24 through July 18; and the River Bend program will be held from June 10 through July 11. (Encl. No. 22)

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

Mickayla Moreno from Mt. Whitney High School, sitting in for Destiny Brazil, Student Representative to the Board from Mt. Whitney 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
 - Requested clarification on the 7th grade common core that was discussed, trying to get two years of instruction into one year
 - Requested to discuss charter schools at the July 9 Study Session
- Jim Qualls
 - No report
- Rodney Elder
 - Attended:
 - Mason's Public Education Awards Night
 - Chamber of Commerce Breakfast – recognized VUSD
 - Groppetti Intern Awards Dinner
- Bill Fulmer
 - Board was asked to participate in the City committee to explore increasing revenue to fund City services, and he participated
- Donna Martin
 - No report

- Charles Ulmschneider
 - No report
- Tim Chaney
 - No report
- Superintendent Wheaton
 - Attended teacher retirement celebration for Janet Grizzell
 - 40 alumni participated in a “musical celebration” performance at her retirement, including his son
 - Reminded him of the importance teachers have on the success of our children

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

Jim Qualls moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Expulsions Case No. 13-89 E, Case No. 13-90 E, Case No. 13-91 E, Case No. 13-92 E, Case No. 13-93 E, Case No. 13-94 E, Case No. 13-95 E, Case No. 13-96 E, and Case No. 13-97 E. (Encl. No. 23) Lucia Vazquez seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**SUSPENDED
EXPULSIONS**

Charles Ulmschneider moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Suspended Expulsions Case No. 13-24 SE, Case No. 13-25 SE, Case No. 13-26 SE, and Case No. 13-27 SE. (Encl. No. 24) Donna Martin seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**GENERAL AGENDA
Review/Public Hearing/
Public Input/
Board Discussion/
ACTION (as
applicable)**

**ADDENDUM TO THE
2012-2015
COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING
AGREEMENT
BETWEEN VUSD
AND CALIFORNIA
SCHOOL
EMPLOYEES
ASSOCIATION,
CHAPTER 83 (CSEA)**

On May 1, 2013, an addendum to the previously ratified agreement dated August 7, 2012, was entered into by the District and CSEA with an effective date of May 14, 2013. On May 6, 2013, CSEA membership ratified the addendum to the Collective Bargaining Agreement. After disclosing the major provisions of the agreement, including the costs that would be incurred by the District under the agreement for the current and subsequent years, as required by Government Code Section 3547.5, there was an opportunity for public comment. (Encl. No. 25)

There was no public comment.

Bill Fulmer moved to ratify the tentative agreement. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**MEASURE E
GENERAL**

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

**OBGLIGATION
BOND
ISSUANCE
SUMMARY**

projects at other school sites throughout the District. An informational presentation was provided by Jonathan Edwards, Government Financial Strategies, the District's independent financial advisor, which summarized the bond financing plan, calendar of events, future action items, and a summary of the successful sale of the first series of Measure E bonds. (Encl. No. 26)

**RESOLUTION
APPROVING THE
PURCHASE OF REAL
PROPERTY AND
ADOPTION OF A
CATEGORICAL
EXEMPTION FROM
CEQA**

The Board has previously authorized staff to negotiate the purchase of two vacant parcels adjacent to Hurley Elementary School. The resolution authorized the purchase of those parcels at the appraised value and would adopt a categorical exemption from CEQA. (Encl. No. 27)

There was no public comment.

Bill Fulmer moved to adopt the resolution. Lucia Vazquez seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING-
PRELIMINARY
ENVIRONMENTAL
ASSESSMENT VTEC**

Public Hearing

President Chaney closed the regular session and opened a Public Hearing to receive public input and testimony from the community on the Preliminary Environmental Assessment (PEA) for the Visalia Technical Early College (VTEC) High School site at the former COS farm. This was another step in the State's required California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process to receive State reimbursement for the VTEC project. (Encl. No. 28)

President Chaney closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the regular session.

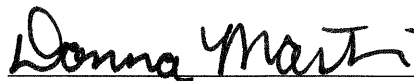
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 28, 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